



BAY TO SEA TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY
UPDATE

**SAN MATEO COUNTY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (BPAC) MEETING**

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CITY OF REDWOOD CITY

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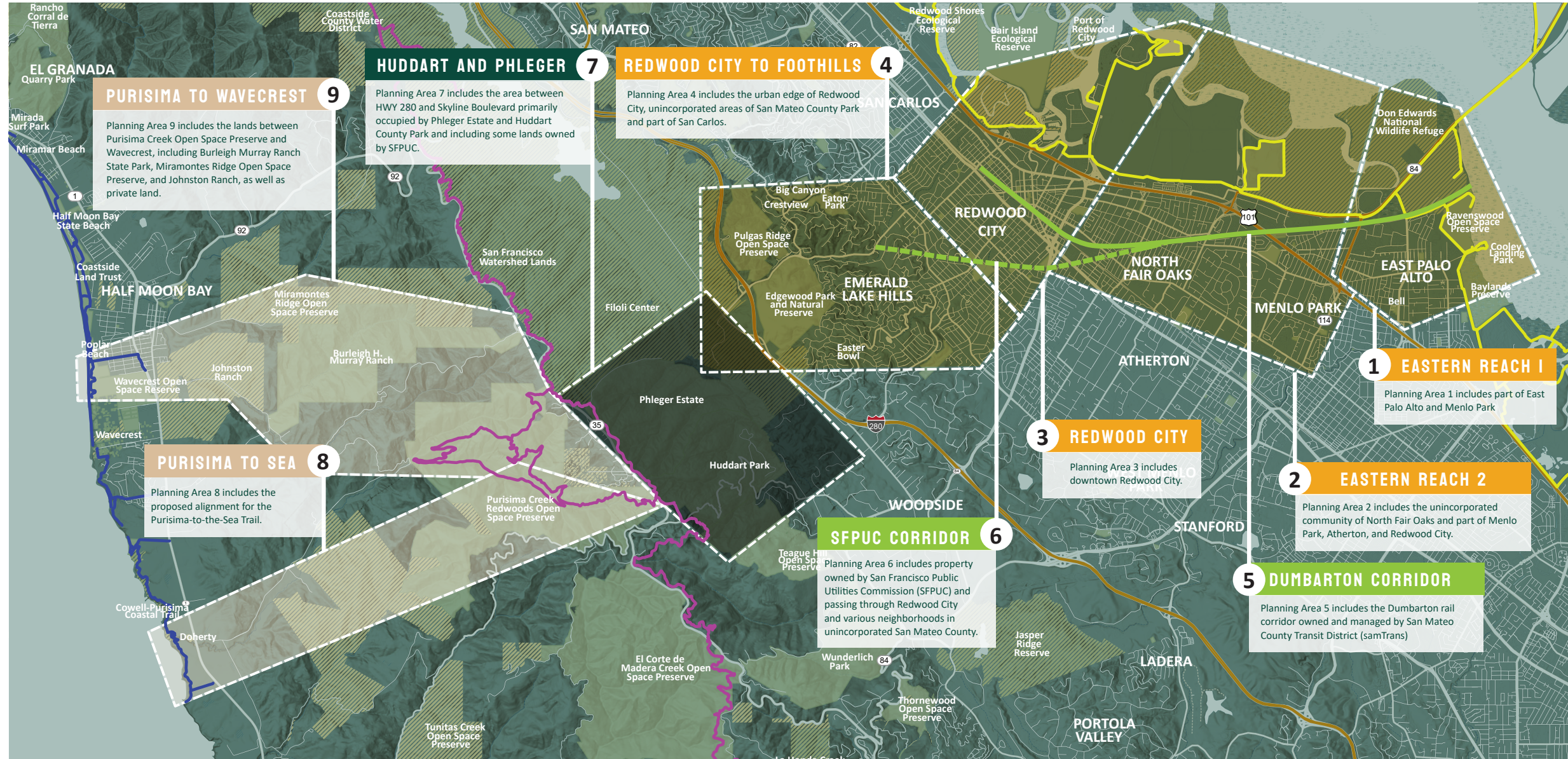
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VISION MAP



