

TOWN OF TIBURON
1505 Tiburon Boulevard
Tiburon, CA 94920

Parks, Open Space & Trails
Commission Meeting
November 15, 2011
Agenda Item: 1

STAFF REPORT

To: Members of the Parks, Open Space & Trails Commission
From: Community Development Department
Subject: Public Workshop for Bay Trail Gap Closure Study
Reviewed By: _____

BACKGROUND

In the January 2010 meeting of POST, Bicycle Subcommittee members Peter Winkler and Ralph Leighton, updated the Commission on their preliminary work with staff to develop a project to study a gap closure of the Bay Trail from Blackie's Pasture to Blackfield Drive. Since then, staff has been working with Chairperson Winkler and Mr. Leighton on refining the project scope.

On February 14, 2011, the Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG), which manages the Bay Trail program, awarded the Town an \$85,000 grant to conduct this study. The potential study was discussed at the March 15, 2011 POST Commission meeting, with preliminary input taken from some of the residents of the study area. On November 2, 2011, the Town Council authorized a contract with Alta Planning + Design as a consultant to help the Town prepare this study.

The proposed study seeks to evaluate and develop engineering concepts for a Class 1, 2, or 3 path to enhance service of bicycle and pedestrian traffic along Tiburon Blvd from East Strawberry Drive to McKegney Green. The project would develop a plan to close a gap in the Bay Trail that exists in this area. The route crosses over Town, County, and State right-of-ways.

PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP

As part of the study, the Town and its consultant will hold three neighborhood meetings to be held at key intervals during the course of the study. These neighborhood meetings are intended to gather information and discuss project alternatives.

The purpose of the initial workshop is to engage community members in a dialogue on their vision for this portion of the Bay Trail. The consultant will make a presentation and lead a discussion of the project goals, basic site conditions opportunities and constraints, and design criteria. The workshop is intended to help the Town and the consultant capture issues, ideas and information to be referenced in the development of any future plans for this portion of the Bay Trail.

When preliminary design concepts have been developed, a second community workshop will be held to present the alternative routes and improvements to the community for comments and preferences. A third and final workshop will be held upon completion of the final draft of the study. This will be an important workshop to reconfirm the community's vision, as well as to build excitement and support for project implementation.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission hold a public workshop on this item.

EXHIBITS

1. Minutes of the March 15, 2011 POST Commission meeting
2. Issues Maps

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MINUTES NO. 12
PARKS, OPEN SPACE & TRAILS COMMISSION
March 15, 2011
Regular Meeting
Tiburon Town Hall---Council Chamber
1505 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon, California

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner McMullen at 6:04 P.M., Tuesday, March 15, 2011 in the Town Hall Council Chamber, 1505 Tiburon Boulevard, 1st Floor, Tiburon, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Winkler, Feldman, McDermott and Allen

Absent: McMullen

Ex-Officio: Director of Public Works Nguyen

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

MINUTES

November 16, 2010 Action Minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0 (Allen arrived late and did not vote).

COMMISSION AND STAFF BRIEFING

Director Nguyen gave a briefing on the two items below:

- Blackie's Pasture Restrooms
- Open Space Management Plan Implementation

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

- n/a

BUSINESS ITEMS

The one business item for the meeting was moved before Commission and Staff Briefing to facilitate the public that attended.

1. Bay Trail Gap Closure Grant Study Award:

- Director Nguyen presented the staff report and thanked staff for securing the grant.
- Chairman Winkler followed up and presented what he knew about the gap closure study and how it came to be.
- Bruce Abbott on Greenwood Beach Rd questioned the study and believed there shouldn't be a path at all. He doesn't want anymore cyclists and pedestrians near his home.
- Nancy Peterson at 444 Greenwood Beach Rd believed this is good project and requested that the neighbors be engaged into the process. She stated the study should result in practical concepts and should slow bike traffic down.
- Phil Richardson suggested that there is not enough right of way on Greenwood Beach Rd, and the path should be built on Tiburon Blvd.
- Harry Heath suggested that the road should be closed off to bicycle traffic.
- Giselle Mueller said she does not see too many schoolchildren on the road, and believes the path should not be built at all.
- Hans Burnwall at 408 Greenwood Beach Rd said he feels motorist speeds are too high and the path should be built on Tiburon Blvd.
- Chris Petrin said the priority should be to slow bicyclists down and a bike lane established on Tiburon Blvd.
- Bob Placak said the study should include stakeholders like Blazing Saddles and tourists for proper education.
- Chairman Winkler said that nothing has been set in stone and there is not budget beyond the study.
- Commissioner McDermott stated that cyclists and pedestrian already exist on Greenwood Beach Rd and the point is to manage them and not discourage them.
- Commissioner Feldman agreed that the study should emphasize the managing of cyclists and pedestrians.

