

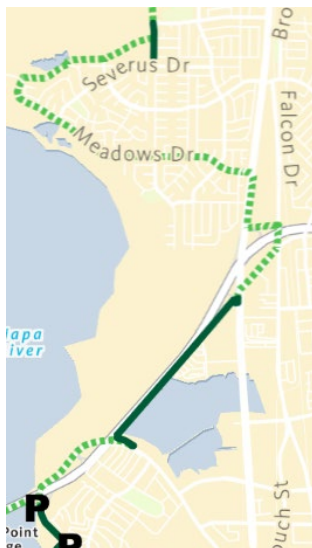


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TO: Bay Trail Steering Committee
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RE: Update Regarding Bay Trail in the North Bay

DATE: March 6, 2020

39 miles of incomplete Bay Trail exist in the “North Bay” (from SR 37/101 to Hwy 80, with Imola Blvd in Napa forming the northernmost boundary). The purpose of this memo and discussion is to provide the Steering Committee with an update regarding progress and challenges in our efforts to close gaps in this area.



Vallejo Bay/Vine Trail Project: This 3.75 mile combined Bay Trail/Napa Valley Vine Trail project received a \$4.2 million Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant in 2018 and is at 35% design. The project has entered the environmental review phase. While there is funding shortfall of approximately \$1.75 million on the Bay Trail segments, the project is moving along well and is a great collaboration between the City of Vallejo, the Solano Transportation Authority, and the Bay and Vine Trail projects. Construction could begin in late 2021 or early 2022.

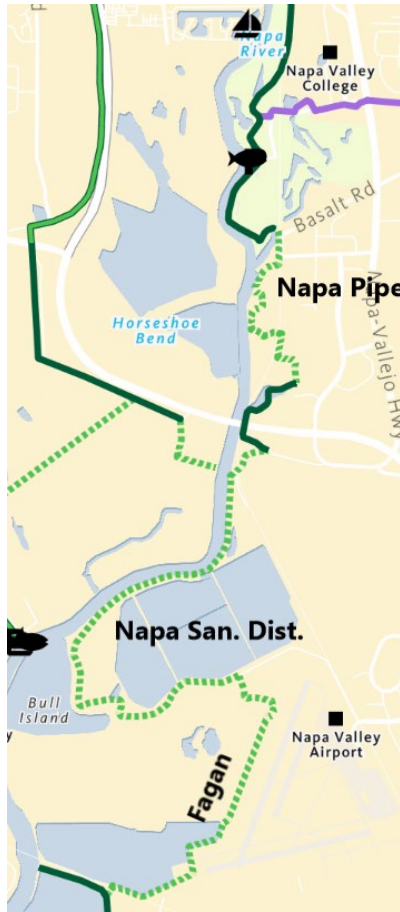
SR 37 Public Access Scoping Report: In early 2019, an SB1 grant was awarded to Atlas Labs and TLS Landscape Architects to prepare the SR 37 Public Access Scoping Report. Erik Prince from Atlas Labs presented preliminary findings to the Bay Trail Steering Committee in September, 2019. The Report is in final draft form with completion expected by early summer.

SR 37 Ultimate Project: We are pleased to note that plans for the ultimate project, while still a decade or more away, reference inclusion of a Class I, multi-use pathway—a.k.a. The Bay Trail—in all segments from Novato to Vallejo.

SR 37 Interim/SHOPP Projects: While the ultimate project is at least 10-15 years out, both MTC and Caltrans have near-term plans for addressing sea-level rise and congestion in the corridor. These near-term plans offer an opportunity to close an important 4,300' gap in the Bay Trail that would result in nine miles of continuous trail between the Petaluma River and the Tubbs/Tolay Trail.

Skaggs Island: The Bay Trail has had an alignment on Skaggs Island since the original Plan adoption in 1989, and the 2011 Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) specifically references inclusion of both the Bay Trail and the Water Trail. However, as part of the above-referenced SR 37 Public Access Scoping effort, we were alerted to US Fish and Wildlife's opposition to a continuous, connected Bay Trail at Skaggs Island. Stated reasons for the change in position include lack of resources to monitor and maintain public access, vandalism, uncertainty related to sea-level rise, and a perceived inflexibility from BCDP regarding permits requiring public access "in perpetuity." Bay/Water Trail staff as well as Sonoma County Regional Parks have been requesting inclusion in the planning process at Skaggs Island since the completion of the CCP in 2011 to no avail. Currently, two key management positions are vacant at USFWS.





American Canyon to Napa: Closing gaps in American Canyon from the Solano/Vallejo border where the Bay/Vine Trail project will soon bring 5.75 miles of continuous Bay Trail will take additional funding and resolution of sensitive species issues with the California Department of Fish and Game. Closing gaps north of Green Island Road past the Napa Airport via Fagan Marsh remains contested by the California Department of Fish and Game. Utilizing the Napa Sanitation District lands and connecting to upcoming trails associated with the Napa Pipe Development need further discussion.

Next Steps: Staff will continue to work with jurisdictions to assist in gap completion, and may reach out to elected officials for assistance with particularly vexing issues.