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PLANNING STUDY AREAS



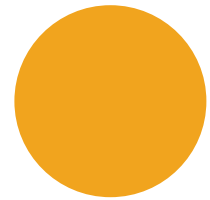
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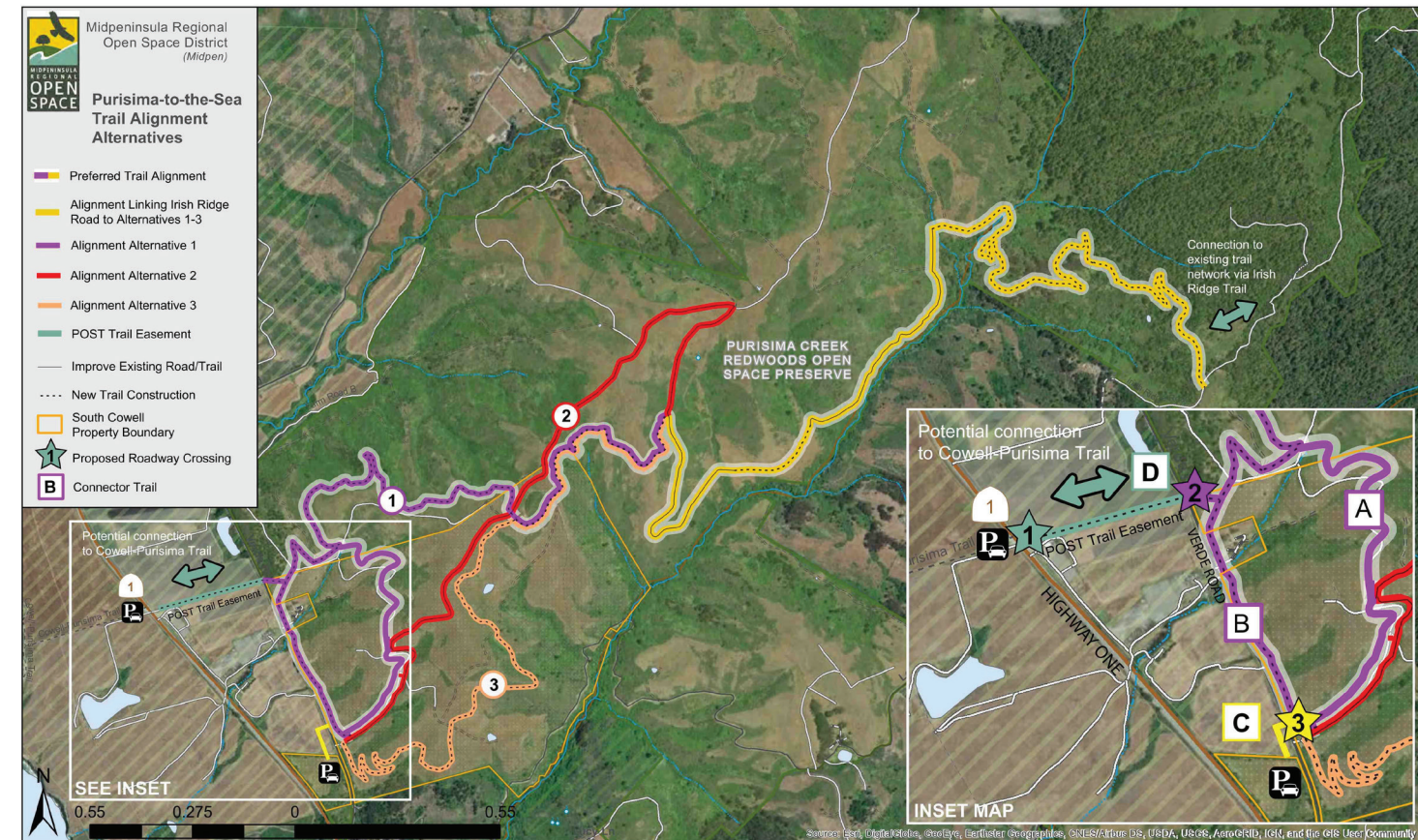


