

VALLEJO BLUFF TRAIL AND BAY TRAIL

Carquinez Overlook at Al Zampa Memorial Bridge to Curtola Parkway



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Vallejo Bluff Trail (part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail and the Bay Trail) and the adjacent segment of the Bay Trail along Sonoma Boulevard will serve as an important active transportation and recreation asset for both residents and visitors, while providing sweeping views of the Napa River, Carquinez Strait and San Francisco Bay. The Vallejo Bluff Trail will be extended 1.2 miles on the west side of I-80 along the bluff to connect from the existing unpaved Bay/Ridge Trail on the bluff north of the Carquinez Strait to the existing bicycle and pedestrian path on the west side of the Carquinez Bridge, which currently ends at Sonoma Boulevard/ Highway 29 at Maritime Academy Drive. The trail will then connect into a future 1.8-mile segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail along Sonoma Boulevard and Curtola Parkway to the Vallejo ferry station.

The project will connect three regional trails into Vallejo, including the 500-mile Bay Trail encircling the San Francisco Bay, the 550-mile Ridge Trail along the ridgelines of the Bay, and the 47-mile Napa Valley Vine Trail. Closing this small but significant gap is essential to regional connectivity. The trail will also connect users with downtown Vallejo and the Vallejo ferry station. Finally, the project will be a key segment of the Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail.

The 3-mile trail gap along the Bay and Ridge trails exists due to a number of factors, including steep terrain and the long-standing presence of industry, rail tracks and privately owned property. The project would restore waterfront access, improve access to open space in a historically disadvantaged community, and establish a new, low-stress option for bicycle and pedestrian travel in the area.

The Vallejo Bluff Trail and Bay Trail is one of 12 projects that the Bay Area Trails Collaborative has prioritized as critical to completing its 2,600-mile regional trail network connecting the San Francisco Bay Area and potentially serving more than 7 million people.

The Bay Area Trails Collaborative is a Rails-to-Trails Conservancy TrailNation™ project—a nationwide initiative to create model trail networks and ultimately connect the country by trail.



Looking west towards the Al Zampa Bridge | Photo by Kyvan Elep

TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT

Connecting Communities: This transportation and recreational trail will have a transformative impact on its surrounding communities, providing walking and bicycling access to shoreline areas previously cut off by I-80 and other major roadways. The trail will also create cross-county links by connecting the South Vallejo community to the Bay Trail and Napa Valley Vine Trail in the north, and the Bay Trail and Bay Area Ridge Trail to the south and east, via the Al Zampa Memorial Bridge and the Vallejo Bluff Trail.

Safe Routes to Transit, Jobs and Healthy Recreation: The project will provide residents and visitors with walking and bicycling access to the Vallejo Ferry, Vallejo City Hall, Mare Island, the California Maritime Academy and downtown Vallejo.

Public Open Space Access and Opportunities for Physical Activity: The City of Vallejo is a historically disadvantaged community with limited access to parks and high rates of asthma and obesity. The South Vallejo neighborhood has the highest poverty rate in Solano County. Establishing a bicycle and pedestrian trail along the waterfront will provide the community with access to the health benefits of exercise, and public open space.

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PROJECT ACTION PLAN

- Secure funding for right-of-way/easements, compliance, PS&E, and project construction.
- Formalize maintenance agreement with Caltrans and City of Vallejo.
- Prepare permit applications.

