



## LETTER OF INTENT

Measure A is the ten-year half-cent general sales tax approved by the voters in November 2012. Measure A funds projects that:

- Are consistent with the needs identified in the text for Measure A
- Address major Board priority areas (viewable at <http://cmo.smcgov.org/measurea>)
- Reduce long-term costs by improving the performance of County operations
- Leverage other funding sources
- Repair county infrastructure
- Are evidence based and collaborative

Upon review of submitted Letters of Intent, the County may opt to issue Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for some services. All selected providers must meet the County's contractor requirements as specified in the Long Form Agreement template (viewable at <http://cmo.smcgov.org/measurea>), maintain required licenses, and be able to begin providing services on July 1, 2015.

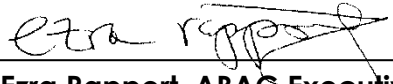
Measure A funds are provided on a limited-term basis and there are no minimum or maximum awards. Awards will cover a two year project phase, with the potential to renew funding upon successful implementation and continued need.

Completed letters of intent must be e-mailed by January 9, 2015 to [MeasureA@smcgov.org](mailto:MeasureA@smcgov.org)

**Organization or Department Name (s):** Association of Bay Area Governments

**Contact name, phone number, and email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Laura Thompson, Bay Trail Project Manager, 510-464-7935, [laurat@abag.ca.gov](mailto:laurat@abag.ca.gov)

**Executive / Department Head Signature (s):**   
Ezra Rapport, ABAG Executive Director

**Organization complies with San Mateo County Contractor Requirements (Y/N):** Y

**Proposal Summary** – Provide a one page summary of your program or project, including:

- An estimate of the Measure A funds to be requested per year (FY 15-16 and FY 16-17)
- How the program or project aligns to the Board of Supervisors priorities
- How success will be measured for the community or client population served

## **San Mateo County Measure A Letter of Intent - Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project**

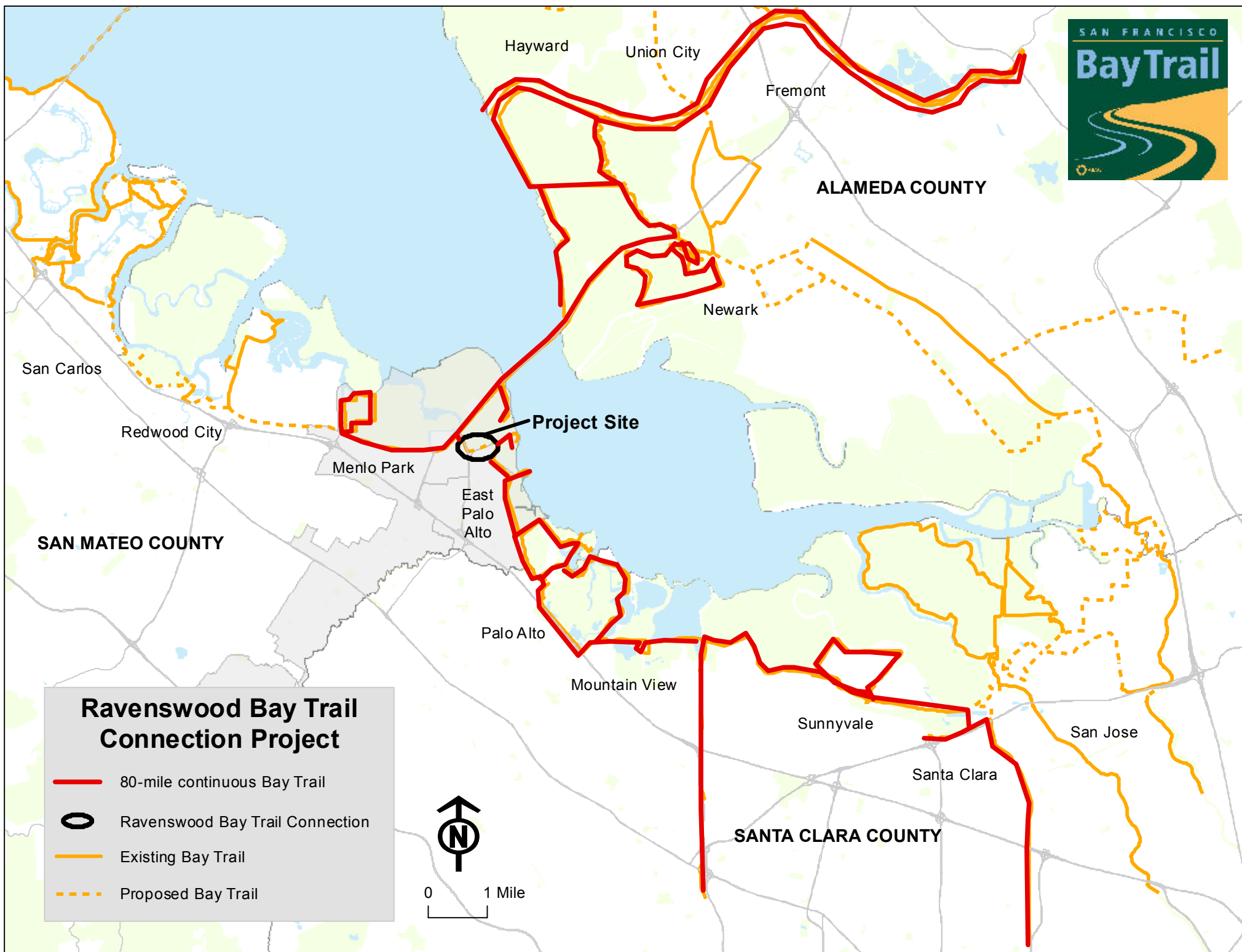
The **Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project** is a critical segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail in San Mateo County. This incomplete trail section is 0.6-miles in length located between the Ravenswood Open Space Preserve and University Avenue along the boundary between East Palo Alto and Menlo Park. The San Francisco Bay Trail is a regional vision for a 500-mile continuous shoreline trail around San Francisco Bay, of which 340 miles are complete. This short segment is the last remaining major gap in an 80-mile continuous recreation and commute corridor connecting San Mateo, Santa Clara and Alameda counties (see attached map). This project is ready for construction funding, and on behalf of the project partners, ABAG requests \$1 million in Measure A funds to construct this Bay Trail gap.