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BAY TO SEA TRAIL

DRAFT VISION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Bay to Sea Trail is envisioned as a 40-mile recreational trail connecting the San Francisco Bay, through the Peninsula and over the Santa Cruz Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. The trail will become the first east-west regional trail linking the Bay to the Pacific Ocean and **welcoming all users** - hikers, cyclists, equestrians, families, and others. Crossing the ancestral territory of the contemporary Ramaytush Ohlone and Muwekma Ohlone communities, the trail will **connect more people to nature and open space**. This regional connection will be free and open to everyone, while providing an abundance of benefits that support **community health, educational opportunities, cultural connections, and progress toward climate adaptation and environmental justice**.

Consider All Users

Incorporate considerations for all trail user groups including hikers, cyclists, equestrians, families, those with mobility impairments, and others. Where appropriate and feasible, design a trail that combines all trail use options together in a shared experience with clear understanding of how to navigate the shared route.

Connect Local Destinations and Regional Open Space

Provide safer and more inviting pedestrian and bike networks that connect local destinations such as libraries, schools, playgrounds, local parks, markets, and public transit with regional open space and recreation areas. Increased foot and bike traffic further supports local businesses and enhances a sense of safety in the public realm.

Protect Trail User Comfort and Safety

Include street improvements such as safer crossings, lighting, protected pathways, wayfinding and educational signage. Improve facilities in existing parks and recreational areas with multilingual signage, restrooms, and accessibility improvements.

Promote Community Health and Environmental Justice

Support community health by improving access to nature and open space, especially for communities that have historically had limited access to these resources. Encourage active transportation choices and create tree-lined corridors that mitigate climate impacts such as urban heat.

BAY TO SEA TRAIL

TRAIL STUDY PLANNING AREA

REGIONAL TRAIL CONNECTIONS

- San Francisco Bay Trail* (Includes existing, proposed, and planned trail segments)
- Bay Area Ridge Trail*
- California Coastal Trail*

HALF MOON BAY TO BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL

There are several open space areas between Half Moon Bay and the Bay Area Ridge Trail. Connectivity through and among these areas will be studied.

PURISIMA CREEK REDWOODS OPEN SPACE PRESERVE

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District already has plans to connect this area to the Pacific Ocean in a trail project called Purisima-to-the-Sea. This planned trail would connect to the California Coastal Trail and would be one potential terminus for the Bay to Sea Trail.

SAN MATEO COUNTY FOOTHILLS

Several large open space areas with high quality trails for hikers and equestrians offer potential connections between the Bay Area Ridge Trail and Redwood City. The Bay to Sea Trail study will examine access points to these trails and routes identified in the San Mateo County Active Transportation Plan to help imagine a continuous connection across the County.

REDWOOD CITY

Redwood City's recently completed Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (BWP) Walk Bike Thrive calls for a wide range of improvements to provide safer connectivity within the city for cyclists and pedestrians. Some of these proposed projects may align with the goals of the Bay to Sea Trail and provide access from the SF Bay to foothills.

EAST PALO ALTO AND SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL

Cooley Landing and Ravenswood Open Space Preserve to the east of East Palo Alto and along the San Francisco Bay could be a potential terminus for the trail, where it would link up with the San Francisco Bay Trail.

