

# Central Marin Ferry Connection Project

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## About the Project

The Central Marin Ferry Connection Multi-Use Pathway Project (CMFCP) will create a new multi-modal path providing a safer and more direct connection between the Cal Park Hill Multi-Use Pathway to the north and the existing path along Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (SFDB) to the south with an elevated crossing over the roadway. The CMFCP will be a vital transportation facility providing access to bus and ferry transit facilities, schools, recreational opportunities, business and retail centers, and residential communities.

Based on public input received from the community during the design development process, the new bridge over SFDB, including the ramp structure, incorporates the architectural features of the surrounding environment. Many of the design features included in the Cal Park Path project were also incorporated into the final design of the CMFCP.

With completion of the design in early 2014, project construction is scheduled to begin in Spring 2014. Interested stakeholders can follow construction progress by visiting the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) website at [www.tam.ca.gov](http://www.tam.ca.gov).

## Key Project Elements

- Extends the Cal Park Hill Multi-Use Pathway to the south with a new steel bridge structure crossing over SFDB with an access ramp leading down to the existing ground-level east-west pathway adjacent to SFDB.
- Provides a southern connection to the future SMART station.
- Provides pedestrian and bicycle improvements to the existing multi-use pathway on the south side of SFDB from the Highway 101 off-ramp up to the Ferry Terminal property.
- Creates a new sidewalk on the north side of SFDB, connecting the path with the sidewalk along Larkspur Landing Circle.
- Creates and enhances 1.4 acres of salt marsh habitat at Hal Brown Creekside Park, upstream in the watershed of the Corte Madera Creek watershed, suitable for endangered species such as the clapper rail and the salt marsh harvest mouse.
- Funded through the MTC-sponsored Regional Measure 2 Program and Regional Bicycle Program, the County-sponsored Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program, ½ Cent Transportation Sales Tax Interest Revenue, and the Bay Area Air Quality District-sponsored Transportation Fund for Clean Air.

## Multi-Modal Objectives in Marin

TAM and our partner agencies are seeking to manage congestion in Marin County by providing a sustainable transportation network that promotes multi-modal options, increases mobility, and enhances Marin residents' quality of life. Our objectives include:

- Increasing travel choices to manage congestion and improve mobility.
- Linking all modes of transportation together in a seamless, comprehensive network.



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## Project Benefits

The project is intended to promote non-motorized commute alternatives and enhance recreational travel in the region. Project benefits include:

- Connecting transit facilities, including: the Larkspur Ferry Terminal, the Marin Airporter, the future Larkspur SMART Station, and existing local and regional bus stops.
- Improving access and use of the Cal Park Hill Multi-Use Pathway, North-South Greenway, East-West Greenway, Greater Bay Trail Network, and Corte Madera Creek Trail.
- Connecting many local shopping, dining, and residential destinations with a non-motorized transportation facility.
- Providing a safe and convenient pedestrian/bicycle crossing of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.
- Reducing traffic delays at the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard/Larkspur Ferry Terminal signalized intersection.
- Reducing parking demand at the Larkspur Ferry Terminal and surrounding areas.
- Reducing vehicle miles traveled and pounds of carbon dioxide emitted.
- Encouraging more active lifestyles.
- Providing an alternative post-disaster, non-motorized lifeline to the Larkspur Ferry Terminal and other transit facilities.

## Project Sponsors

TAM, working in cooperation with SMART, the City of Larkspur, the County of Marin, the Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District, the Town of Corte Madera, Caltrans, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Association of Bay Area Governments, Regulatory Permitting agencies, and the Marin County Bicycle Coalition.

### Related Planning Documentation Prepared To Date:

- Marin County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, June 2000
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Path Design Considerations, SMART, February 2003
- Central Marin Ferry Connection Project, City of Larkspur, April 2004
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, City of Larkspur, August 2004
- Central Marin Ferry Connection Feasibility Study, TAM, September 2007
- Cal Park Hill Tunnel Rehabilitation and Multi-Use Pathway Design, County of Marin, May 2008
- Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) (CEQA), TAM, June 2010
- Project Reports and Categorical Exclusion Determination (NEPA), Caltrans January 2012
- Regulatory Permits, 2011-2013
- CMFCP Use Projection and Benefit Assessment, April 2013

## Current and Planned Activities

TAM sponsors the project with ongoing participation from SMART and the City of Larkspur. The County of Marin Department of Public Works has agreed to use their engineering team and expertise to implement the construction phase of the CMFCP.

## Project Schedule

- Construction activities commenced in the Spring of 2014 and are expected to take approximately one year to complete.
- CMFCP will open for public use in the Spring of 2015.

