

# East Bay Greenway

## Lake Merritt BART Station to South Hayward BART Station



### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The East Bay Greenway is a 36.6-mile regional bicycle and pedestrian trail in the Alameda Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan that stretches north to south along the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) right-of-way from the City of Albany to the City of Fremont. Upon completion, the East Bay Greenway will provide a high-quality walking and bicycling facility for some of the East Bay's lowest-income communities, where many residents are transit dependent and suffer disproportionately high rates of diabetes and obesity. The trail will generate extensive benefits to these communities, connecting residents to within 0.5 mile of 52 public schools, 133 high-frequency transit stops and almost 40,000 local jobs. The trail will also support numerous local, county, regional and state policy goals related to environmental sustainability, public health and equity.

The Lake Merritt BART to South Hayward BART section of the East Bay Greenway will constitute 16 miles of the eventual 36.6-mile right-of-way, building off an initial half-mile stretch that has already been constructed near the Coliseum BART Station. Project managers are currently considering various alternatives for the trail, including a rail-to-trail option, a rail-with-trail option and an on-street option that redesigns the street to better accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists.

Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) and Caltrans are the respective lead agencies for state and federal environmental clearance of the East Bay Greenway. Other project partners include the City of Oakland, the City of San Leandro, the City of Hayward, Alameda County, BART and the East Bay Regional Park District. The East Bay Greenway is one of 13 projects that the Bay Area Trails Collaborative has prioritized as critical to completing its 2,700-mile regional trail network. The Bay Area Trails Collaborative is a Rails-to-Trails Conservancy TrailNation™ project—an initiative to create model trail networks that demonstrate the powerful impact trails have on communities.

### PROJECT DATA

- Total Project Miles: 36.6
- Miles Completed to Date: 0.5
- Total Miles in This Segment: 16 (Lake Merritt BART to South Hayward BART)
- Total Cost for This Segment: \$161 million (with right-of-way costs ranging from \$14 million to \$228 million)
- Funds Secured for This Segment: \$7.5 million

### TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT

**Regional Connectivity:** The East Bay Greenway will provide a high-quality walking and bicycling facility for transportation and recreation, and will improve access to regional transit, schools, jobs, downtown areas, the Oakland Coliseum and A's baseball stadium, and other destinations. This regional facility will connect seven BART stations with a continuous, paved pedestrian and bicycle trail.

**Safety and Equity:** This gap closure will improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians who are currently forced onto heavily trafficked urban streets. Completion of the East Bay Greenway will improve a blighted corridor within several disadvantaged communities. The facility will be accessible and comfortable for bicyclists and pedestrians of all ages and abilities.

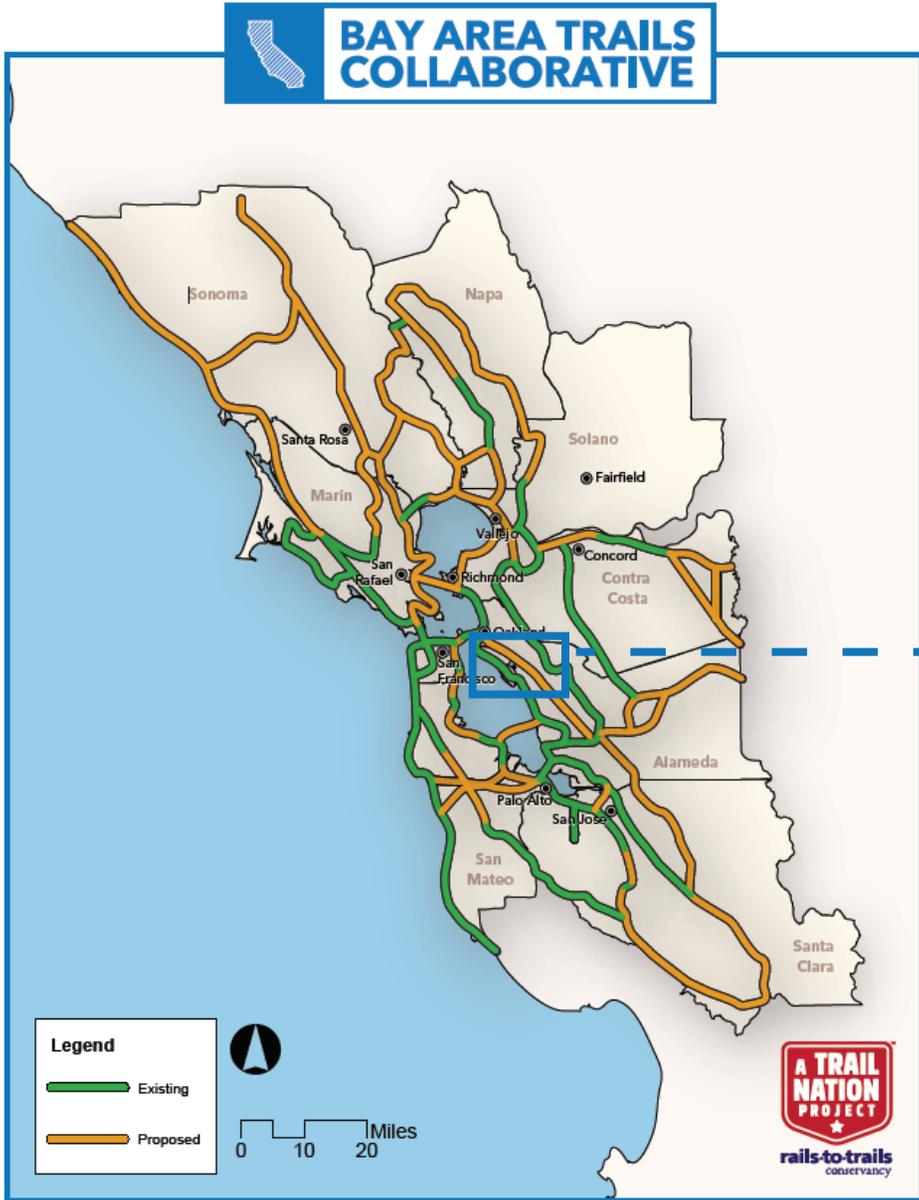
**Community Art:** In 2018, RTC provided funding to the Oakland-based Scrapper Bike Team to commission two murals on the concrete pillars underneath the BART tracks along the existing 0.5 mile of the East Bay Greenway. Depicting scrapper bikes, indigenous peoples and native bird and fish species, the murals serve to welcome people to the greenway and celebrate the community's heritage. Future murals are slated for other pillars along the Greenway through BART's "Art in Transit" program.

