

San Francisco Bay Trail Project

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TO: Bay Trail Board of Directors DATE: March 2, 2021

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RE: Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Bicycle/Pedestrian Path Update

The six-mile Richmond-San Rafael Bridge (RSR Bridge) Path opened on November 16, 2019, with 2,000+ people attending the ribbon-cutting event and bicycling or walking the path opening day. The RSR Bridge Path is part of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvement Project which involves a four-year pilot study to improve access on the bridge corridor. The study is being conducted by Caltrans and U.C. Berkeley PATH.

The RSR Bridge is one of the seven Bay Area toll bridges that are part of the adopted Bay Trail alignment, and the Bay Trail Project has a vested interest in the success of the RSR Bridge Path which has seen usership surpass 100,000 bicycle trips in January 2021. As with all other parts of the Bay Trail alignment, the goal is to provide permanent 24/7, year-round access for bicyclists and pedestrians which will allow the RSR Bridge Path to serve as both a regional recreational opportunity and an active transportation corridor for commuters.

With the Path operating for almost a year and half, James Go, Project Manager for the RSR Bridge Access Improvement Project at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, will provide an update and overview of the RSR Bridge Path. As part of his presentation, he will discuss bridge path use levels, trip patterns, bridge path approach improvements, and operational challenges.