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500 Miles ~ 47 Cities ~ 9 Counties ~ 1 Trail

Highway 37 Policy Committee Presentation

November 2, 2017

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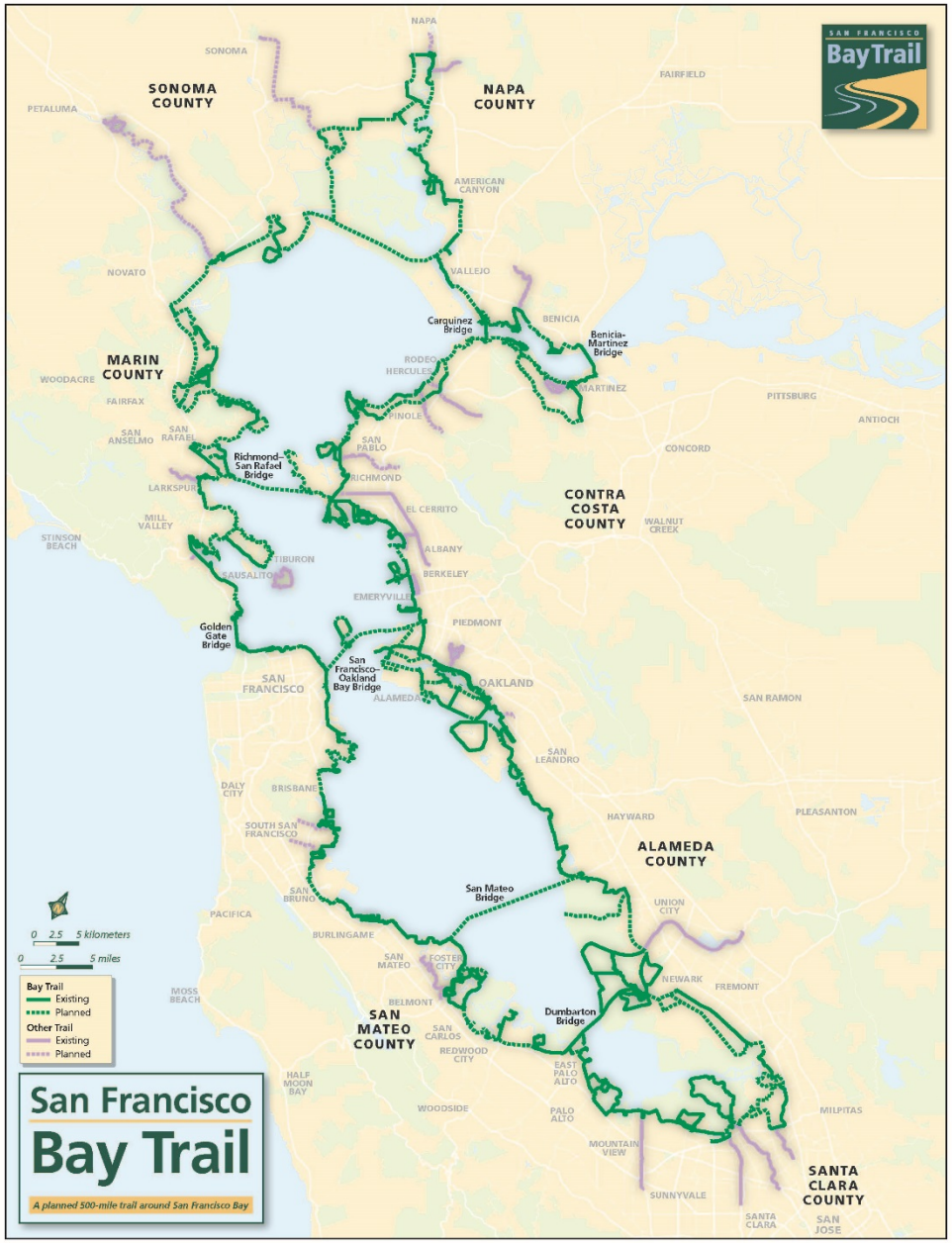
Bay Trail Vision

A 500-mile continuous walking and bicycling trail around the shoreline of San Francisco Bay, connecting 9 counties and 47 cities, and crossing 7 toll bridges

- 354 miles (70%) complete
- 4½ toll bridges
- public access to the bay
- Bike/ped separated path
- healthy communities, environmental stewardship/education
- commute alternative, active transportation, links to transit



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Bay Trail Board of Directors and staff, 2016

San Francisco Bay Trail Project

- non-profit, 501(c)(3)
- administered by ABAG, staffed by 3.5 ABAG employees
- Bay Trail Board of Directors with broad representation

Regional Vision, Local Implementation

- responsibility of cities/ counties/state/federal/special districts to plan and build trail
- Bay Trail staff role: technical assistance, promotion, advocate for gap closures, seek funding, administer grant contracts
- administrative costs funded through Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) regional bridge toll funds

