

doolittle drive gap

The San Francisco Bay Trail is a planned 500-mile trail circumnavigating the San Francisco Bay, running through nine counties and 47 cities, and across seven toll bridges. This multiuse trail—which is approximately 70% complete—is enjoyed by cyclists, pedestrians, birders, runners and families, among others looking to experience the majesty of the Bay. The Bay Trail connects neighborhoods, schools, parks and transit centers, providing unique active transportation options for the region's nearly 8 million residents.

Project Overview

This 0.6-mile gap in the Bay Trail is located in Oakland along San Leandro Bay on Doolittle Drive (State Route 61), from Harbor Bay Parkway to the Shoreline Center at Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline. Gap closure will provide a complete active transportation shoreline route between San Leandro and Alameda Island and complete a route around San Leandro Bay and the Oakland International Airport. This project is also near Arrowhead Marsh and Oyster Bay Regional Shoreline, and is rich with existing segments of Bay Trail.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) provided a technical assistance grant to the City of Oakland to study short- and long-term options for this gap closure because it ranked highly in MTC's Bay Trail Gap Closure Implementation Plan. Caltrans is considering several options for addressing sea level rise on Doolittle Drive, including a levee with the Bay Trail. While long-term options include a Class I multiuse path, a Caltrans paving project will include the addition of buffered or protected bike lanes, but no accommodation for pedestrians. The City of Oakland, the Port of Oakland and the City of Alameda are working to help shape Caltrans' long-range planning for how Doolittle Drive will adapt to sea level rise while improving multi-modal access.

Project Data

- **Total Project Miles:** 0.6
- **Continuous Bay Trail Miles Linked by Gap Closure:** 15
- **Estimated Project Cost:** \$11.6 million
- **Project Status:** Conceptual design



Transformative Impact

Completion of this gap will create 15 continuous miles of trail, allowing users to travel between Alameda Island and the San-Mateo Hayward Bridge. Commuters will have the option to substitute trips on I-880 for a bike ride up the shoreline, and recreational users will have increased options to reach shoreline parks. This gap closure will also provide a stress-free route around motor vehicle traffic to and from the Oakland International Airport.

Project Action Plan

While this multi-jurisdictional project is in the early planning and conceptual design phase, strong collaboration by the multiple entities involved has resulted in progress. Assistance with advocacy, communications, support letters for grant applications, meetings with officials or speaking at public hearings will greatly assist the forward momentum of this project.

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Project Leads

- City of Oakland
- Port of Oakland
- Caltrans

Primary Stakeholders

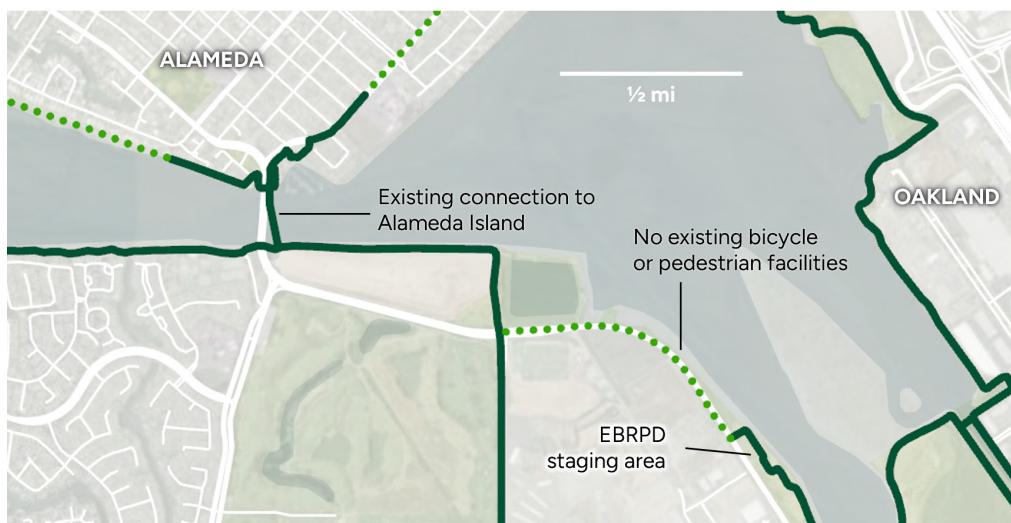
- City of Alameda
- East Bay Regional Park District
- Bay Area Trails Collaborative

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The Bay Area Trails Collaborative is a Rails to Trails Conservancy TrailNation™ project—a nationwide initiative to create model trail networks that demonstrate the powerful impact trails have on communities.