PROJECT DATA

Total Project Miles: 3

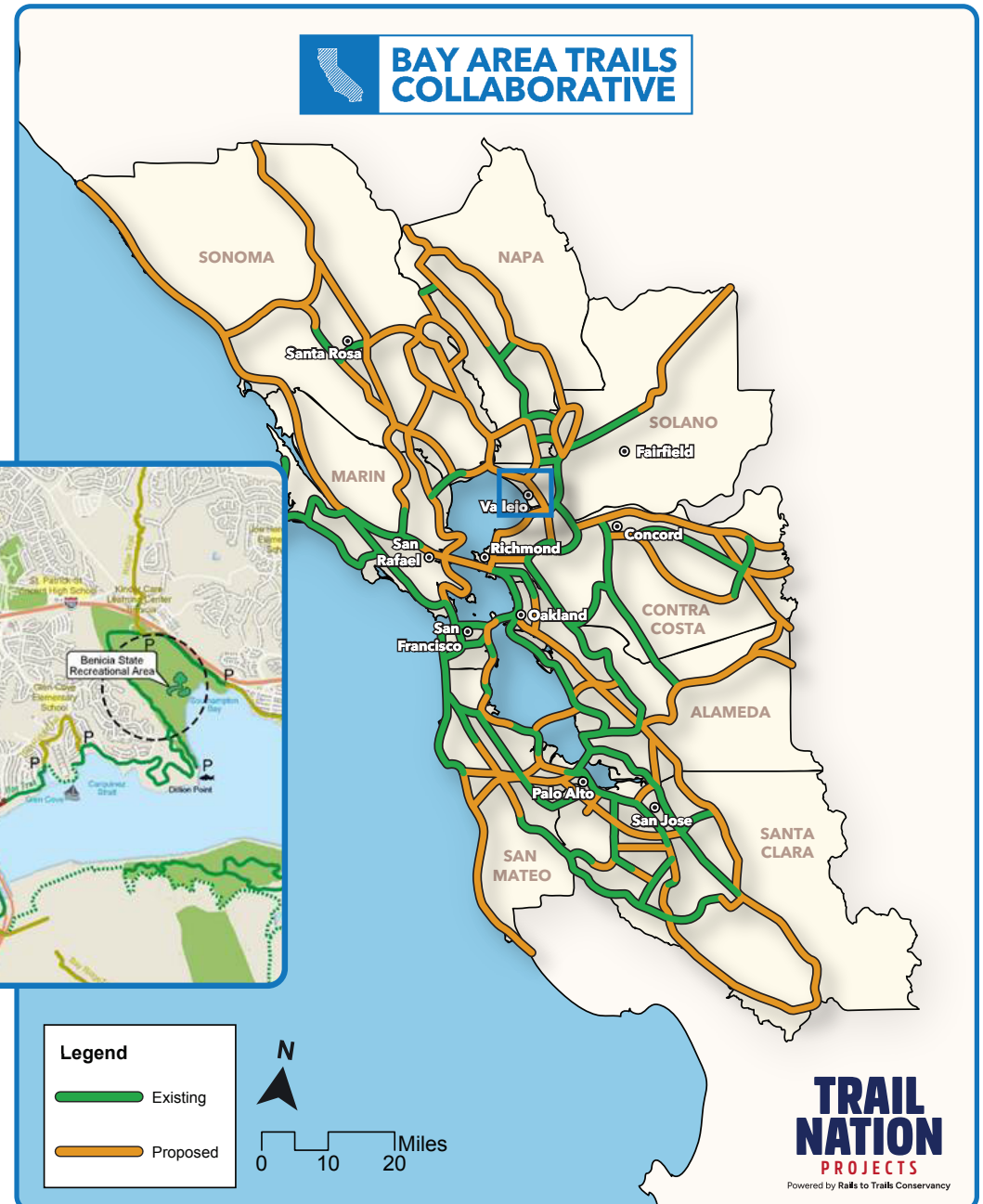
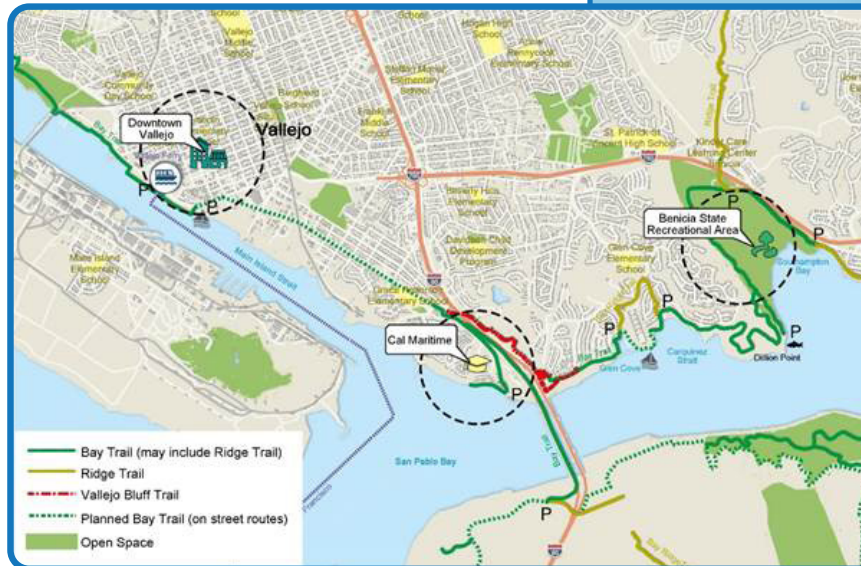
Total Project Cost: \$9 million

Funds Secured for this Segment: \$650,000

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