



Iron Horse Trail

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TRAILS OVERVIEW

Alameda County is home to an extensive trails network that includes the Iron Horse Regional Trail. Several of these trails are under development throughout the County. The voter-approved 2014 Alameda County Transportation Expenditure Plan includes \$264 million of Measure BB transportation sales tax funds (or three percent of total funds) in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths and Safety Program for gap closure on three of these major trails: Bay Trail, East Bay Greenway and the Iron Horse Trail. These complex, multi-jurisdictional trails connect communities and provide much-needed access for pedestrians and bicyclists to schools, community centers and transit. As part of multi-jurisdictional networks, these trails require committed partners to coordinate the development, delivery and maintenance of these important transportation corridors.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Iron Horse Regional Trail is a 52-mile wheelchair accessible trail that follows the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way, which was established in 1891. Used by pedestrians, horse riders and bicyclists in the East Bay, this major transportation and recreation corridor connects nine communities in two counties, providing approximately one million trips each year.

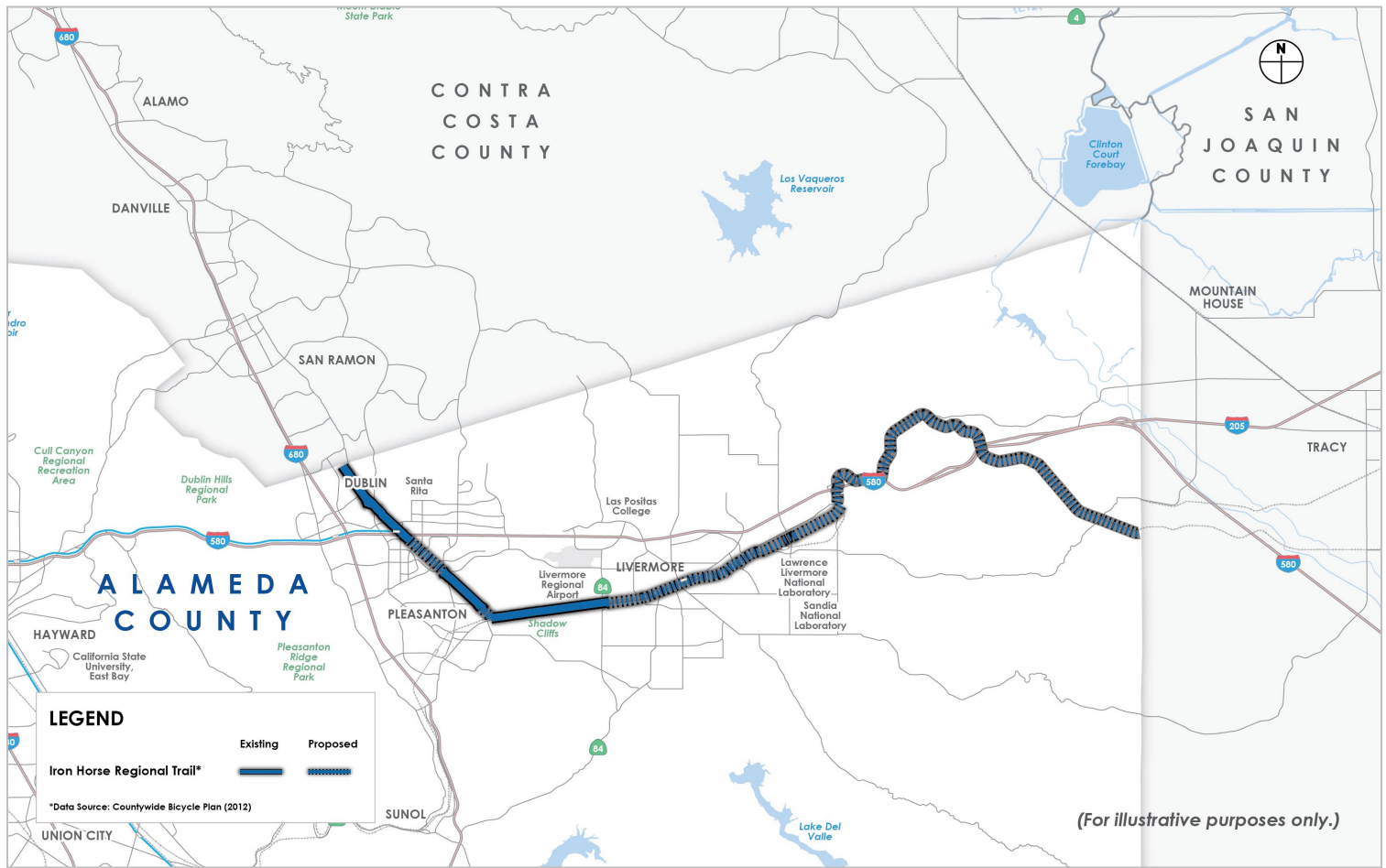


TRAIL BENEFITS

Major trails play several important roles in the transportation system:

- **Extend access to transit**, connecting major transit stations and stops, providing safe and seamless connectivity to feed transit services. Local trails also serve as community assets for transportation, recreation and safe mobility options since they are primarily separated from streets and cars.
- **Provide an alternative for short trips**, offering clean walking and bicycling alternatives to driving.
- **Increase independence and mobility** for local communities, including low-income, seniors, children and people with disabilities, many of whom are not able to drive. Using trails can also save household transportation costs.
- **Improve health** by providing healthy, attractive, safe and accessible recreation and transportation opportunities for people of all ages, connecting schools, community centers, transit and recreation opportunities. They also support the integration of exercise into people's daily routines.
- **Grow the economy and improve livability**: Business districts thrive when people are out walking and biking, and streetscapes are activated. Many companies are locating in cities that promote active transportation options, contributing to the economy and improving livability.

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PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

As a stakeholder, Alameda CTC partners include the Association of Bay Area Governments, the State Coastal Conservancy, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

Note: Information on this fact sheet is subject to periodic updates.

Iron Horse Regional Trail's existing multi-use path extends between the cities of Concord, in Contra Costa County, and Dublin and Pleasanton following the abandoned Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way. The trail currently spans more than 32 miles¹ and when completed will cover 52 miles (25.5 miles of which are in Alameda County) and connect 12 cities from Suisun Bay to Livermore.

COST ESTIMATE BY MILEAGE (\$ x 1,000)

	Miles	Cost
Estimate Remaining Mileage	21.9	\$30,000
Total Cost Estimate		\$95,000

Source: East Bay Regional Park District estimates include all phases of development through construction.

¹<http://www.ebparks.org/civica3/filebank/blobload.aspx?BlobID=25809>.