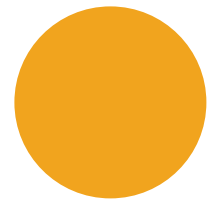
The Bay to Sea Trail Feasibility Study is funded by POST and is being developed in partnership with the Bay to Sea Trail Planning Coalition, a multi-jurisdictional panel representing public space across San Mateo County. For more information, contact Bryanna Whitney at bwhitney@openspacetrust.org

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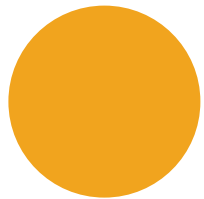
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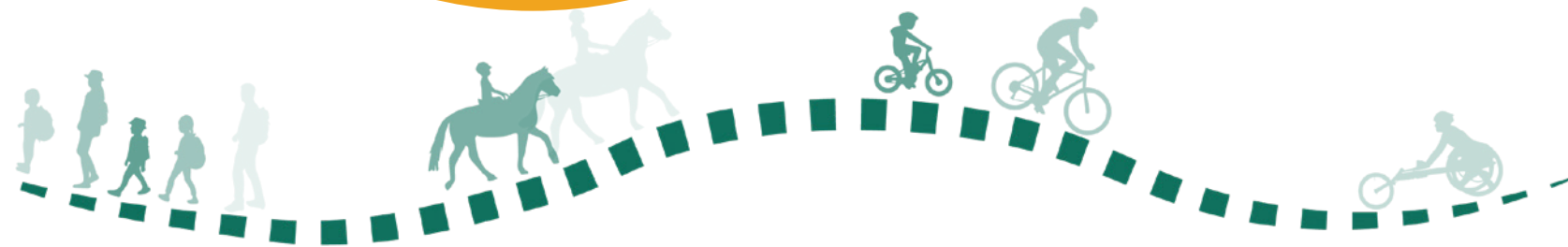
- **OTHER IMPORTANT COMMUNITY PRIORITIES (HOUSING, CLIMATE CHANGE, SAFE STREETS)**
- **COMMUNITY COMFORT AND SENSE OF BELONGING**



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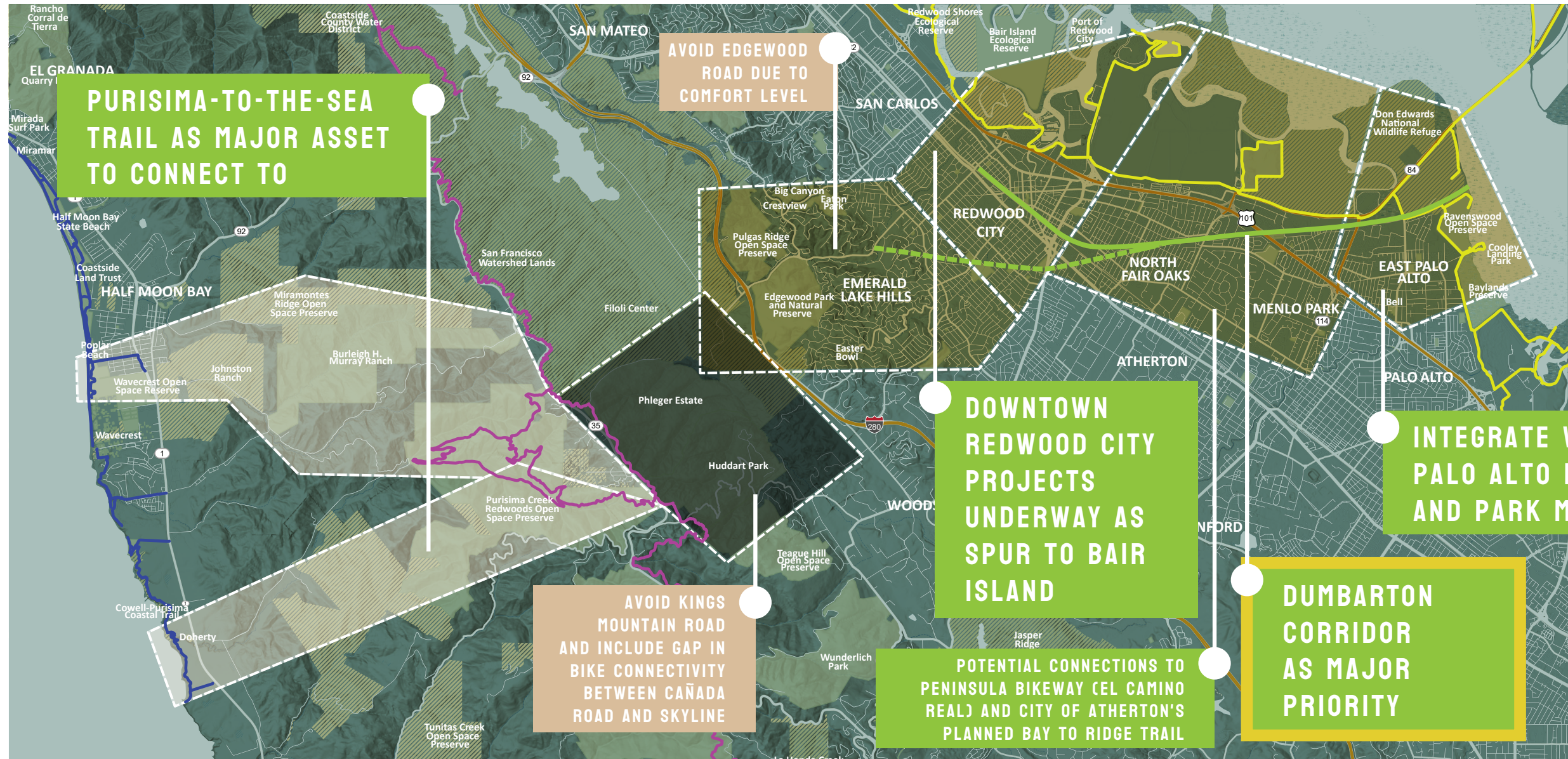
**FEASIBILITY STUDY AS A
FLEXIBLE "ROADMAP"**

