

The Richmond Greenway

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Richmond Greenway History

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad began service on May 16, 1904, along a railroad corridor, known as the “Oakland and East Side” and later the “Oakland District,” from Point Richmond to Oakland that cuts through central Richmond. The route roughly follows the present BART tracks east to west to the point where they veer north at Carlson, then it continues west between Ohio and Chanslor until it terminates at the Garrard (east) leg of the Richmond Parkway.

After gaining permission from the Interstate Commerce Commission to run its trains over the roughly parallel Union Pacific (formerly Southern Pacific), the last freight train ran on May 12, 1979. Shortly thereafter, the City of Richmond, along with other East Bay cities, including El Cerrito, Albany and Berkeley, received a quit claim deed to the right of way.

All of the cities except Richmond have developed their portions of the right of way into what is now called the Ohlone Greenway, a walking and bicycle trail that goes from Berkeley to El Cerrito.

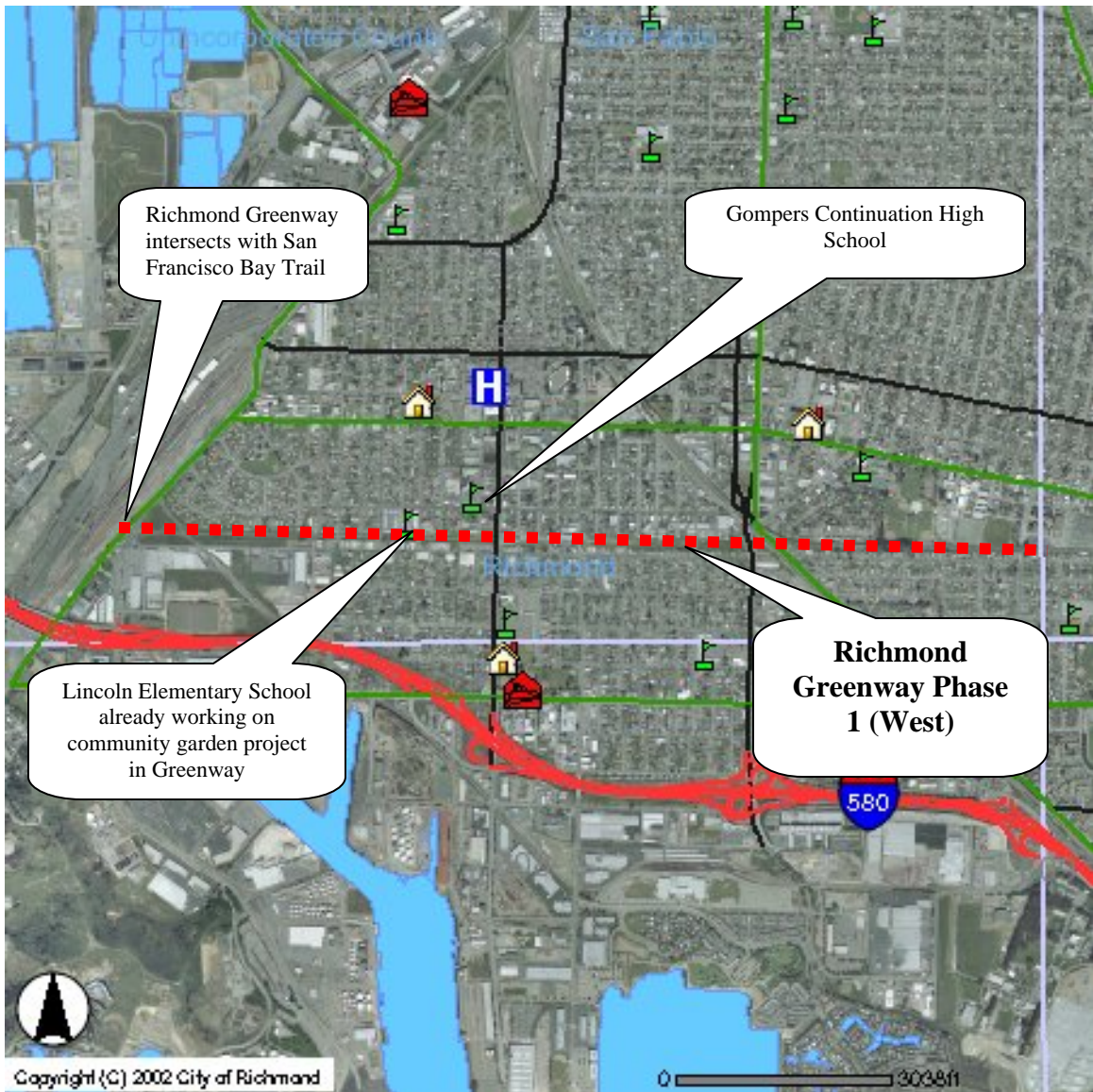
The approximately 32 acres of the right of way within Richmond has been designated as Recreation and Open Space in the Richmond General Plan since the early 1970s. In 1978, Richmond designated the right of way as an Off-Street Bike Route in the Richmond Bikeways Plan. Since 1994, the right of way has been designated for a Class I Bikeway/Trail in the City’s General Plan.

