

Authorization for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Application

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East Bay Regional Park District's Board of Directors
Executive Committee Meeting

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What is RAISE?

Previously known as the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Discretionary Grant (TIGER), the **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)** is a discretionary grant program for investments in surface transportation infrastructure that will have **significant local or regional impact.**



RAISE Project Criteria

1. Safety

- *Does the project reduce potential of serious injuries / fatalities?*

2. Environmental Sustainability

- *Does the project reduce transportation-related pollution?*

3. Regional Economic Benefit

- *Does the project connect people to jobs, services, and education?*

4. Regional Connectivity

- *Does the project connect to additional means of transportation (i.e. BART, bus stations, ferry terminal, etc.)*

5. Readiness

6. 20% match for each project



Funding Availability



Application History

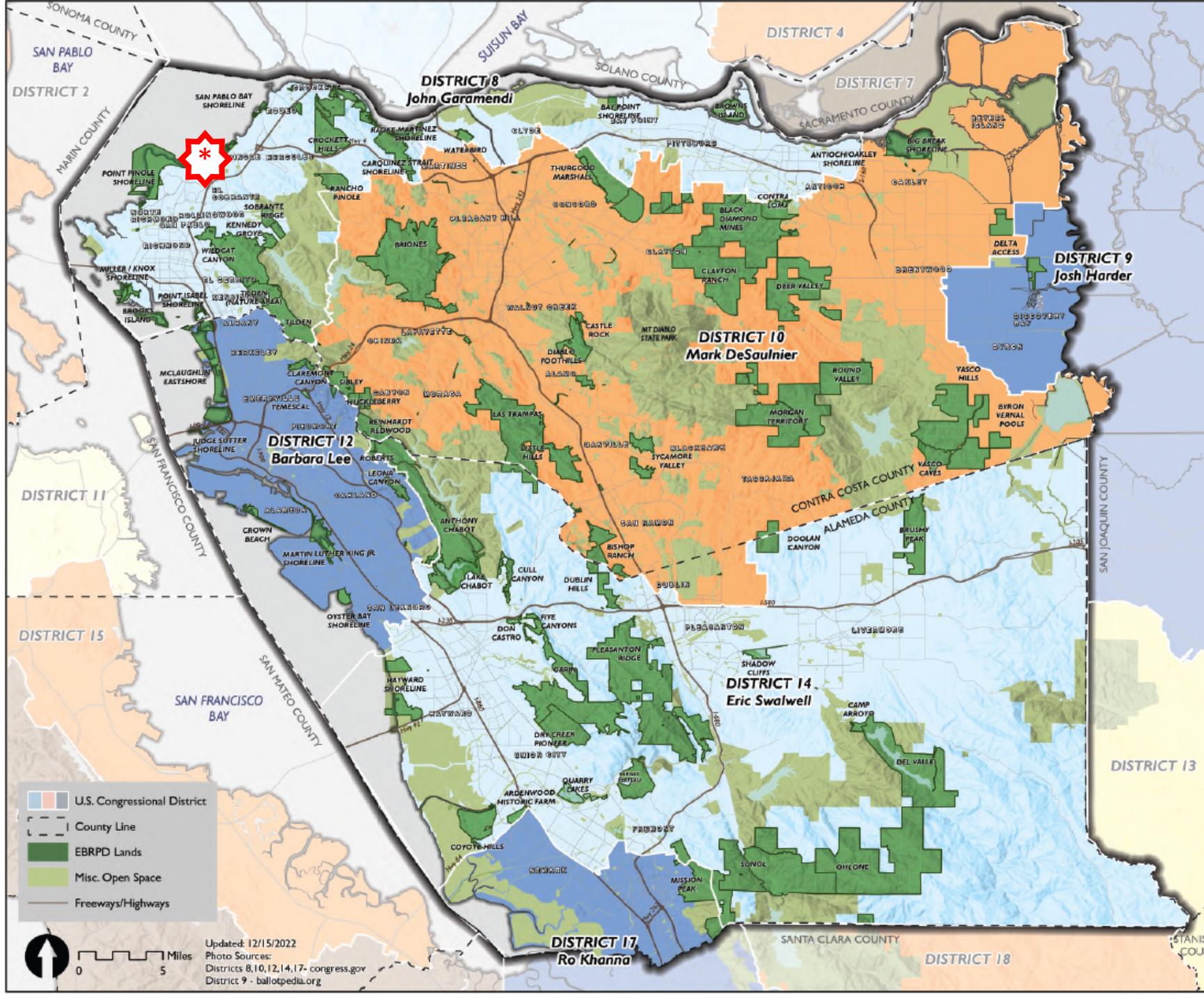
- **\$1.5 billion** to be awarded by the Secretary
 - **50%** for projects in urban areas
 - **5%** to planning projects
 - **11%** to projects located in historically disadvantaged communities or area of persistent poverty
- **\$5 million** to **\$25 million** grant award
- Funds must be expended by **2033**

