

Urban Greenway and Creek Walk



The urban Greenway is a unique regional project that provides a north-south bicycle and pedestrian connection to the 625,000 residents of Oakland, San Leandro and Hayward. The Creek Walk, an east-west pedestrian connection, bisects the Greenway, further expanding this network of active open space. These complimentary projects through densely populated neighborhoods, schools, retail areas, community centers, industrial areas and transit hubs, provide alternative transportation, clean up blighted areas and offer much needed recreational opportunities.



Greenway Project Overview

The East Bay Greenway is planned to be a well-lit, beautifully landscaped pedestrian and bicycle path connecting five BART stations. With play areas and other community amenities, the currently neglected space will be transformed into a community asset that brings people together in healthier, safer, and stronger communities.

The twelve-mile East Bay Greenway passes through four jurisdictions: Oakland, San Leandro, unincorporated Alameda County, and Hayward. It will run along and adjacent to the BART elevated "A" Line, parallel to the San Francisco Bay Trail and the Ridge Trail. The Greenway will serve as an urban counterpart to these existing recreational routes.

In order to make the Greenway comfortable and inviting for inexperienced and/or beginning cyclists, the Greenway is designed as a separated multi-use pathway (Class I bike path) for as much of the route as possible. Along streets with high levels of traffic where space for a separated path is inadequate, the plan proposes Class II bike lanes. On residential streets with less traffic, the plan proposes installing Class III bicycle boulevards. The Plan proposes a safe and attractive pedestrian walkway along the entire twelve-mile route.



Greenway Funding Request

Probable construction costs for the 3.5 mile San Leandro section of the project is approx. \$28 million. The cost of the entire 12-mile long project is approx. \$94 million, although costs could be reduced in an acquisition scheme involving land swaps. Alameda County voters authorized Measure BB in November 2014, which will provide sufficient funds to complete the first phases of project construction; federal funding would facilitate additional public-serving amenities and safety features.

Creek Walk Project Overview

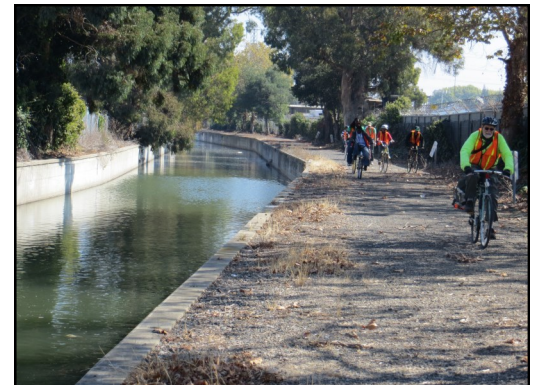


San Leandro Creek Trail Master Plan



The City of San Leandro is seeking a grant to construct and create an urban Creek Walk along a stretch of San Leandro Creek from East 14th Street in Downtown San Leandro to the Southern Pacific Railroad. The San Leandro Creek runs six miles from east to west, a portion of which runs through Downtown San Leandro, where there is little public access. The Creek Walk will promote healthy living, support economic development downtown, and restore access to the Creek by reconnecting the community with our waterways.

Recently the City received a grant from Caltrans for development of the San Leandro Creek Trail Master Plan, which will provide design concepts and an implementation strategy for a multi-use trail and path along San Leandro Creek. The Master Plan will be developed with extensive public outreach and with partnership between the Cities of San Leandro and Oakland, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Merritt College, National Park Service, San Leandro Creek Alliance, and Friends of San Leandro Creek. The Master Plan will provide design guidelines for the initial Creek Walk project, a 3/4 mile stretch starting from Root Park in Downtown San Leandro.



The Creek Walk will provide:

- ◇ Public access to the Creek
- ◇ Restoration of the Creek banks and bed
- ◇ Increased open space for the community
- ◇ Opportunities for walking and healthy living
- ◇ Attraction and access to Downtown
- ◇ Natural setting in an urban area for the community to connect to nature & explore

Creek Walk Funding Request

A grant would allow the City to implement the first phase of the San Leandro Creek Trail Master Plan by creating and constructing a three-quarter mile multi-purpose path through Downtown San Leandro. Construction costs for this initial section of the Creek Walk are approximately \$2 million.