- **ALIGNMENT PRIORITIES**
- **BRANDING AND INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**
- **DISCOVERY AND IMPLEMENTATION TOOLKIT FOR DIFFERENT PHASES OF TRAIL DEVELOPMENT**



TRAIL ALIGNMENT

ALIGNMENT CONSIDERATIONS AND ON-GOING CHALLENGES



RIDGE TO SEA

FOOTHILLS TO RIDGE

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DISCOVERY & IMPLEMENTATION TOOLKIT

OVERVIEW

1

Initial Trail Discovery

The concept of the Bay to Sea Trail is introduced to the public and there is an emphasis on **building public interest and awareness** of the project. Visual identity elements of the trail are established, including a project logo. Engagement strategies focus on building awareness, and may include **virtual tools, temporary signage, and collaborative events** with active transportation advocacy groups and community-based organizations.

2

Intermediate Trail Development

Key trail segments are formalized with permanent signage while trail gaps are still present. The trail is well known locally and among active transportation enthusiasts. Growing public awareness helps support political momentum for investments in facility improvements and gap closures. Additional branding elements are developed and substantiate a distinctive voice and personality. Wayfinding strategies focus on providing route clarity at facility transitions. **Temporary trailheads** are deployed to direct trail users around gaps.

3

Full Trail Realization

The Bay to Sea Trail provides a **continuous and comfortable route from the San Francisco Bay to the Pacific Ocean**. The trail is known throughout the region and is frequently used as a connection between other regional trails and among community destinations. There is broad public support and name recognition throughout the Bay Area and coastal communities. Sustainable management and funding mechanisms are in place. Wayfinding is well integrated with existing infrastructure, is cohesive throughout the entire route, and is adapted to meet the unique regulations of each jurisdiction it traverses. The trail is included on maps at permanent trailheads throughout the region. Connections to the trail at transit stops and community destinations along the route are highly visible.

