

# NEW YEAR REPORT

# THE BAY TRAIL IN RICHMOND

*This report was issued in January 2005 by TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee. TRAC's mission is to "Complete the San Francisco Bay Trail in Richmond..."*

Five years ago when TRAC was founded, Richmond had only 12 miles of San Francisco Bay Trail fragments. Now Richmond has 20 miles of Bay Trail in use -- more than any other city on this planned 500-mile recreation and transportation corridor encircling San Francisco and San Pablo Bays. We owe thanks primarily to the City of Richmond, East Bay Regional Park District, Association of Bay Area Governments Bay Trail Project and the private sector for getting us this far.

The Bay Trail now links all of the parks along Richmond's southern shoreline -- Point Isabel, Shimada, Marina Bay, Vincent, Lucretia Edwards and Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline where the 4.75-mile Ferry Point Loop has become a major recreational destination.

Completing Richmond's remaining 20 miles of planned Bay Trail is challenging and time consuming. Closing each gap requires access to land, planning studies, CEQA compliance, construction design and funding for each of these steps as well as for construction itself. TRAC has acquired \$1.4 million in grant funds for Richmond.

During 2004 the trail segments listed below moved toward construction (*numbers below refer to map locations*):

- **Landfill Trail (4):** EIR completed and permits issued.
- **Parkway Gap (5):** design completed and \$ 380K in construction grants obtained.
- **Ferry Point Tunnel (6):** design completed and \$301K construction grant obtained.
- **Point Potrero Terminal (17):** trail corridor provided by Port of Richmond and plans completed for trail to historic Kaiser Shipyard 3 sites.
- **Boat Ramp Street (3):** additional grants of \$51K obtained for improvements.

The Marina Bay trail was enriched during 2004 by installation of nine way finding maps and eight sculptural interpretive exhibits

The map on the other side of this report highlights three projects completed during 2004, lists projects to be built in 2005-2006 and sets planning priorities for 2005. See [www.ci.richmond.ca.us/trac/](http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/trac/) and [www.baytrail.org](http://www.baytrail.org) for more detailed maps to help you explore and enjoy the Bay Trail.

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