



Bay Trail

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TRAILS OVERVIEW

Alameda County is home to an extensive trails network that includes the San Francisco Bay Trail. Several of these trails are under development throughout the County. The voter-approved 2014 Alameda County Transportation Expenditure Plan includes \$264 million of Measure BB transportation sales tax funds (or three percent of total funds) in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths and Safety Program for gap closure on three of these major trails: Bay Trail, East Bay Greenway and the Iron Horse Trail. These complex, multi-jurisdictional trails connect communities and provide much-needed access for pedestrians and bicyclists to schools, community centers and transit. As part of multi-jurisdictional networks, these trails require committed partners to coordinate the development, delivery and maintenance of these important transportation corridors.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The **Bay Trail** is a 500-mile trail system. Once completed, it will ring the San Francisco and San Pablo bays with **119 of those miles along the Alameda County Shoreline.**



TRAIL BENEFITS

Major trails play several important roles in the transportation system:

- **Extend access to transit**, connecting major transit stations and stops, providing safe and seamless connectivity to feed transit services. Local trails also serve as community assets for transportation, recreation and safe mobility options since they are primarily separated from streets and cars.
- **Provide an alternative for short trips**, offering clean walking and bicycling alternatives to driving.
- **Increase independence and mobility** for local communities, including low-income, seniors, children and people with disabilities, many of whom are not able to drive. Using trails can also save household transportation costs.
- **Improve health** by providing healthy, attractive, safe and accessible recreation and transportation opportunities for people of all ages, connecting schools, community centers, transit and recreation opportunities. They also support the integration of exercise into people's daily routines.
- **Grow the economy and improve livability**: Business districts thrive when people are out walking and biking, and streetscapes are activated. Many companies are locating in cities that promote active transportation options, contributing to the economy and improving livability.



To date, 135 miles of the **Bay Trail** has been built within Alameda County. Remaining segments that will complete the trail are:

- “Spine Trail” is the main alignment linking the shoreline of nine Bay Area counties, including Alameda County.
- “Spur Trails” will provide access from the “Spine Trail” to points of interest along the waterfront.
- “Connector Trails” link to inland sites, with potential restricted access to environmentally sensitive areas. They will also connect to other regional trail networks traveling inland along the ridges of the Bay Area hills.

PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

As a stakeholder, Alameda CTC partners include the Association of Bay Area Governments, the State Coastal Conservancy, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

COST ESTIMATE (\$ x 1,000)

	Cost
Design	\$5,637
Construction	\$28,185
Total Cost Estimate	\$251,470

Note: This includes a preliminary estimate of structures.



Note: Information on this fact sheet is subject to periodic updates.