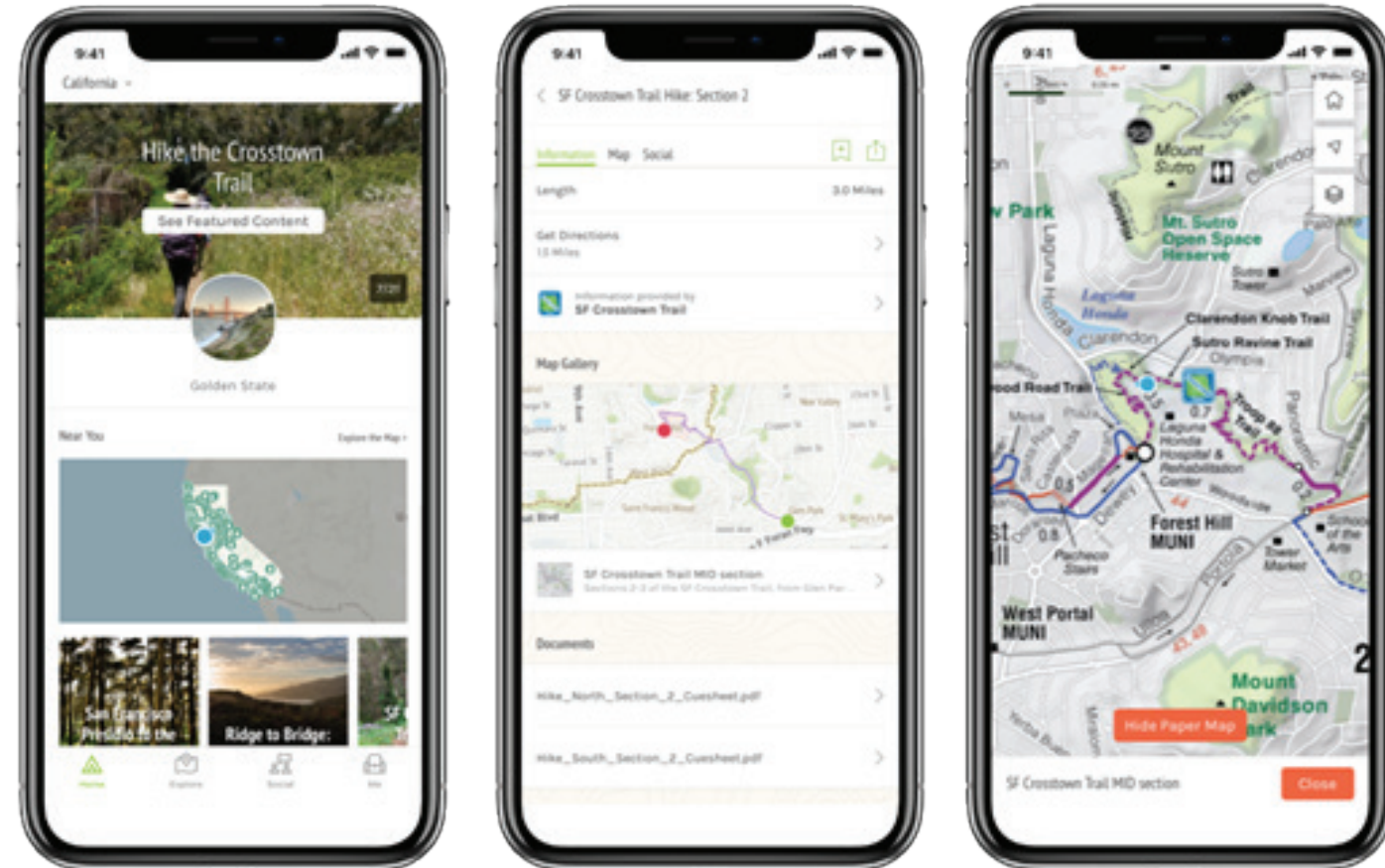
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TOOLS: ONLINE PRESENCE & APP INTEGRATION



CASE STUDY: CROSTOWN TRAIL

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TOOLS: COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

CASE STUDY: BRIDGE TO BRIDGE TRAIL

JOSH FARLEY'S Sites to see
The city's three-mile urban bridge-to-bridge trail includes stunning mountain views, serene Puget Sound views, access to other areas and a veritable scavenger hunt of local lore.

