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B1. Inventory of Documents Reviewed

As part of the Master Plan development, the project team reviewed numerous studies, reports, and plans related to the Delta and potential trail users in the Delta.

Due to the broad geographic scope of the Delta Trail, not all documents are summarized here. However, all of the documents listed below have been reviewed by the project team. Selection of key documents focused on: county-wide or regional bike, pedestrian, and recreational access documents; and documents directly relating to existing or future portions of the Delta Trail. Summaries of key documents (denoted with an * below) are included.

This section includes a list of all the documents reviewed as part of the Master Plan project. The first list includes all the documents, listed by year of publication. Separate lists are sorted by the region or county in which the project or plan was located.

All Documents

2020 — Isleton Community Action Plan*
2019 — A Plan for Contra Costa’s Future 2020 Transportation Expenditure Plan
2019 — Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail Vision Summary*
2019 — City of Brentwood Parks, Trails & Recreation Master Plan Update
2019 — City of Lathrop General Plan Update - Existing Conditions Report
2019 — East Contra Costa County Delta Atlas*
2019 — Plan Isleton
2019 — 2018 Delta Recreation and Tourism Survey*
2019 — Sacramento Region Parks and Trails Plan*
2018 — Contra Costa Transportation Authority Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update*
2018 — Delta Sign Plan*
2018 — Highway Design Manual Sixth Edition
2018 — Hood Community Action Plan
2018 — Sacramento Bike Master Plan*
2017 — Resolution No. 17-01 (Delta Trail Designation)*
2017 — Sacramento County General Plan (Circulation Element)*
2016 — Clarksburg Community Action Plan*
2016 — Courtland Community Action Plan*
2016 — Delta Flood Risk Management Assessment District Feasibility Study*
2016 — Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy*
2016 — San Francisco Bay Trail Design Guidelines & Toolkit*
2016 — San Joaquin County General Plan Policy Document*
2016 — Stockton 2040 General Plan Update
2016 — Trail Town guide*
2016 — Walnut Grove Community Action Plan*
2015 — City of Suisun City 2035 General Plan
2015 — Clarksburg Area Community Plan*
2015 — Delta Protection Commission Strategic Plan 2030*
2015 — Inventory of Recreation Facilities in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta*
2015 — Regional Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan*
2015 — Sacramento 2035 General Plan
2014 — Napa Valley Vine Trail Project Plan
2013 — County of Yolo Bicycle Transportation Plan - Bicycle Routes and Priorities*
2013 — East Bay Regional Parks District Master Plan*
2013 — The Delta Plan (amended 2018)*
2013 — West Sacramento Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan
2012 — American and Sacramento River Parkway Plans Implementation Program*
2012 — City of Lodi Bicycle Master Plan
2012 — Economic Sustainability Plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta*
2012 — Feasibility Study for a Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area*
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2011 — Sacramento County Bicycle Master Plan*
2010 — The Great California Delta Trail Blueprint Report for Contra Costa and Solano Counties*
2009 — 2030 [Yolo] Countywide General Plan (with amendments through 2018)*
2009 — Contra Costa County Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (Superseded)
2009 — Regional Bicycle Plan for San Francisco Bay Area (2009 Updates)*
2008 — Solano County General Plan
2007 — Oakley Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan 2020
2005 — City of Tracy Bikeways Master Plan
2005 — Contra Costa County General Plan
2005 — The San Francisco Bay Trail Project Gap Analysis Study*
2004 — Solano Countywide Bicycle Plan (Superseded)
2002 — California Recreational Trails Plan Phase 1 & 2011 Progress Report*
2002 — Rio Vista General Plan 2001
1997 — East Bay Regional Park District Master Plan (Superseded)
1997 — Sacramento River Parkway Plan*
1992 — Sacramento River Greenway Plan DRAFT*
1989 — Bay Trail Plan*
1975 — Sacramento River Parkway Master Plan
Ongoing — State of Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Program (Case Study)
Ongoing — California Recreational Trails Act (Public Resources Code Div 5, Ch 1, Article 6)

Delta-Region Documents

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Contra Costa County Documents

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Yolo County Documents
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B2. Summaries of Key Documents

This section includes short summaries of key documents (denoted with an * on the lists above). The summaries are organized by year of publication.

