

THE BAY AREA REGIONAL TRAIL NETWORK:

How the San Francisco Bay Trail Fits into a Larger Vision for an Interconnected Trail Network Throughout the Bay Area



BAY AREA TRAILS COLLABORATIVE



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BACKGROUND

The Big Vision: a 2,600+ mile Bay Area regional trail network developed and promoted by the **Bay Area Trails Collaborative** (BATC), a coalition of more than 50 organizations, agencies and businesses working together to achieve this vision.



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The San Francisco Bay Trail is a critical part of the larger 2600+ mile regional trail network, providing safe walking, biking and rolling to connect people and places across the Bay Area.

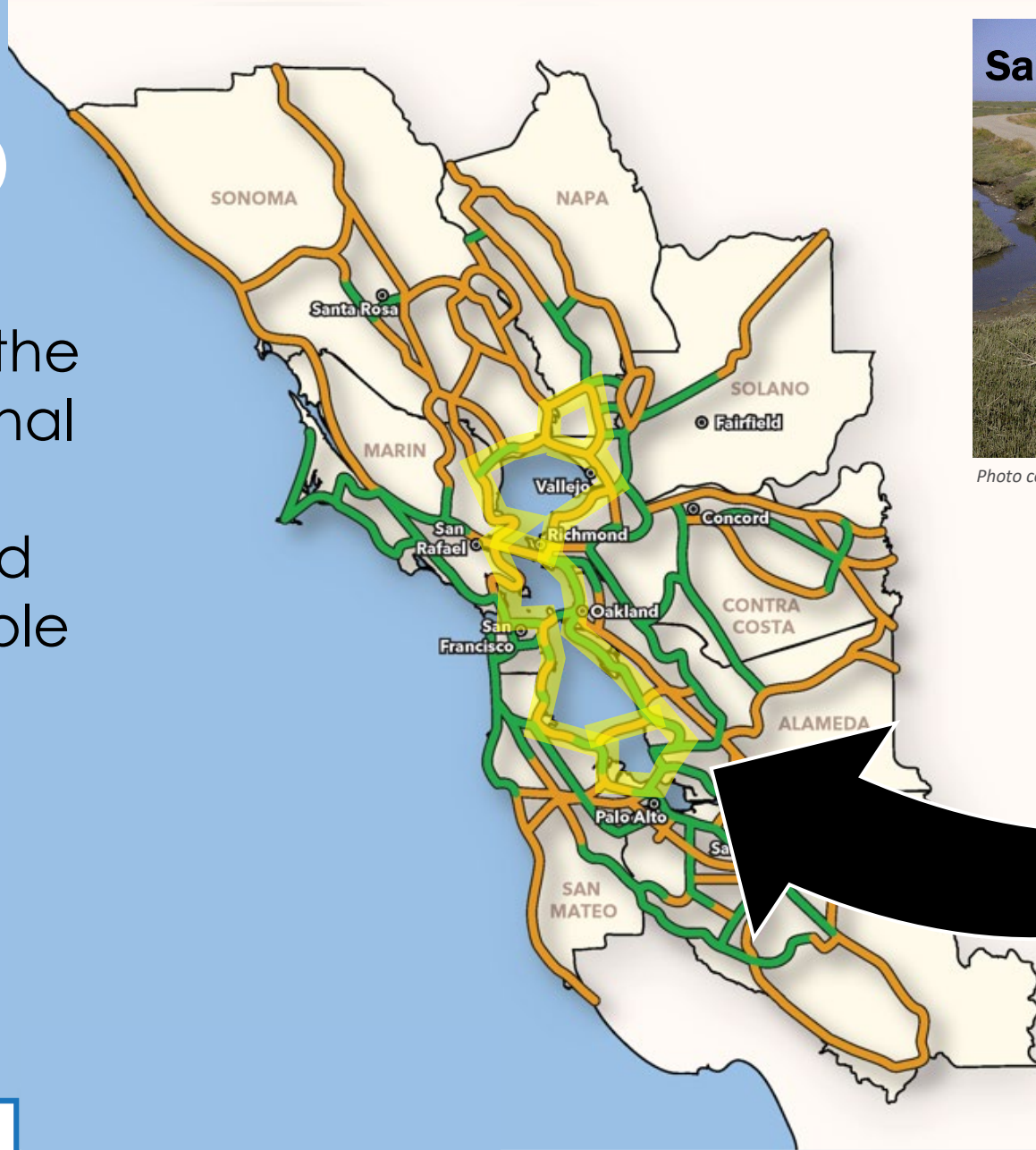


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VISION

A world-class, interconnected network of regional trails benefiting all people of the San Francisco Bay Area.

BATC COALITION MEMBERS



BECOME A BATC MEMBER / FRIEND

2-Tiered Structure:

Members	Friends