Completion of this gap will expand shoreline access for residents of San Mateo County, and in particular the underserved community of East Palo Alto, and provide new infrastructure to encourage healthy and active lifestyles. Hikers, bicyclists, joggers, bird watchers and many outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy improved access to local and regional parks, connected trails, restored wetlands and observation platforms within the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District system and the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Creating new public access to these shoreline lands increases the potential for public support of bay wetland restoration. The project's close proximity to the Dumbarton Bridge and major employers along the trail including Facebook, Google, Yahoo and LinkedIn, make it a key regional bicycle transportation corridor and commute alternative, with the potential to attract more users and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.





This project provides multiple benefits to the community that can have measurable impacts consistent with countywide goals for Measure A expenditures. Project proponents can work with the San Mateo County Active Transportation Coordinator to assess level of use along the completed trail section. Tracking the types of users, such as restoration volunteers, organized group walkers or commute cyclists, and their reasons for visiting the trail can reveal how the community is benefiting –from protecting natural resources, to encouraging active lifestyles to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

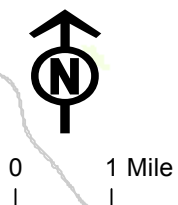
Completing the Bay Trail throughout the region requires partnerships between public agencies, and the Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project serves as a model for collaboration between governments. Over 25 years ago, discussions began between San Mateo County and the SFPUC about completing this link. Since then, multiple jurisdictions have been involved, including the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), State Coastal Conservancy, City of Menlo Park, City of East Palo Alto, San Mateo County, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), Samtrans, and the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, each playing a role in this complex project.

There has been significant public investment, both financial and work hours, in the project since 2005. Over \$135,000 from the Bay Trail/Coastal Conservancy grant program and the cities of Menlo Park and East Palo Alto and the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District have been invested to complete an alignment study identifying the preferred route, conceptual design, environmental review and securing the easement with the SFPUC. In 2012, recognizing the regional significance of this project, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors allocated \$400,000 to the Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project as mitigation for the Stanford University general use permit. In addition, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, through the passage of their voter-approved Measure AA General Obligation Bond, has allocated funds to improve public access along the bayfront and complete the Ravenswood Bay Trail gap. The total cost of the project is \$2.4 million and \$1 million is anticipated to be needed to leverage the funds already secured. We estimate that \$400,000 of Measure A funds will be requested in FY 2015-16 and \$600,000 in FY 2016-17.



## Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project

-  80-mile continuous Bay Trail
-  Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection
-  Existing Bay Trail
-  Proposed Bay Trail





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## *Office of the Mayor*

January 9, 2015

San Mateo County Measure A Funds  
Measure A Awards Committee

**Subject:       Support for Measure A Letter of Interest  
                  Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project**

Awards Committee:

The City of Menlo Park enthusiastically supports the Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project Measure A letter of intent submitted by the Association of Bay Area Governments.

The Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project is a critical segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail in San Mateo County. This incomplete trail section is 0.6-miles in length located between the Ravenswood Open Space Preserve and University Avenue along the boundary between East Palo Alto and Menlo Park. This short segment is the last remaining major gap in an 80-mile continuous recreation and commute corridor connecting San Mateo, Santa Clara and Alameda counties.