Isleton Community Action Plan (2020)

Prepared for: City of Isleton
Retrieved from: www.planisleton.com
Planning process currently under way.

Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail Vision Summary (2019)

Prepared for: Solano Trails Group
Retrieved from: public draft pending, internal draft reviewed
This Vision Summary provides an overview of the Scenic Loop — created where five trail projects, the San Francisco Bay Trail, the Bay Area Ridge Trail, the Great California Delta Trail, the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, and the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail converge along the Carquinez Strait. The Vision Summary highlights the economic, health, and social equity benefits of the scenic loop and provides detailed information on ten unique gaps that are part of the trail loop.

East Contra Costa County Delta Atlas (2019)

Prepared for: East Bay Regional Park District
This Atlas provides an overview of the East Bay Regional Park District's (EBRBD) land within the part of the Delta that is within Contra Costa County. The Atlas includes data and maps on current ecological, historical, and man-made features. It also details the District's goals for investing in new features and adding new parks. It has detailed maps of various Delta regions as they relate to the EBRPD.

The Recreation element highlights existing and planned trails and gives an overview of the Great California Delta Trail. Discussion of Measure WW projects includes a summary of trail projects in Contra Costa County that are planned and funded. Key sections with trail information are Recreation (pg. 28), Natural and Cultural Resources (pg. 36), and Projections (pg. 42).

2018 Delta Recreation and Tourism Survey (2019)

Prepared for: Delta Protection Commission
Retrieved from: www.delta.ca.gov/calendar/delta-protection-commission-meeting-march-21-2019
This Survey was designed to identify visitor preferences, activities, and places of lodging when visiting Delta locations and events. The survey found that there are a mix of recreational activities, both land and water-based, that are enjoyed by Delta visitors and residents.
Sacramento Region Parks and Trails Plan (2019)
Prepared for: Sacramento Area Council of Government
Retrieved from: public document in development
Planning process commenced in the Fall of 2019. Documents will be reviewed as they are available.

Contra Costa Transportation Authority Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update (2018)
Prepared for: Contra Costa Transportation Authority
The Plan builds on the goals, policies, and strategies of the Countywide Transportation Plan. It set goals for increasing mode share, safety, and system connectivity for walking and bicycling and identifies action items to achieve them.

The Plan focuses on developing a regional low-stress bicycle network. Off-street trails (Class I Bikeways) form the backbone of this network and include the DeAnza Trail.

Delta Sign Plan (2018)
Prepared for: Delta Protection Commission and San Joaquin Delta Coservancy
This Plan was developed to provide graphic consistency for signage in the Delta. It is based on community comments with input from the Delta Marketing Task Force. It includes guidelines for sign locations, fabrication, and installation as well as specific sign templates, fonts, and accessibility requirements.

Community members are encouraged to work with the Delta counties, the Delta Conservancy, and Delta Protection Commission to develop signs that meet their needs and to integrate the sign templates into local signs that reflect unique community values.

Sacramento Bike Master Plan (2018)
Prepared for: City of Sacramento
This report provides an overview of the existing conditions of the bicycle network in the City of Sacramento, highlights areas for improvement, and makes recommendations for future projects.

The report focuses on design standards for the network and includes focus areas that are part of the regional network to which the northern Delta trails are connected. The report provides useful demographic data and maps for Sacramento City, but they do not extend past City limits. The section on existing trails and routes could be useful in analyzing the connectivity of Delta trails to Sacramento. The report has a strong emphasis on equity and inclusive outreach.
Resolution No. 17-01 (Delta Trail Designation) (2017)

Prepared for: State of California


In this resolution the Delta Protection Commission designated four trail segments as part of the official Great California Delta Trail: the Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail and three existing and proposed trail alignments of the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD): the Martinez Shoreline to Point Edith Alignment; the Great California Delta Trail Alignment; and the Marsh Creek to Delta Access Alignments. The resolution includes two maps showing the designated alignments.