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agencies, organizations, businesses• Endorse BATC vision/mission• Promote & support BATC• Attend quarterly meetings• Serve on working groups• Free	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Groups OR individuals• Endorse BATC vision/mission• Promote & support BATC• Receive updates• Attend annual gathering• Free

Join Us! www.railstotrails.org/BATC/#getinvolved



GOALS AND STRATEGIES



- **Promoting the vision** of a world class 2,600+ mile regional trail network
- **Advocating for increased funding** for trails
- Working regionwide to **advance 13 priority trail projects** through technical assistance, advocacy and education
- **Mapping and analyzing** the regional trail network through GIS to demonstrate how a complete network promotes connectivity



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WORKING GROUPS

Four coalition working groups:

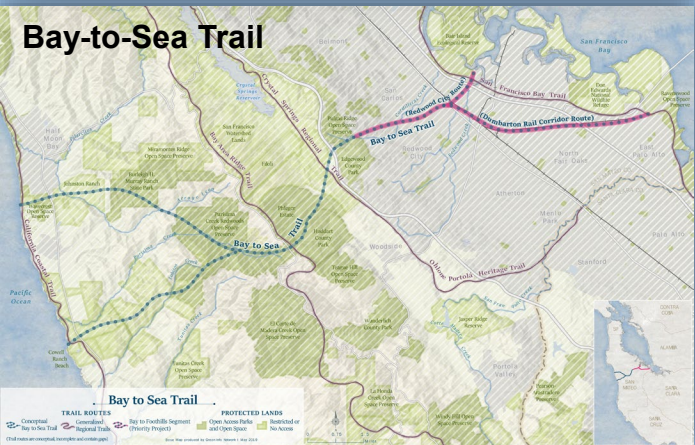
1. Communications & Partnerships
2. Policy & Funding
3. Trail Development & Stewardship
4. Governance & Membership