- Consultant hired in 2020 to analyze 20 potential regional trail projects
- Submitted applications in **2021** and **2023**
- **Positive** feedback from DOT



Project Map

Congressional Districts



Richmond Bay Trail Extension

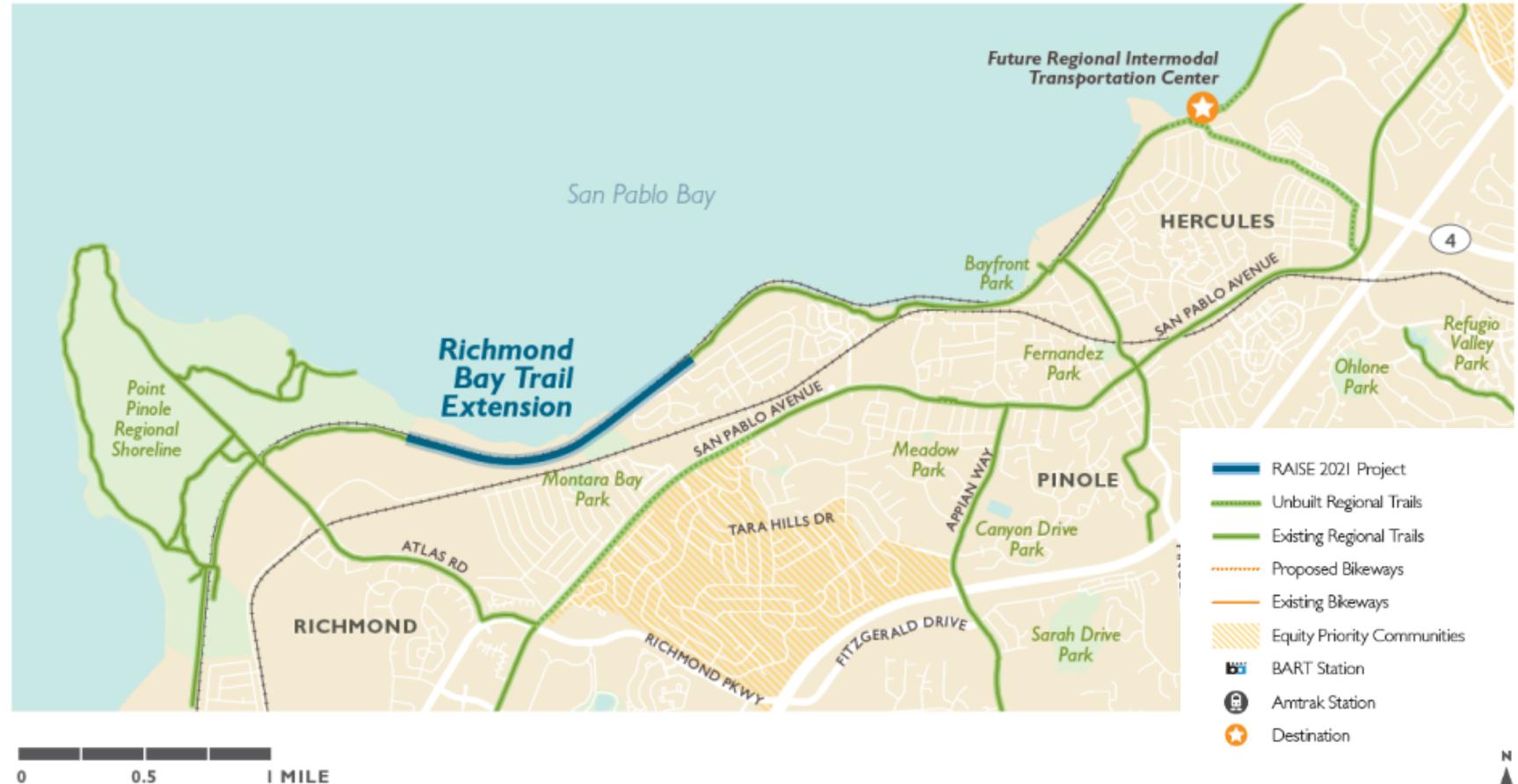
Construction of a .9-mile paved Class I multi-use extension of the San Francisco Bay Trail from **Pinole Point Business Park in Richmond, CA to Wilson Point.**

This will provide a connection to previous TIGER II investments and the future Hercules Intermodal Transit Station and create an approximately 30-mile continuous stretch of the Bay Trail.

Estimated total cost: \$8M

RAISE request: \$6.4M

Match requirement: \$1.6M



This rendering is conceptual only for discussion



Timeline

- ❑ **January 17:** Board Executive Committee recommendation
- ❑ **February 6:** Board of Directors authorization
- ❑ **February 28:** Submit Grant Application
- ❑ **Fall 2023:** Award Announcement





Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board Executive Committee support the General Manager's recommendation to the Board of Directors for the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's **RAISE** program for the construction of the **Richmond Bay Trail Gap Closure** project in the amount of **\$6.4 million**.



Thank you!



Questions?