Sacramento County General Plan (Circulation Element) (2017)

Prepared for: County of Sacramento, Office of Planning and Environmental Review

Retrieved from: pers.saccounty.net/PlansandProjectsIn-Progress/Pages/GeneralPlan.aspx

The General Plan provides the framework for Sacramento County's growth, while the Circulation Element focuses on the countywide transportation system forming the backbone of cities and unincorporated communities within the County. The main theme of the Circulation Element is to provide mobility choices. The Circulation Element describes the County’s Transportation Plan and functional roadway classification system and establishes goals, policies, and implementation programs organized into nine sub-sections: Mobility; Roadways; Transit; Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities; Transportation System Management; Rail Transportation; Air Transportation; Smart Growth Streets; and Scenic Highways.

Under Section III, Goal CI-34 is to "Construct and maintain bikeways and multi-use trails to minimize conflicts between bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists." The Plan highlights numerous scenic highways and corridors within the Delta Trail Master Plan area and identifies the need to preserve existing river and levee roads. The implementation measures for Goal CI-54 calls for the Sacramento County Regional Parks’ Recreation and Parks Commission to recommend development of additional access and parking sites for recreational users along River Road (Highway 160).

Courtland Community Action Plan (2016)

Prepared for: Courtland Community


The Community Action Plan (CAP) was developed to provide guidance over a five to seven year period for policy makers and the community to enhance and preserve Courtland's quality of life. It includes a history and demographic profile of the community and lays out community priorities, goals, and actions. The Delta Protection Commission’s CAP initiative was developed "to support and enhance historic Delta towns, referred to in the 2009 Reform Act as Delta “legacy communities”.

The Plan notes Courtland’s history of being home to one of the Delta's first Chinatowns and being founded as a vineyard and pear ranch with a wharf which established the town as an important steamboat-stop and shipment point. Community members prioritized a need to develop safe pedestrian and bicycle paths highlighted in Goal C-3.
Clarksburg Community Action Plan (2016)
Prepared for: Community of Clarksburg

The Community Action Plan (CAP) was developed to provide guidance over five to seven years for policy makers and the community to enhance and preserve Clarksburg’s quality of life. It includes a history and demographic profile of the community and lays out community priorities, goals, and actions. It notes that the CAP was developed “to support and enhance historic Delta towns, referred to in the 2009 Reform Act as Delta “legacy communities”. The legacy communities include Bethel Island, Clarksburg, Courtland, Freeport, Hood, Isleton, Knightsen, Locke, Rio Vista, Ryde, and Walnut Grove.

The CAP highlights Clarksburg’s rich history, lists seven designated historic landmarks, and notes it is now a certified wine-growing region. Residents identified dedicated walking and bicycling trails as a need and selected "champions" for this initiative. Goal 3.2.2, “Pedestrian and Bicycle Paths”, suggests a pedestrian loop around the two walnut orchards, a path along the railroad right-of-way, and connecting key tourist sites.

Delta Flood Risk Management Assessment District Feasibility Study (2016)
Prepared for: Delta Protection Commission
Retrieved from: www.delta.ca.gov/levees_and_emergency_response/levee_funding_study

This Study identified financial mechanisms that could generate revenue to pay for maintenance, repair, and improvements of the levee system. The Study notes that "the current approach to paying for Delta levee work does not collect funds from all beneficiaries in proportion to the benefits conferred and tends to obscure the relationship between benefits and costs". This Study examined a range of financial mechanisms that could remedy the pay/benefits mismatch and summarized the opportunities and challenges of each.