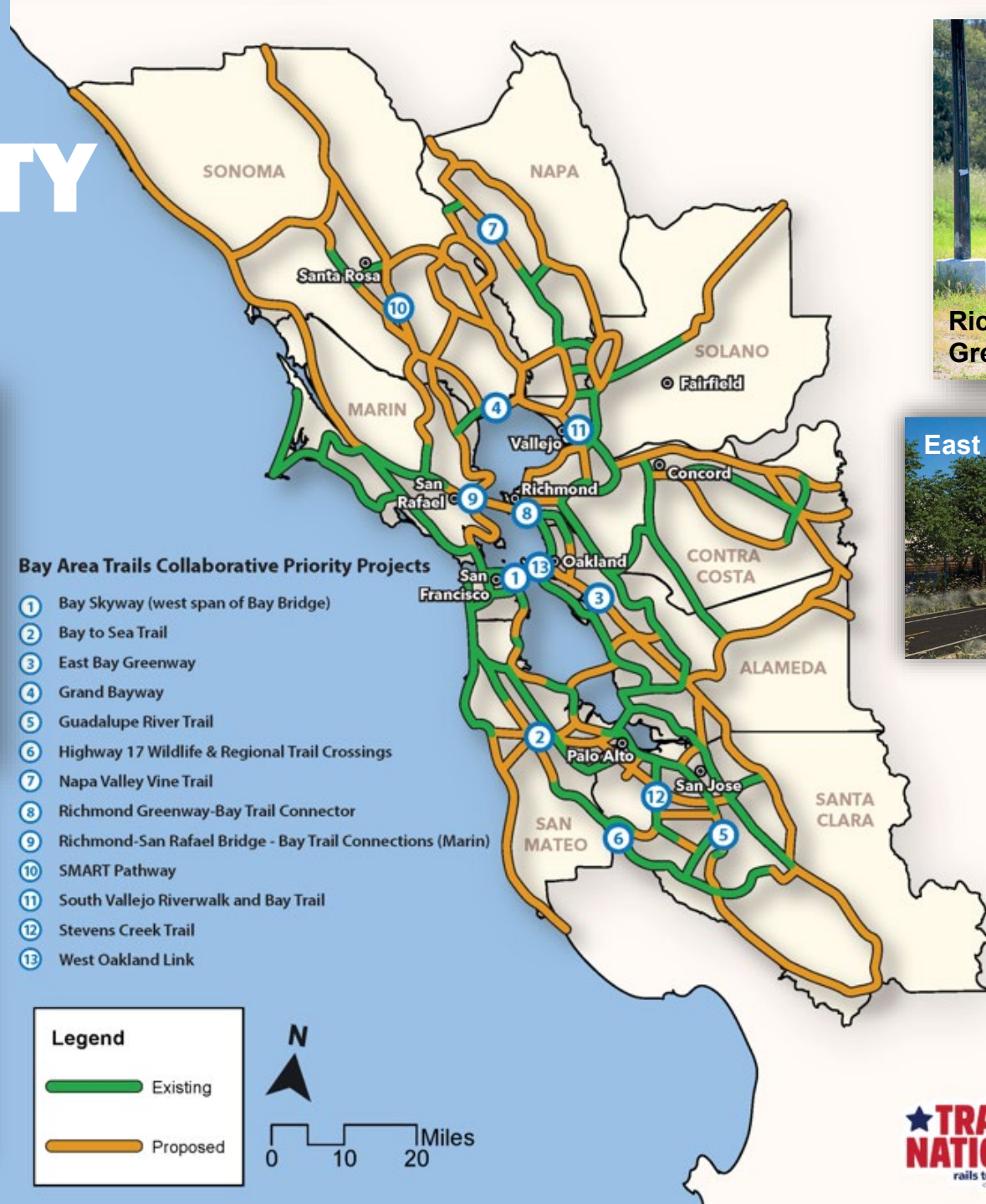
BATC PRIORITY PROJECTS



West Span of Bay Bridge



Bay-to-Sea Trail

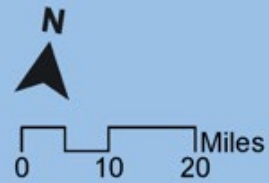


Bay Area Trails Collaborative Priority Projects

- 1 Bay Skyway (west span of Bay Bridge)
- 2 Bay to Sea Trail
- 3 East Bay Greenway
- 4 Grand Bayway
- 5 Guadalupe River Trail
- 6 Highway 17 Wildlife & Regional Trail Crossings
- 7 Napa Valley Vine Trail
- 8 Richmond Greenway-Bay Trail Connector
- 9 Richmond-San Rafael Bridge - Bay Trail Connections (Marin)
- 10 SMART Pathway
- 11 South Vallejo Riverwalk and Bay Trail
- 12 Stevens Creek Trail
- 13 West Oakland Link

Legend

- █ Existing
- █ Proposed



Richmond Greenway



East Bay Greenway



Guadalupe River Trail

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Mapped the award-winning first-ever Bay Area regional trail network
- Successfully advocated for the trail network's inclusion in MTC's Regional Active Transportation Plan
- Partnered in successful campaigns to pass/increase funding for key trail programs (ATP, Prop 68, RM3, PCAs)
- Published Trails Count! Report: best practices for trail data, recommendations to MTC