NEED TO KNOW

- Public parking
- Public restrooms
- Special attractions
- Other local businesses

SITES TO SEE

- All-Accessible Playground**: A grassroots effort culminated with the award-winning bridge area at Evergreen Rotary Park in 2014.
- The Home**: Artist Robert 'Bob' Clark's home is a landmark in the city. It was the site of the park's first day in 1975 when a truck dumped its concrete — still partly up used from the war bridge of South Cove.
- The game of lac**: 40th anniversary of the USS West Virginia mark Bremerton's history. A memorial along with lacrosse players taking Bremerton service members who lost their lives in the Great War.
- WJZ Memorial**: One of the first in the world, Bremerton's version has origins from the World Trade Center, for rescue from the Pentagon and land from the field in Philadelphia where United Airlines Flight 93 landed.
- The message**: Through a summer of trees you find some of Bremerton's local heroes doing back to the early 20th century.
- The Bremerton waterfront**: From the bridge, admire alluring views of Lincoln Park, the Bremerton Marina and the USS Tanager. Any boater and mariner who passes this location for its role in the Civil War and the United States' history.
- Whitby Cemetery**: The public site of an old park, named for a former mayor offers sweeping views of the city. It's also a final resting place for some of the most advanced cemetery collection systems in the nation.
- The old fort and oak trees**: A historic American oak tree marks the Manette Bridge, marked by a plaque and an approximately 150-year-old oak tree stands there today.
- Art Walk**: The city's "Art Walk" allows anyone with paint to add their art to a colorful multi-story concrete retaining wall. The site was once home to the Marine Corps' base. Bremerton's long-running art walk is a celebration in 2014.
- Safety Canyon**: The last remaining trail to Puget Sound, with a powerful pathway to Puget Sound, with a powerful pathway to Puget Sound, with a powerful pathway to Puget Sound.
- Madison Trails**: A large forest of Madras Mountain — a remnant of the original forest growing from Northern California to British Columbia — is a remnant of the original forest growing from Northern California to British Columbia.
- Commander's cave**: Visit Lower Delta Vista Park, where you'll find the largest military shipwreck ever, in the state's living under the station Avenue Bridge.

HOW TO EXPLORE

Bremerton Arts District
Visit local galleries, boutiques, shops and restaurants. To learn more, please visit www.bremertonartsdistrict.com.

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Downtown Manette
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Along the trail

- CJA Engineering**: 2000 Douglas Ave., 360-768-0000, www.cja.com
- Clyde's College**: 2000 Douglas Ave., 360-768-0000, www.cja.com
- Bremerton Community Theater**: 300 1st St., 360-433-0000, www.bremertoncommunitytheater.org
- Shelburne Park Community Center**: 8000 Lake Blvd., 360-433-0000, www.bremerton.com
- West Coast Moving Company**: 7200 Lake Blvd., 360-433-0000, www.westcoastmoving.com
- The Salad Shack**: 2122 14th Street, 360-433-0000, www.saladshack.com
- Ball & Ball**: 3000 Douglas Ave., 360-433-0000, www.ballandball.com
- Manette Mart & Deli**: 2100 Douglas Ave., 360-433-0000, www.manettemart.com
- Bremerton Family YMCA**: 2000 Douglas Ave., 360-433-0000, www.ymca.org
- Downside Brewing**: 300 1st St., 360-433-0000, www.downsidebrewing.com
- Bremerton Ice Center**: 3000 Douglas Ave., 360-433-0000, www.bremertonicecenter.com
- Barney**: 3000 Douglas Ave., 360-433-0000, www.barney.com
- Larry & Kristi's Bakery**: 3000 Douglas Ave., 360-433-0000, www.larryandkristisbakery.com
- R&M Mart**: 2100 Douglas Ave., 360-433-0000, www.randmart.com
- Paul's Finishes**: 2100 Douglas Ave., 360-433-0000, www.paulsfinishes.com

FOLLOW ALONG
Scan the QR code to gain access to the trail's public resources. Thank you to local artists and businesses.

