

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

The Bay Skyway is a transformative network of multimodal transportation projects designed to connect pedestrians, cyclists and transit-users between Oakland and downtown San Francisco. The project will build connections to the existing Bay Bridge East Span Path, including new multiuse paths, electrified ferry service and a dedicated transit lane to create a continuous, safe and accessible transbay travel corridor.

The Bay Skyway is being delivered in two stages, which together will form a complete, continuous active transportation path across the transbay corridor. The first stage is the Multimodal Bay Skyway, which includes the West Oakland Link (WOL) and Yerba Buena Island Multi-Use Pathway (YBI MUP). The WOL will extend the East Span Path’s reach to Port of Oakland jobs, the West Oakland neighborhood and, via the City of Oakland’s Grand Avenue Mobility Project, downtown Oakland. The YBI MUP will link the East Span Path landing on Yerba Buena Island to the Treasure Island Intermodal Transit Hub, which will offer frequent electric ferry service to the San Francisco Ferry Building and direct bus service via a dedicated bus lane to downtown San Francisco. The Bay Bridge West Span Path is the second stage of Bay Skyway, which will complete the connection for pedestrians and cyclists to travel continuously between the East Bay and downtown San Francisco. This will allow residents and visitors to have a sustainable, affordable, scenic and car-free option for transbay travel.

Transformative Impact

The Bay Skyway will significantly enhance mobility across the Bay Bridge corridor, supporting sustainable travel, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and providing safe, accessible options for the anticipated 20,000 new residents of Treasure Island and the broader Bay Area. The Bay Skyway aligns with planned car-free housing growth, supporting a combined total of more than 40,000 new homes on Treasure Island and in West and downtown Oakland in the next decade. The project advances equity goals by offering affordable travel options for residents of equity-priority communities on both sides of the Bay and by improving access to high-quality jobs in Alameda County and in downtown San Francisco. By phasing implementation, the project balances funding constraints with the urgent need for improved multimodal connections.



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Project Action Plan

The next steps for the Bay Skyway include implementing the WOL and YBI MUP projects, integrating bike/pedestrian paths with broader corridor efficiency projects, and identifying funding to complete Multimodal Bay Skyway and the West Span Path. Securing additional funding is the key element for forward progress. Letters of support, advocacy with elected officials and identification of new and diversified streams of funding (grants, foundations, corporate giving, etc.) are all needed to move this generational infrastructure project forward.

Project Data

- **Total Project Miles:** 8
- **Continuous Bay Trail Miles Linked by Gap Closure:** 32
- **Estimated Project Cost:**
 - Multimodal Bay Skyway (Phase 1) \$200 million
 - West Span Path (Phase 2) \$500 million
- **Project Status:** Phase 1 design; Phase 2 environmental review (West Span); and securing funding

Project Leads

- Metropolitan Transportation Commission
- Bay Area Toll Authority
- Caltrans
- San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA)
- City of Oakland
- Alameda County Transportation Commission
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Primary Stakeholders

- City of San Francisco
- One Treasure Island
- WETA/SF Bay Ferry
- Treasure Island Mobility Management Agency (TIMMA)
- Treasure Island Development Authority (TIDA)
- California Highway Patrol
- WOEIP (West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project)
- Bike East Bay
- Walk Oakland Bike Oakland
- San Francisco Bike Coalition
- Bay Area Trails Collaborative

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