Preserving the levees is critical for supporting the developed infrastructure of the Delta, including roadways, many of which are built upon existing levees. In some places, funding for levees and funding for roadway and/or trail improvements may work in tandem. Understanding the funding mechanisms for both types of infrastructure provides the greatest opportunity for developing infrastructure programs that meet multiple goals, such as flood protection, transportation, and recreation.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016)
Prepared for: Sacramento Area Council of Government
Retrieved from: www.sacog.org/2016-mtpscs

This Strategy (currently in the process of being updated) was developed to meet a state requirement that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to meet greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals. It incentivizes regional and local planning and building with a focus on aligning transportation, housing, and land use. The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is the MPO responsible for developing this regional transportation strategy every four years in coordination with El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties and the 22 cities within those counties (excluding the Tahoe Basin). This Strategy covers the period from 2012 to 2036.
The Strategy includes: the development of 10 new miles of trails; $2.8 billion (out of a $35 billion total) toward bicycle and pedestrian improvements, including bicycle trails, sidewalks, ADA retrofits, and supporting facilities (not including road capital projects that have a bicycle or pedestrian feature); and an emphasis on complete street connections within and between cities, areas of high pedestrian-scale development, and to transit and schools.

**San Francisco Bay Trail Design Guidelines & Toolkit (2016)**

Prepared for: Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) San Francisco Bay Trail


The Design Guidelines provide direction and define goals for the design and development of the San Francisco Bay Trail, a 500-mile trail alignment under development. The guidelines follow a four-step process that includes: comprehension of design approach considerations, meeting design principles and objectives, understanding the variety of settings and context, and using the toolkit. The toolkit includes general trail design standards, special design circumstances, wayfinding, integration in the local street system, rail lines, bridges and tunnels, sea level rise, wildlife compatibility, sustainability, trail amenities, security, vandalism, and privacy.

Many elements of the toolkit are applicable to the design of the Delta Trail system including the development of general and site specific guidelines.

**San Joaquin County General Plan Policy Document (2016)**

Prepared for: County of San Joaquin


This Plan is a legal document which provides the vision and strategy for growth in the unincorporated areas of San Joaquin County over the next twenty years. It includes elements such as: Land Use; Economic Development; Transportation and Mobility; Infrastructure and Services; Public Health and Safety; Natural and Cultural Resources; and a specific section on The Delta.

The Plan includes a recommendation to "encourage the development of a regional system of trails within the Delta provided that trails are located and developed to mitigate and minimize potential environmental, agricultural, infrastructure, and law enforcement conflicts, and does not adversely affect private property." It highlights that "nearly 86 percent of San Joaquin County is 'open space' [such as] farmland, grazing lands, and relatively natural watershed areas that include a variety of low-intensity uses such as rural residences and recreational facilities". In addition, it states that "...11 percent of the County has been surveyed for cultural resources [which include] 262 prehistoric archeological sites, 239 historic archeological sites, 14 multi-component archeological sites, and 4,338 historic buildings or structures." Policies in the Transportation and Mobility section include encouraging pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements in appropriate areas where they will be most beneficial in linking residents to work, shopping, and leisure and acquiring abandoned railroad rights-of-way.

**Trail Town guide (2016)**

Prepared for: Existing and future Trail Towns

Retrieved from: [www.trailtowns.org](http://www.trailtowns.org)

This guide shares the steps and framework to create sustainable and thriving trail town programs.
Walnut Grove Community Action Plan (2016)

Prepared for: Walnut Grove Community


The Community Action Plan (CAP) was developed for the Walnut Grove Census Designated Place, which also includes the town of Locke. It provides guidance over five to seven years for policy makers and the community to enhance and preserve the area's quality of life. It includes a history and demographic profile of the community and lays out community priorities, goals and actions. It notes that the CAP was developed “to support and enhance historic Delta towns, referred to in the 2009 Reform Act as Delta “legacy communities”.