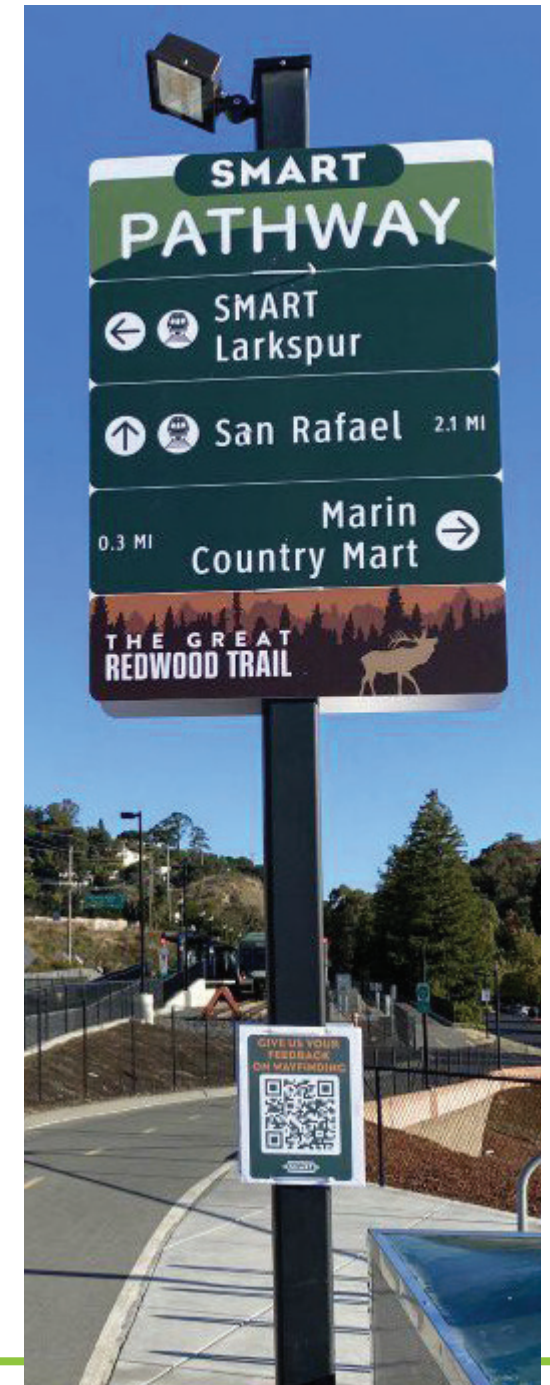
DISCOVERY & IMPLEMENTATION TOOLKIT

INPUT FROM BPAC

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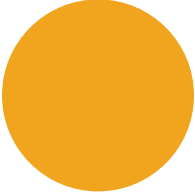
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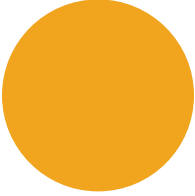
TOOLS: PHYSICAL PRESENCE (TEMPORARY)



QUESTIONS FOR YOU

BAY TO SEA TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

-  **WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON DISCOVERY & IMPLEMENTATION TOOLKIT? WHICH TOOLS DO YOU THINK WILL BE MOST EFFECTIVE AND HOW CAN BPAC BE INVOLVED?**

-  **WHAT DO YOU THINK IS MOST IMPORTANT FOR TRAIL IDENTITY?**



**BAY TO SEA TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY
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THANK YOU!

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