

# EAST BAY GREENWAY

Lake Merritt BART Station to South Hayward BART Station



BAY AREA TRAILS  
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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The East Bay Greenway is a regional bicycle and pedestrian trail in the Alameda Countywide Active Transportation Plan that stretches north to south along San Francisco's Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) corridor. Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is coordinating and implementing the 16-mile portion of the East Bay Greenway from the Lake Merritt BART Station in Oakland to the South Hayward BART Station. Upon completion, the project 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 health impacts. The trail will generate extensive benefits to these communities, providing residents with improved regional connectivity by providing multimodal access to seven BART stations and connecting residents to K-12 schools and community colleges, high-frequency transit stops, community services and a diversity of local jobs. The trail will also support numerous local, county, regional and state policy goals related to environmental sustainability, public health and equity.

Alameda CTC is pursuing a phased strategy for implementing the East Bay Greenway from Lake Merritt to South Hayward. Phase 1 focuses on implementing on-street regional bikeway improvements parallel to the BART alignment within the public right-of-way. Phase 2 focuses on implementing a regional linear park trail facility that runs directly along BART and would require right-of-way from the adjacent Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Oakland Subdivision from the Fruitvale BART Station to the South Hayward BART Station (13 miles). Alameda CTC completed environmental clearance for Phase 2 in 2018.

Phase 1 is a near-term phase that will implement the on-street option. This includes protected bike facilities, shared use paths, intersection upgrades, transit stop improvements, pedestrian crossing enhancements, and other safety and urban design features along E. 8th, E. 10th, E. 12th and San Leandro streets in Oakland; San Leandro Boulevard and E. 14th Street in San Leandro; and along streets parallel to Mission Boulevard in Hayward. Phase 1 incorporates some segments that are being constructed by local jurisdictions. Phase 2 is a longer-term phase that has funding and right-of-way challenges.

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 AC Transit. The East Bay Greenway is one of 12 projects that the Bay Area



*Rendering of the East Bay Greenway with a Class I bikeway (rail-trail) | Courtesy Alameda County Transportation Commission*

Trails Collaborative has prioritized as critical to completing its 2,600-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.

## 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, Laney College, the Oakland Coliseum and other important destinations of regional significance. 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 Scraper Bike Team to commission two murals on the concrete pillars underneath the BART tracks along the existing 0.5-mile segment of the East Bay Greenway in Oakland. Depicting scraper 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 FOR PHASE 1

- PE/Environmental: Summer 2024
- Final Design (PS&E): Summer 2026
- Construction: Fall/Winter 2026

## PROJECT DATA FOR PHASE 1

- **Total Project Miles:** 16
- **Miles Completed to Date:** 1.2

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