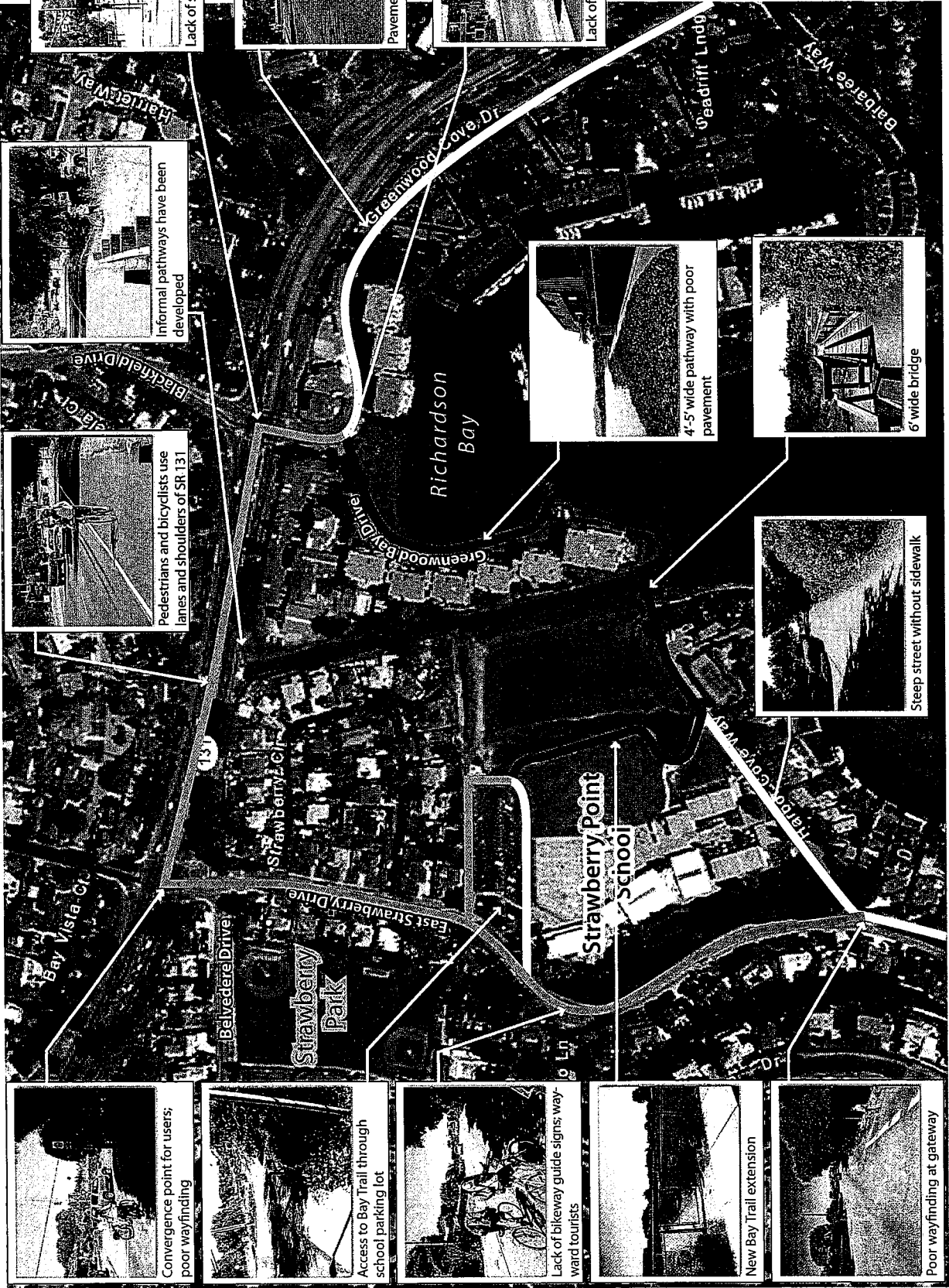
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 P.M.