The CAP highlights Walnut Grove and Locke's Chinese-American and Japanese-America Historic Districts and observes that the Chinese neighborhood in Locke is the only town built by and for Chinese listed as a National Historic Landmark. Other National Register listings include: the Walnut Grove Commercial/Residential Historic District, the John Stanford Brown House, the Imperial Theater, and the Walnut Grove Gakuen Hall. Transportation-related community priorities included the need for sidewalks throughout the commercial zone, addressing traffic speeds and developing a boardwalk along the river (Goal W-2).

Clarksburg Area Community Plan (2015)

Prepared for: Yolo County

Retrieved from: https://www.yolocounty.org/home/showdocument?id=15783

The Clarksburg Area Community Plan is a standalone component of the Yolo County 2030 Countywide General Plan. It is intended to provide policies and programs more specific to the Clarksburg Community.

The Plan includes policies and programs to support and protect the agricultural and historic nature of Clarksburg. Policy R5, under Recreation and Tourism, supports the concept of re-using the abandoned railroad right-of-way, subject to community input.

Delta Protection Commission Strategic Plan 2030 (2015)

Prepared for: Delta Protection Commission


This Plan outlines the historical progression, a timeline, and a map of the Delta Commission’s work, provides guidance on capacity building tools, and identifies strategic themes to pursue in the coming decade, which include: water, agriculture, levees and emergency response, regional economy, Delta heritage, recreation and tourism, education, and outreach.

Inventory of Recreation Facilities in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (2015)

Prepared for: Delta Protection Commission


This document provides a detailed inventory of the recreation resources in the Delta to assist in planning, developing, and promoting the Delta as a unique recreation and tourism destination.

Detailed descriptions of facilities are organized by County as well as facility type.
Regional Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan (2015)

Prepared for: Sacramento Area Council of Government


This Master Plan provides goals and strategies for local implementation within the Sacramento area based on those developed for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. It envisions a transportation system that supports healthy living and active communities where bicycling and walking are viable and popular travel choices in a comprehensive, safe, and convenient network. It presents a regional vision, opportunities and challenges, and performance measures. It includes detailed project lists and maps based on local planning documents.

The Master Plan recommends trails along waterways in Sacramento and within the Delta (page 135) such as a trail along the Sacramento River waterfront and Hwy 160 in Isleton.

County of Yolo Bicycle Transportation Plan - Bicycle Routes and Priorities (2013)

Prepared for: Yolo County

Retrieved from: www.yolocounty.org/home/showdocument?id=2538

This Plan provides a long-range, comprehensive policy guide for achieving a countywide bikeway network and lists priorities for bicycle facility development. The Plan sets forth goals and policies for bicycle facilities in the unincorporated County in response to identified needs and provides a viable system of bike routes that will encourage and promote more bicycle riding. One of the key policies states: “The development of bicycle routes on levees or abandoned railroad road rights of way shall be considered as opportunities arise.”

East Bay Regional Parks District Master Plan (2013)

Prepared for: East Bay Regional Park District

Retrieved from: www.ebparks.org/about/planning/mp

This Plan provides direction for the East Bay Regional Park District which encompasses Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. It provides an overview of existing conditions and needs and includes chapters on natural and cultural resources, public access and services, planning and acquisition, and human and financial resources.

The Delta region lies within District 7 of the East Bay Regional Park’s jurisdiction. Parks within the Delta boundaries include Carquinez and Martinez Shoreline Parks, Bay Point Wetlands, Big Break Regional Park, Brown’s Island Regional Park, Delta Island Shoreline Trail, Antioch-Oakley Shoreline, Marsh Creek-Discovery Bay Access, and the Delta Trail Extension. The Plan provides information on regional trails related to the Delta trail network including the need to improve access. Existing trails include: Delta de Anza Trail and Marsh Creek Trail. Potential future regional trails include: Mokelumne Coast to Ridge Trail; American Discovery Trail; de Anza Historical Trail; and the San Francisco Bay Trail to San Joaquin Delta Trail.

