

# BAY TRAIL RICHMOND

## NEW YEAR REPORT 2026



Welcome to the 27th annual New Year report on the San Francisco Bay Trail in Richmond prepared by TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee. Richmond continues to shine as a Bay Trail leader with 36 miles completed—more than 10% of the entire 350-mile system built to date, and a major contribution toward the planned 500-mile multi-use trail around San Francisco and San Pablo Bays. Six miles remain to be built in Richmond, shown as dashed lines on the map at the end of this report.

*“There is an inherent legacy in trails – one that honors the past, enriches the present and provides a gift to the future.”*

2025 was a remarkable year: construction began on 2.5 miles of new trail, nearly half of Richmond’s remaining gaps, while we also experienced the unprecedented closure of the Richmond–San Rafael Bridge Trail. Read on for the 2025 highlights and what’s ahead in 2026.

– Keith Laughlin  
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

### CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON POINT MOLATE TRAIL

In October, work began on the long-awaited [Point Molate Trail](#), a 2.5-mile shoreline trail extending north from the Richmond–San Rafael Bridge to Point Molate Beach Park and onward past the Winehaven Historic District to Stenmark Drive. This \$10 million project is a partnership between the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) and the City of Richmond, supported by multiple funding sources. When complete in early 2027, it will open public access to a spectacular, historic stretch of shoreline that has been inaccessible for generations, except for the beach park.

### EXTENDING THE TRAIL TO PINOLE

EBRPD completed a preliminary design and CEQA documents for the Richmond–[Pinole Bay Trail](#) Gap Closure Project. The planned shoreline trail will connect the current trail terminus — one mile north of the Atlas Road Bridge entry to Point Pinole Regional Shoreline — to Wilson Point, establishing a continuous trail to Pinole and Hercules.

### A NEW DESTINATION: PORTSIDE OBSERVATION POINT

An inviting new shoreline viewpoint—Portside Observation Point—was completed by Brookfield Properties as part of the Portside Commerce Center at City of Richmond Terminal 3. The space features benches, picnic tables and Interpretive panels on the history and operations of the Port of Richmond. You can reach it via the newly paved shoreline trail beginning at Sheridan Observation Point, where a new panel explains the dramatic views of historic Kaiser Shipyard No. 3.



## IMPROVING THE BAY TRAIL & ACCESS INLAND

While the ideal Bay Trail follows the shoreline far from roadway traffic, several stretches must be routed inland where maritime and industrial uses limit shoreline access. The City is moving aggressively to make these inland links safer, more attractive and better connected to neighborhoods on the City's south side. The goal is to increase use of healthy active transportation for reaching shoreline parks, the ferry terminal, the Richmond–San Rafael Bridge and other destinations.

### [Ferry to Bridge to Greenway Complete Streets Plan \(F2B2G Plan\)](#)

As part of the F2B2G Plan, the City has installed new protected bikeways along:

- Harbour Way South, Hoffman Boulevard & Cutting Boulevard, connecting the ferry terminal to the Point Richmond gateway and
- Ohio Avenue and Garrard Boulevard, linking the Richmond Greenway to the Bay Trail at the Point Richmond gateway at Cutting Boulevard.

The next major F2B2G project—the Downtown Point Richmond Bicyclist and Pedestrian Connectivity Project—will make pedestrian and cyclist safety improvements between Cutting Boulevard and the Tewksbury Avenue protected bikeway. This effort is fully funded for both design and construction, with community outreach beginning soon.

## BAYVIEW TO BART

Design has reached 65% completion for protected bikeways on Bayview and Seaport Avenues for better access to the Bay Trail at South 51st Street.

## RICHMOND WELLNESS TRAIL & NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLETE STREETS

[The Richmond Wellness Trail and the Neighborhood Complete Street project](#), which received public input, has been obtained for design of two additional fully funded projects. Both will make it safer and more attractive to walk and bicycle with improvements generally including protected bikeways and landscaping.

Point Molate Wine Haven, Bay Trail Visual Simulation

## RICHMOND WELLNESS TRAIL PHASE 2

Phase 1 was completed in 2022 as an attractively landscaped, two-way protected bikeway and wide sidewalk linking the Richmond BART Station with the Richmond Greenway and Cutting Blvd. Design is half done for Phase 2 continuing to the shoreline of Lucretia Edwards Park. This will improve the Bay Trail along Marina Way South where there are sidewalks for pedestrians but no bike lanes.

## NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLETE STREETS

Construction plans are underway for pedestrian and cyclist safety upgrades on parts of Harbour Way South, Wright Avenue, and Ohio Avenue—all important Bay Trail sections or Bay Trail access routes.

## RICHMOND–SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE TRAIL CLOSURE

Since its opening in November 2019, more than 500,000 bicycle and pedestrian trips have been made across the [Richmond–San Rafael Bridge](#)—the highest usage by cyclists of any of the six State-owned toll bridges, surpassing the Bay Bridge East Span trail.

Despite this strong public use, the Bay Conservation & Development Commission approved a request from Caltrans to close the trail Mondays through Thursdays, converting it back into an automobile breakdown shoulder. The closure took effect October 27, accompanied by a bike shuttle service.

**Bay Trail**

- Complete
- Incomplete

**Connector Trail**

- Complete
- Incomplete

- Water Trail site
- Water Trail site (planned)
- Parks/Open Space
- Water Bodies



# Welcome to Richmond

Over 36 miles of Bay Trail linking a necklace of 12 shoreline parks

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