PETER WINKLER, CHAIR
Parks, Open Space & Trails Commission

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS NGUYEN, SECRETARY



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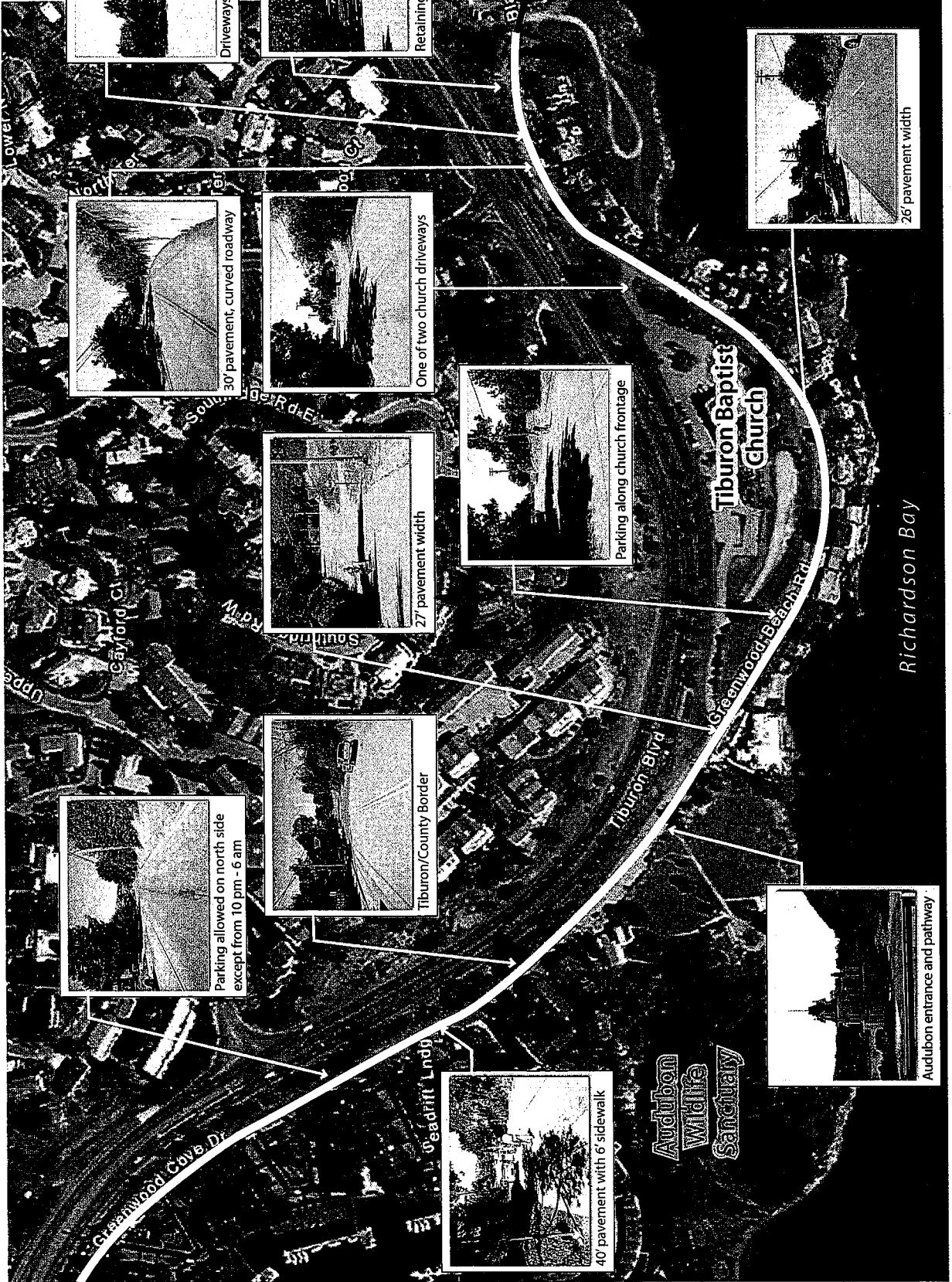
Bay Closure Study: Issue Map #1

- Bay Trail (off-street)
- Unimproved Route
- Alternative Routing



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Bay Closure Study: Issue Map #2

- Bay Trail (off-street)
- Unimproved Route
- Alternative Routing

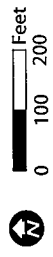


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Bay Closure Study: Issue Map #3

- Bay Trail (off-street)
- Unimproved Route
- Alternative Routing



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