In August of 1992, the Central Richmond Greenway Study was completed, which included a broad strategy for implementation of the Central Richmond Greenway.

Fourteen years later, bids are in for the west half of the Richmond Greenway, and construction will begin in March, 2006, at a cost of approximately \$2.3 million.

Once the Greenway is completed, there must be a plan in place for maintenance.

A support and advocacy group, Friends of the Richmond Greenway, is being formed to promote completion of the eastern part (Phase 2) and to keep the Greenway safe and well maintained.



Phase 1 of the Richmond Greenway passes through Richmond's iron Triangle and City Center neighborhoods just north of Ohio Street and the Santa Fe and Coronado neighborhoods.

**Chronology of Official Actions by the City Council Related to the Richmond
Greenway**

Date	City Council Action
5/25/04	Request Approval to Amend Existing Contract with Vali Cooper Associates to Complete Work Associated with the Central Richmond Greenway and the PAL Building Cost Not to Exceed \$165,000. (Item G-1) Approved unanimously.
1/6/04	Memorandum of Understanding with the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy for Services Related to Development of the Richmond Greenway Trail Project (approved unanimously)
12/6/03	Resolution of the City Council of the City of Richmond, California, Approving the Application for Grant Funds for the Urban Parks Act of 2001 Program Under California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 for Project Greenway.
12/02/03	Central Richmond Greenway – request for Contract Amendment to F.E. Jordan Associates Purchase of Services Contract
7/29/03	Purchase of Services contract amendment with F.E Jordan Associates Inc. (FEJA) for change in FEJA structural design scope of services on the Richmond Greenway project and to provide environmental engineering services to conduct and prepare environmental studies for the Dornan Drive/Garrard Boulevard tunnel rehabilitation project.
5/6/03	Item M-2, Status Report on Richmond Greenway Master Plan
3/25/03	Item G-10, Award the Richmond Greenway Phase 1 Environmental/Storm Drainage Analysis To The FE Jordon/LSA Associates Team From The Capital Improvement Project List, In The Amount Of \$160,000
10/29/02	Discussion Re: Funding Sources for Richmond Greenway project (Referred from City Council Meeting on October 29, 2002)
10/29/02	Resolution 146-02, Resolution of the City Council of the City of Richmond, California, Regarding the Commitment to Complete the Central Richmond Greenway Project (Passed unanimously)
7/2/02	Study session: Presentation re: Central Richmond Greenway Project
11/13/01	Resolution of the City Council of the City of Richmond, California, Directing the City Manager to Study and Evaluate Potential Methods of Acquiring APN 513-340-046 for use as a Richmond Greenway Route and for the Restoration and Preservation of Baxter Creek (passed unanimously)
9/18/01	Agreement with C.Y.C.L.E. for Program Management Services for the Central Richmond Greenway Project Implementation (Item F-7)
9/18/01	Resolution of the Council of the City of Richmond, California, Authorizing the Fling of an application for Federal Surface Transportation Funds Through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's transportation for Livable Communities Programs for

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	the Central Richmond Greenway and Committing the Necessary Local Match for the Project and Stating the Assurance of the City of Richmond to Complete the Project
4/27/01	Resolution of the Council of the City of Richmond, California, in support of the Community Council for Leadership and Education program (CYCLE) Grant Application to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) for Funds to Develop the Central Richmond Greenway Trail project in the City of Richmond
5/02/00	Resolution of the Council of the City of Richmond, California in Support of Application to the State of California, Department of Recreation and Parks for Grant Funds for the Central Richmond Greenway Project.
2/7/00	Resolution 2000-14 of the City Council of the City of El Cerrito Endorsing and Supporting the Development and Construction of a proposed Central Richmond Greenway project (passed unanimously)
4/14/98	Resolution 58-98 Resolution of the Council of the City of Richmond , California, Formalizing the Partnership Between the City and CYCLE for the Planning and Implementation of the central Richmond Greenway (passed unanimously)
3/31/98	Consider Funding Support for Matching Funds Associated with the Central Richmond Greenway Project (In the matter to consider funding support for matching funds associated with the Central Richmond Greenway project (Placed on the Agenda at the request of Councilmembers). Nancy Kaufman, Acting Planning Director, stated that there is an opportunity for the City to get a state grant for the project. She stated that the City could enhance its chance of receiving the grant if it would contribute a minimum of \$10,000. Ms. Kaufman stated that she would submit a resolution for Council review that would identify the funds that have been contributed to the project. Following discussion, the item was continued for two weeks.
10/22/96	Resolution 161-96 in of the Council of the City of Richmond, California, in Support of CYCLE's San Francisco Bay Trail Regional Development Program Grant Application for Development of a Portion of the Richmond Greenway as a Connection to the San Francisco Bay Trail (passed unanimously)
August 1992	<i>An Implementation Strategy for the Central Richmond Greenway</i> , prepared for the City of Richmond Department of Public Works.