

San Quentin Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Access Study



STUDY COMPLETED: FEBRUARY 2011

LOCATION

The area surrounding San Quentin State Prison, including both the north and south sides of Interstate 580, nearby gaps in the San Francisco Bay Trail, the corridor from Main Street at I-580 to the intersection of Anderson Drive and Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Main street through San Quentin village to the San Quentin Prison entrance, and improved access/egress to/from existing bus stops that provide service across the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge.

PUBLIC AGENCY SPONSOR

County of Marin Department of Public Works

COST

\$100,000

FUNDING SOURCES

Caltrans Community Based Transportation Grant: \$80,000; Local Match: \$20,000

COMPLETION DATE

February 2011

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will study potential ways to improve bike and pedestrian access in the San Quentin area. As a key gap identified in the San Francisco Bay Trail Gap Analysis Study, the area is also one of the top priority projects in the county as described in the 2008 Marin County Unincorporated Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Opportunities to maximize bike and pedestrian access will be studied for the following areas: (1) both east and west directions on the north and south sides of Interstate 580, (2) the connection of the existing Shoreline Bay Trail in San Rafael to both the new viewing area near the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge and Remillard Park in Larkspur, (3) from the south side of the I-580 on-ramp at Main Street to the intersection of Andersen Drive with Sir Francis Drake Blvd., (4) the Andersen Drive/Sir Francis Drake Blvd. intersection itself to determine the feasibility of improvements that would ...



New Public Viewing Area/Gap
in Bay Trail



Main St., Point San
Quentin Village

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... enable cyclists and pedestrians to safely cross the intersection, (5) access from the I-580 on-ramp to the San Quentin Prison entrance through San Quentin Village, (6) access/egress to/from existing bus stops that provide service across the bridge (which is closed to bicycles and pedestrians), and (7) Main Street under I-580.

Currently, bicyclists and pedestrians use Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Interstate 580, East Francisco Blvd., and Main Street to access destinations in the area or to circulate through the area en route to local and regional destinations. The intersection of Sir Francis Drake Blvd. and Andersen Blvd. presently proves challenging for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians alike. This area is also physically bisected by I-580, which runs along the northern edge of the study area. Bike access is permitted on the shoulder of I-580 from the Sir Francis Drake Blvd onramp to Main Street. At this time, bikes are not permitted on the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge, but regional transit buses equipped with bike racks make the connection to the East Bay. The San Francisco Bay Trail is improved on the northern and southern edges of the study area, thus it represents a key gap in the continuity of the regional trail system. San Quentin prison visitor use and employees also generate pedestrian traffic along Main Street.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The project area includes several medium- to large-sized office buildings, a State penitentiary, a private recreational club, public recreational facilities, and residential housing. In close proximity are several residential neighborhoods, large neighborhood shopping centers, hotels, a regional ferry terminal, a future commuter train station, and several schools.

STATUS

The County of Marin hosted Public Workshop #1 on April 20th, 2010 to gather input on existing conditions, opportunities and constraints. Conceptual improvement design was presented December 2010. The study was finalized in february.

Revised June 2011



E. Francisco Blvd. with no formal bike/ped amenities with room for potential improvement



Bicyclist making turn under 580 towards San Rafael



Sir Francis Drake/Anderson Dr: challenging intersection



Entrance to San Quentin Prison along Sir Francis Drake, no bike/ped amenities

