

**Town of Tiburon
STAFF REPORT**

AGENDA ITEM _____



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TO: **Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission**

FROM: **Nicholas Nguyen, Director of Public Works/ Town Engineer**

SUBJECT: **Bay Trail Gap Closure Study Grant Award**

MEETING DATE: **March 15, 2011**

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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 Chairperson Winkler and Mr. Leighton on refining the project scope.

Earlier this year, staff submitted a grant application to the Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG), which manages the Bay Trail program, to fund the project. Staff is happy to report that an \$85,000 grant was awarded to the Town on February 14, 2011.

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 Blackie’s Pasture to Blackfield Drive. The project would develop a plan to close a Bay Trail gap that exist in this area on Greenwood Beach Road, while enhancing a route serves children traveling to and from school and access to the Richardson Bay Audubon Center (see attached Exhibit 1). The route crosses over Town, County, and State right-of-ways. Community input will be gathered and weighed to develop a well-balanced solution.

Staff anticipates working with County and Caltrans staff on this project, and plans on starting the project in July 2011 with the establishment of an agency team and preparation of a Request For Proposal for engineering/planning consulting support.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission:

1. Assign a subcommittee to work with staff in carrying out the project.

EXHIBITS

1. Project map