### PROJECT ACTION PLAN

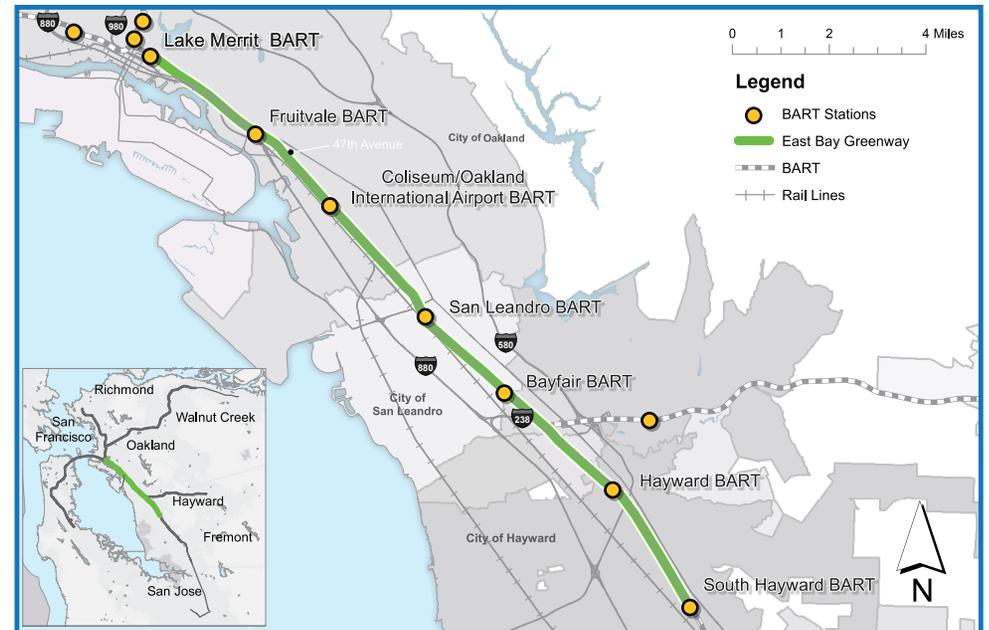
- Secure right-of-way from UPRR and/or local jurisdictions from Oakland to Hayward
- Finalize design of the preferred alignment (summer 2021)
- Secure grant funding and right-of-way (late 2021)
- Additional funding needed:
  - \$22 million for final design
  - Funding for right-of-way acquisition (costs TBD)
  - \$161 million for construction

### PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS





Rendering of East Bay Greenway with Class I Bikeway (rail-trail) | Photo courtesy Alameda County Transportation Commission



Map of proposed East Bay Greenway route | Photo courtesy Alameda County Transportation Commission

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