

San Francisco Bay Trail Project

Board of Directors

October 27, 2022

Agenda Item 7.a.

Bay Trail Gap Closure Implementation Plan

Subject:

Report on the Bay Trail Gap Closure Implementation Plan

Background:

In Spring 2022, staff conducted a competitive procurement process for the Bay Trail Gap Closure Implementation Plan. The Alta Planning + Design, Inc. consultant team was selected due to its strong understanding of the project and extensive qualifications in trail planning and development, geographic information system-based prioritization and analysis, and robust community engagement experience. On June 10, 2022, the MTC Operations Committee approved a contract for the Bay Trail Gap Closure Implementation Plan with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. in a not to exceed amount of \$250,000. In July 2022, staff initiated the Bay Trail Gap Closure Implementation Plan with the consultant team. The intent of the project is to identify and evaluate existing missing segments of the San Francisco Bay Trail (i.e., trail gaps) in order to prioritize their design and construction. This effort builds upon the Bay Trail Project Gap Analysis Study which was last conducted in 2005 and is now outdated. The Bay Trail Gap Closure Implementation Plan is anticipated to be completed in a two-year timeframe by June 2024.

The project will document existing conditions and develop new gap closure project prioritization criteria. The planning process will leverage existing regional datasets, including but not limited to the [Regional Active Transportation Plan](#), [Regional Safety Data System](#), [Bay Area Trails Collaborative \(BATC\) Vision Network](#), and the [California Protected Areas Database](#). Specific objectives include enhancing spur and connector trail access to the Bay Trail spine; enhancing access to parks, open space, and natural areas, especially for [Equity Priority Communities \(EPCs\)](#); developing a Bay Trail spatial database and updated cost estimation tool; and considering quick-build design treatments for constrained locations. Key deliverables to be produced during the project include an updated inventory of gaps in the Bay Trail network, updated gap closure project evaluation criteria, a prioritized gap closure project list, conceptual designs for top-ranked gap closure projects, and an updated project cost estimation tool. The project will include robust community and stakeholder engagement, using community-based organizations (CBOs) to facilitate focused engagement in EPCs adjacent to the Bay Trail as well as a Technical Advisory Committee to solicit input from agency and advocacy stakeholders.

Since the project kickoff in July, Alta Planning + Design, Inc. has started review of relevant existing conditions data and documents and has developed a draft Community Engagement Plan, which identifies CBOs and stakeholders to engage and provides an overall schedule for engagement during the project.

Issues:

None

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Recommended Action:

Information

Attachments:

- A. Presentation Bay Trail Gap Closure Implementation Plan
- B. Summary Sheet, MTC Operations Committee Agenda Item 4c, June 10, 2022

Reviewed:



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