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Key Mission and Goals of the Bay Trail:

- A continuous Class I Multi-use Path for cyclists & pedestrians, fully separated from traffic
- Located adjacent to the shoreline
- A safe and inviting recreation and alternative commute corridor
- Compatible with wildlife and sensitive habitats

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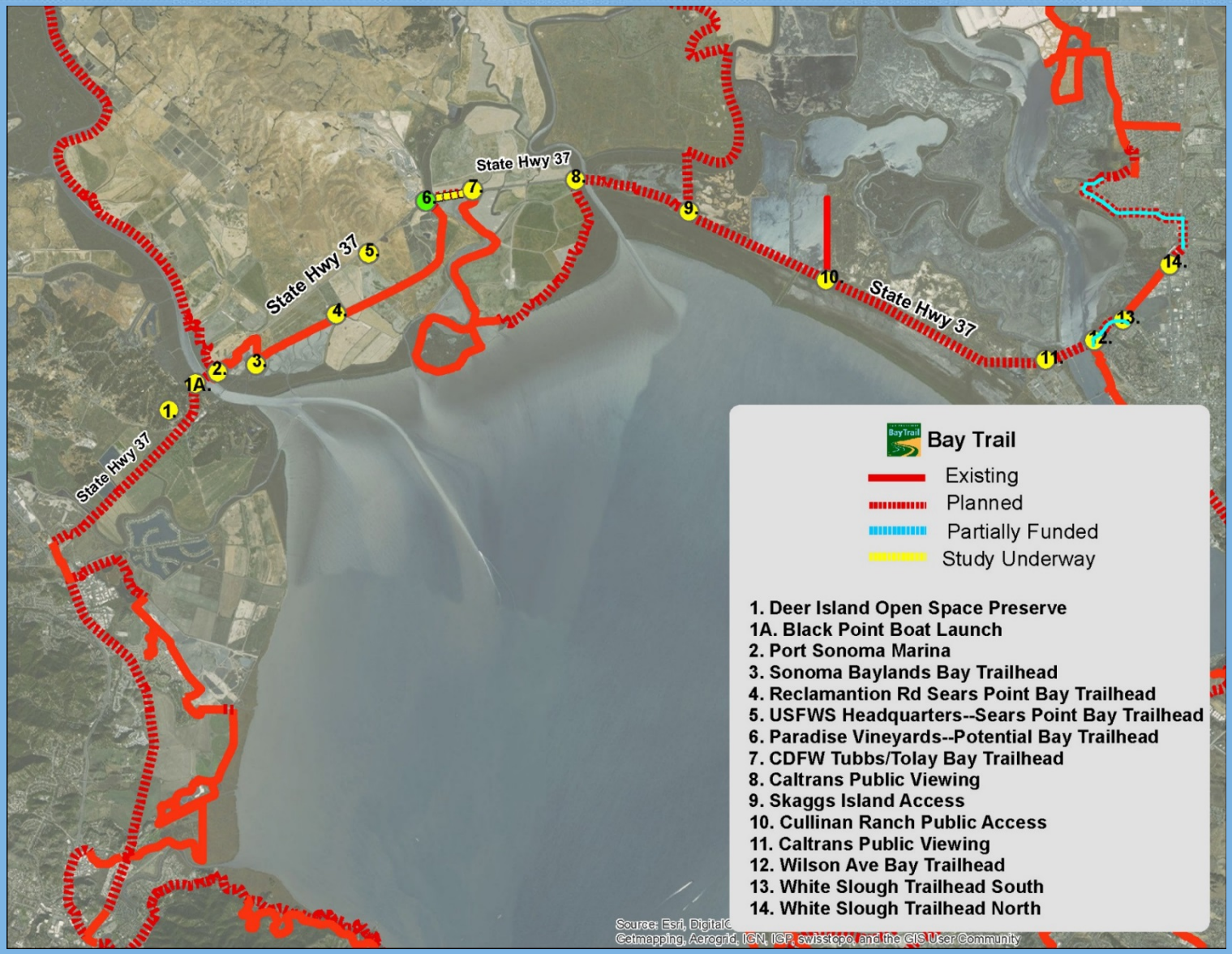

In the 21 mile SR 37 corridor, 15 miles of Bay Trail gaps, 13.5 miles existing.

Key Considerations for the Bay Trail in the Highway 37 Corridor:

- Safety—all options need full barrier protection and adequate buffer distance for bicycles and pedestrians
- Connections to existing Bay Trail and other open space assets in the corridor are maintained
- That a complete, continuous, and **free** multi-use pathway is a baseline element of all alternatives and moves through planning, environmental review, design, permitting and construction in tandem.

