



August 28, 2023

Robert Sarmiento
Contra Costa County
Department of Conservation and Development
Transportation Planning Section

RE: Request for \$201,580 of Navy Mitigation Funds to Complete Final Design and Environmental Permitting for the Great CA Delta Trail Gap Closure project in Martinez

Dear Mr. Sarmiento,

In 1989, Contra Costa County received funding from the Navy to mitigate the loss of pedestrian, cyclist, and vehicular access to the Port Chicago Highway in the Naval Weapons Station. The Navy Mitigation Expenditure Plan 2008 Update Item #7 sets aside \$310,000 for EBRPD to complete “Planning and Environmental Impact Review for Great California Delta Trail.” Project work involves planning and environmental review for the portions of the Great California Delta Trail within Contra Costa County. The **East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD)** is **requesting \$201,580** in Navy Mitigation funds to complete **final design and environmental permitting** for the **Great CA Delta Trail Gap Closure project in Martinez.**

In accordance with the expenditure plan, the **proposed project closes a .5-mile gap in the Great California Delta Trail, San Francisco Bay Trail, and Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail.** The project will construct a shared-use path along an agreed-upon easement in Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) right-of-way between the Nejedly Staging Area in EBRPD’s Carquinez Regional Shoreline and Berrellesa Street in the City of Martinez. Upon completion of this Class I shared-use gap closure project, Martinez residents will have interconnected, safe, separated bicycle and pedestrian access to continuous trail and park connections directly in Martinez and the ability to bicycle or walk to jobs, employment opportunities, commercial destinations, and parks around the Carquinez Strait and the Greater Bay Area.

Current status: 65% designs have been completed. Once approved by UPRR, our consultant can complete 100% PS&E. The determination has been made that CEQA MND completed in 2003 can be revalidated through an addendum. A recent Federal grant award for the construction phase has triggered the NEPA requirement. 100% PS&E and CEQA/NEPA is expected to be completed by end of 2024. The construction phase is currently fully funded, based on current estimates. Construction would begin in 2025. See proposed budget below:

Task	Amount
100% Plans, Specifications and Estimates	\$100,000
CEQA/NEPA	\$101,580
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$201,580</i>

A draft cooperative funding agreement is attached for your review. Please contact me if you have any questions at (510) 544-2204 or khornbeck@ebparks.org.

Sincerely,

Katy Hornbeck
Grants Manager, East Bay Regional Park District

Board of Directors



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