Completion of this gap will expand shoreline access for residents of San Mateo County and provide new infrastructure to encourage healthy and active lifestyles. With this grant, hikers, bicyclists, joggers, bird watchers and many outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy improved access to local and regional parks, connected trails, restored wetlands and observation platforms within the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District system and the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

The City has long been involved in moving this trail gap towards completion. We were the lead agency on a 2005 study that identified the alignment alternatives for this Bay Trail gap. We have also been involved as a primary stakeholder supporting the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's work to secure a public access easement from the SFPUC. If construction funds are awarded, the City will be the recipient of the funds and the lead agency on the final phase of trail completion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Catherine Carlton  
Mayor



**CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO**  
**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**  
**ENGINEERING DIVISION**

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January 9, 2015

San Mateo County Measure A Funds  
Measure A Awards Committee

**Subject: Support for Measure A Letter of Interest – Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project**

Awards Committee:

The City of East Palo Alto enthusiastically supports the Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project Measure A letter of intent submitted by the Association of Bay Area Governments.

The Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project is a critical segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail in San Mateo County. This incomplete trail section is 0.6-miles in length located between the Ravenswood Open Space Preserve and University Avenue along the boundary between East Palo Alto and Menlo Park. This short segment is the last remaining major gap in an 80-mile continuous recreation and commute corridor connecting San Mateo, Santa Clara and Alameda counties.

Completion of this gap will expand shoreline access for residents of San Mateo County and provide new infrastructure to encourage healthy and active lifestyles. With this grant, hikers, bicyclists, joggers, bird watchers and many outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy improved access to local and regional parks, connected trails, restored wetlands and observation platforms within the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District system and the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

The City has been a primary stakeholder involved for many years in efforts to move this trail gap towards completion. We were involved in the 2005 study that identified the alignment alternatives for this Bay Trail gap. We have also been involved as a primary stakeholder supporting the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's work to secure a public access easement from the SFPUC. If construction funds are awarded, the City will continue to work in partnership to complete this important Bay Trail gap.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kamal Fallaha, P.E.  
City Engineer

CC: C. Martinez, Interim City Manger





Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

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Stephen E. Abbors

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January 9, 2015

San Mateo County Measure A Funds  
Measure A Awards Committee

**Subject: Support for Measure A Letter of Interest – Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project**

Awards Committee:

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District, MROSD) enthusiastically supports the Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project Measure A letter of intent submitted by the Association of Bay Area Governments.

The Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project is a critical segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail in San Mateo County. This remaining trail section is 0.6-miles in length located between the publicly-accessible Ravenswood Open Space Preserve and University Avenue along the city boundaries of East Palo Alto and Menlo Park. This short segment is the last remaining major gap in an 80-mile continuous recreation and commute trail corridor connecting San Mateo, Santa Clara and Alameda counties.

Completion of this gap will expand shoreline access for residents of San Mateo County and provide new infrastructure and key trail connections to encourage healthy and active lifestyles. With this grant, hikers, bicyclists, joggers, bird watchers and many outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy improved access to local and regional parks, connected trails, restored wetlands and observation platforms within District lands and the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

The District has long been involved in moving this trail gap towards completion. We have worked for over a decade with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) to confirm a public access easement for the trail. To date, the District has worked on the conceptual design and environmental review to facilitate the transfer of the trail easement. In 2012, the District was successful in securing \$400,000 for this project from the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors as part of the Stanford University general use permit, which will be applied to the design phase. Moreover, the District, through voter approval of their Measure AA General Obligation Bond, has allocated funds to assist with the construction of the Ravenswood Bay Trail gap. The first phases of the project, including the conceptual design of the trail and securing a public trail easement from the SFPUC, are nearing completion, and additional funds from San Mateo County Measure A to help supplement District funds will ensure that this trail connection becomes a reality and serves as a beneficial, long-lasting asset for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ana Ruiz  
Assistant General Manager

cc: MROSD Board of Directors  
Stephen E. Abbors, MROSD General Manager



January 8, 2015

San Mateo County Measure A Funds  
Measure A Awards Committee

**Subject: Support for Measure A Letter of Intent – Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project**


Awards Committee:

Facebook, Inc. ("Facebook") would like to express strong support for the Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project Measure A letter of Intent submitted by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).

The Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project in San Mateo County is the last remaining major gap of the 80-mile-long San Francisco Bay Trail, an important recreation and commuter corridor connecting San Mateo, Santa Clara and Alameda counties. This incomplete 0.6-mile-long section of trail, located along the boundary between East Palo Alto and Menlo Park, results in a hazardous gap for bicyclists and outdoor enthusiasts. Completing the gap will provide safe access for South San Mateo County residents, as well as bicycle commuters traveling up and down the S.F. Peninsula.

Facebook urges you to award ABAG with the requested Measure A funds so that the Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection in South San Mateo County can finally be completed after discussions began over 25 years ago.

Sincerely,



John Tenanes, VP Global Facilities  
Facebook, Inc.

Cc. Association of Bay Area Governments  
Menlo Park Development Services Manager  
Menlo Park Interim Transportation Manager