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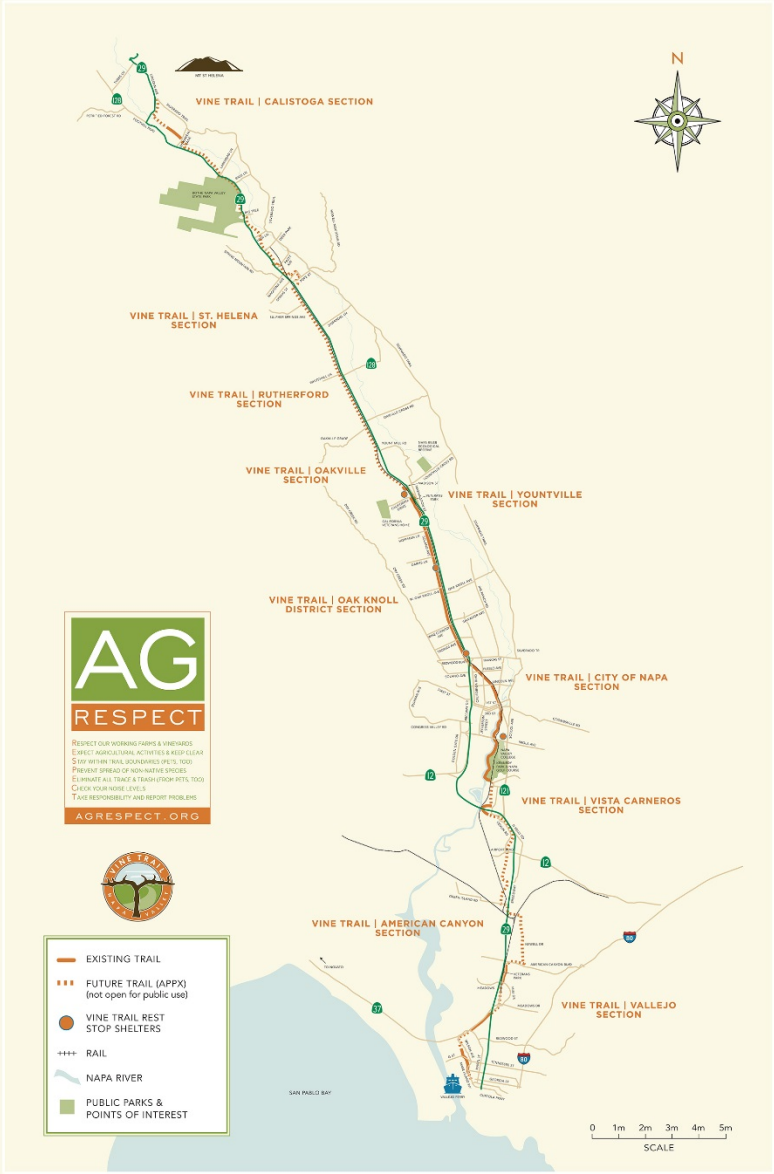
Highway 37 connects directly to another regional trail in Solano and Napa Counties—**The Napa Valley Vine Trail**—a 47-mile fully separated pathway from the Vallejo Ferry to Calistoga.



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…And on the Marin side, to the proposed SMART path running 70 miles from Larkspur to Cloverdale.

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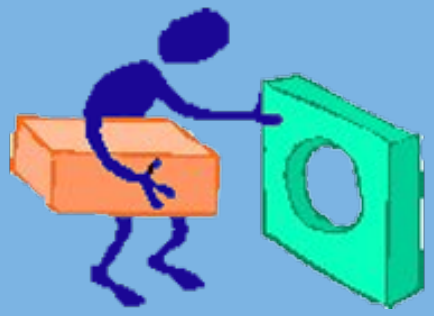
Hwy 37 presents challenges and opportunities for the Bay Trail on all fronts:

- Meshing with a transportation facility
- Adapting to sea level rise
- Compatibility with Habitat Restoration
- Designing a safe an inviting trail in the context of all of the above



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When planned and designed holistically, wetland restoration projects around the region are golden opportunities to implement the Bay Trail…

2.5 miles of new trail at Sears Point Restoration, connecting to 2.5 miles of trail at Sonoma Baylands Restoration.

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Napa Plant Site Wetland Restoration—American Canyon hosts 5 miles of Bay Trail

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Hamilton Wetlands—3.5 miles of Bay Trail

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When planned and designed holistically, safe and inviting trails can be seamlessly incorporated into transportation infrastructure projects…

Bike/ped path on the Carquinez Bridge

Transportation Facilities: The Bay Bridge Trail

15’ wide multi-use path striped with 5’ for peds, 5’ each direction for bicycles. The breakdown lane separating traffic from the pathway barrier serves as an important buffer from noise, pollution, etc.

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SR 37 is an opportunity for both.

Integrated environmental, highway, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure with ground-level opportunities for engagement.

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