BUFFER ANALYSIS

Key results*:

Category	Existing Network	Future Network	Percent increase
Population (All)	1.2 million	1.9 million	54%
Population (EPCs)	336k	565k	68%
Schools	507	730	44%
Student Enrollment	309k	441k	43%
Jobs	2.1 million	2.6 million	24%
Rail Stations	68	94	38%
Transit Hubs (All)	1,041	1,184	14%

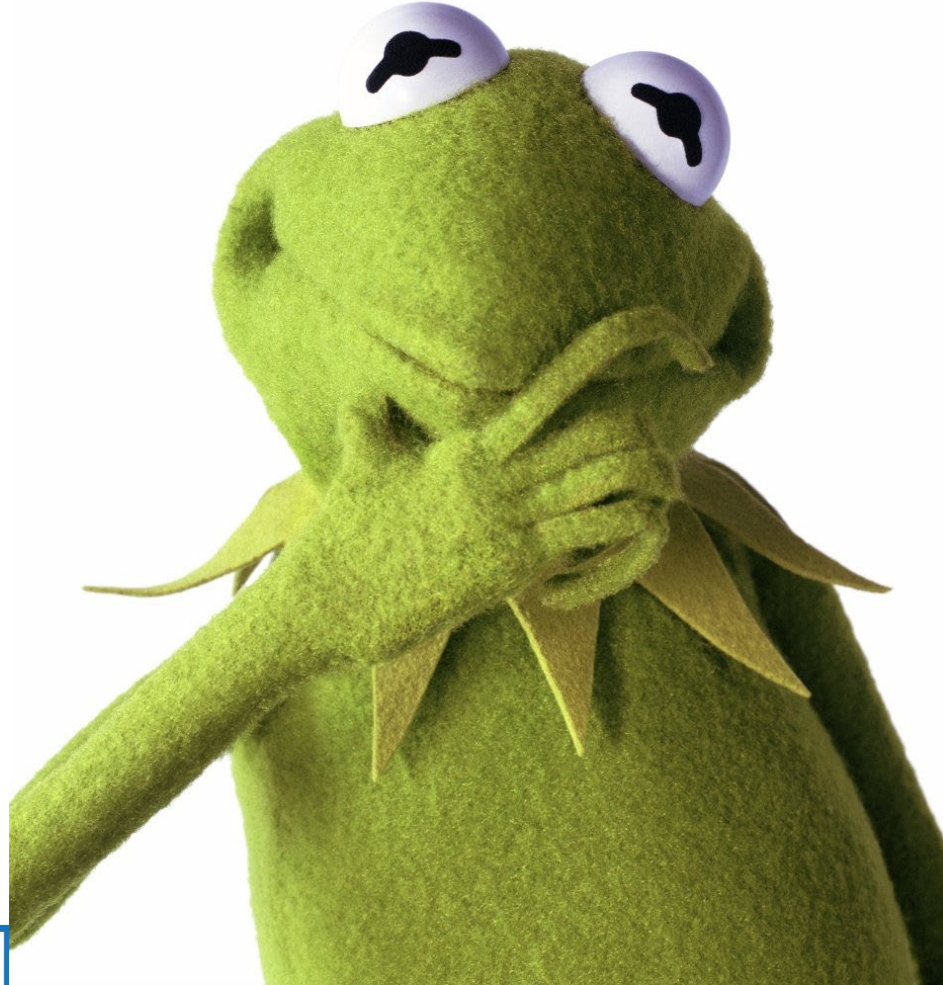
*Analyzed destinations within 1/2 mile of existing and future trail network

TRAIL NETWORKS IN OTHER METRO REGIONS

- Sacramento, CA
- Boston, MA
- Philadelphia, PA
- Portland, OR
- Los Angeles, CA
- Buffalo, NY
- Knoxville, TN
- Madison, WI



QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU!

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