BAY AREA TRAILS COLLABORATIVE

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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 Vallejo Bluff trail will fill a 1.2-mile gap between Maritime Academy Drive and the top of the bluff overlooking the Carquinez Strait and the Al Zampa Memorial Bridge. This trail will provide stunning views of the Strait, the Bay, California Maritime Academy and the Crockett/Contra Costa County shoreline. Closure of this gap will connect existing segments of trail on either end (0.75 mile along the bluff to the east, and 2 miles on the Al Zampa Bridge and beyond to the west and south).

The Vallejo Bluff trail segment has immense regional significance as part of four regional trails including the Bay Trail, the Bay Area Ridge Trail, the Great California Delta Trail and the Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail. The project has built momentum with 95% design and broad regional support. A subject of deep collaboration among multiple agencies and organizations for more than 20 years, the project is now shovel ready.

Two secondary gaps exist on either end of the Vallejo Bluff trail: From Glen Cove Marina to Glen Cove Waterfront Park (0.4 mile), and on State Route (SR) 29 from Maritime Academy Drive to Curtola Parkway (1.9 miles). SR 29 has Class II bike lanes, which are insufficient given the high speeds on the roadway. Caltrans has planned to upgrade the facility to Class IV but has no timeline for implementation.

Project Data

- **Total Project Miles:** Vallejo Bluff - 1.2 miles; Glen Cove - 0.4 mile; SR 29 - 1.9 miles
- **Continuous Bay Trail Miles Linked by Gap Closure:** 13

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- **Estimated Project Cost:** Vallejo Bluff - $9 million; Glen Cove - $3 million; SR 29 - $5.5 million
- **Project Status:** Vallejo Bluff is shovel ready and in need of construction funding. The section between Glen Cove Marina and Glen Cove Waterfront Park is in the pre-planning conceptual phase. The SR 29 gap needs Caltrans implementation (via the D4 Bike and Pedestrian Plan).

Transformative Impact

Constructing the Vallejo Bluff trail along with the two secondary gaps (Glen Cove and SR 29) will create a continuous and scenic multiuse trail connecting the Solano/Napa border to the north, the Benicia State Recreation Area to the east and Rodeo farther south. In addition to linking cities and recreation areas, the project will connect people to the Vallejo ferry terminal and transit center, providing access to the greater Bay Area. The resulting 13 miles of connected shoreline Bay Trail would create free and accessible public access through Vallejo, an Equity Priority Community, while delivering numerous transportation, economic, recreational, and physical and mental health benefits to the region.

Project Action Plan

Multiple funding sources have been secured over the years to bring the project to its current shovel ready status. The City of Vallejo applied for $9 million in construction funding from The Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Bay Trail/Safe Routes to Transit grant in 2024 and narrowly missed the award. This project is well placed for the next round of funding from this source and others. Advocacy in collaboration with the City is essential to ensure continued momentum and to successfully secure grant funding for the project.

Project Leads

- City of Vallejo
- Caltrans

Primary Stakeholders

- Greater Vallejo Recreation District
- Bay Area Ridge Trail
- Great California Delta Trail
- Bay Area Trails Collaborative

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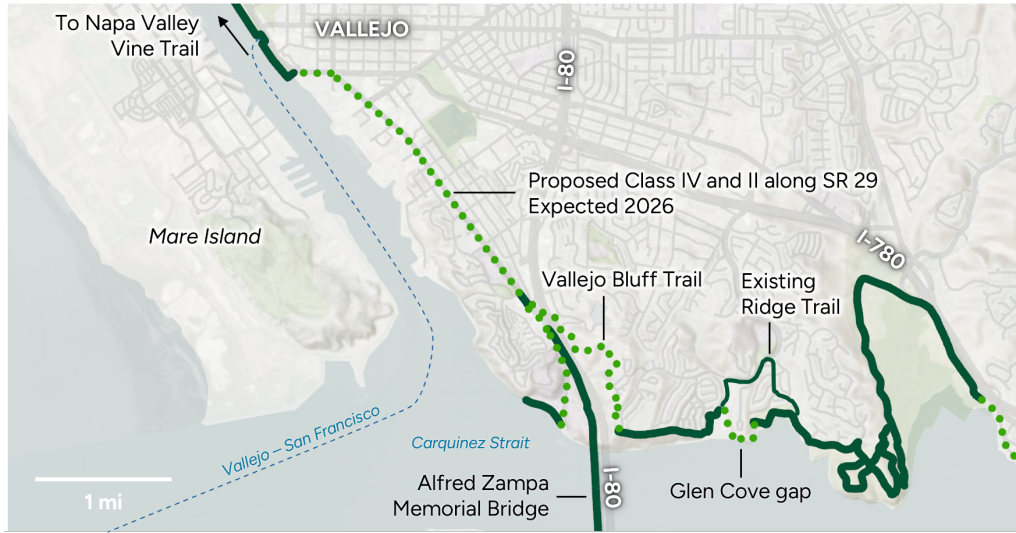
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