Prepared for: Delta Stewardship Council
Retrieved from: www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-plan

The Plan was developed by the Delta Stewardship Council, enacted by the California Legislature under the Delta Reform Act to: provide a more reliable water supply for California; protect, restore, and enhance the Delta ecosystem, and protect and enhance the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource and agricultural values of the Delta. The Plan includes 87 provisions as well as performance measures.

Policy Recommendation No. DP R16 encourages recreation on public lands and recommends that "public agencies owning land should increase opportunities, where feasible, for...levee-top trails". The Plan highlights a need to focus on nature-based recreation and heritage tourism and includes a list of land and water trails that support these goals.

The Delta Stewardship Council tracks the Delta Plan performance based on the metrics outlined in Appendix E of the Plan. These metrics are frequently updated on the Council’s website (viewperformance.deltacouncil.ca.gov). Outcome Performance Measure 5.6 (Delta as an Evolving Place, Recreation Opportunities) is the most relevant to the Delta Trail efforts and includes references to regional trails including the Delta Trail.

American and Sacramento River Parkway Plans Implementation Program (2012)

Prepared for: City of Sacramento

The Implementation Program documents past planning and implementation efforts and outlines recommendations for the completion of both parkways.

It includes a detailed gap analysis for each parkway, and notes that the Sacramento River Parkway was adopted as a segment of the Great Delta Trail in 2012.


Prepared for: Delta Protection Commission
Retrieved from: www.delta.ca.gov/regional_economy/economic_sustainability

This Plan analyzes the impacts of key policies being considered in the Delta region. It recommends that ecological preservation and sustainability should be key components of business and tourism growth.

The Plan recommends that connectivity be prioritized for the region to excel economically and considers the Delta Trail a key component the region’s of economic success. The Plan includes detailed heritage and agricultural maps, development maps, and infrastructure information.
Feasibility Study for a Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area (2012)
Prepared for: Delta Protection Commission
This Study inventories and describes resources of the region which support the National Heritage Area's (NHA) story and themes that make the area a place of national significance. The study proposes how the NHA will be managed and organized to coordinate heritage area activities, and lists local groups who support the NHA, and organizations who are interested in serving as partners. Heritage resources which support the NHA include waterways, levees, natural habitat areas, farmlands, historical and cultural sites, public lands with public access, and recreational resources. This study includes inventory lists, maps, and descriptions of these sites.

Resolution of Support for Bicycle Lanes in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Along Improved Delta Levees (Resolution 01-12) (2012)
Prepared for: Delta Protection Commission
Retrieved from: Internal files, available upon request
This Resolution notes that the California Constitution guarantees the right of public access to navigable waterways and mandates the Delta Protection Commission prepare a plan for the Great Delta Trail System "which is to be a continuous regional recreation corridor that will extend around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta; including but not limited to, the delta’s shorelines in Contra Costa, Solano, San Joaquin, Sacramento and Yolo Counties." The resolution requires the Department of Water Resources to incorporate recreational features in flood control projects and, as levee improvements are made, bicycleways (Class II or Class I trails, if feasible) be incorporated.

Resolution of Support for Bicycle Lanes or Trails in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Along State Routes 4, 12 and 160 (Resolution 02-12) (2012)
Prepared for: Delta Protection Commission
Retrieved from: Internal files, available upon request
This resolution recommends bicycle lanes and trails (where feasible) be incorporated along SR 4, 12, and 160 as improvements are made to those roads.

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area Proposed Boundary (2012)
Prepared for: National Park Service
In March 2019 a public lands bill was signed which included the establishment of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area (NHA), California’s first NHA. Managed by the Delta Protection Commission.
Commission (DPC), a state agency with Delta land use planning authority, the Delta NHA boundaries extend from Sacramento in the north, Stockton to the east, and the Carquinez Strait to the west.

**San Joaquin Council of Governments Regional Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Safe Routes to School Master Plan (2012)**

Prepared for: San Joaquin Council of Governments


This Plan provides recommended bicycle and pedestrian projects for San Joaquin County and its seven cities. It includes a vision and goals, an overview of existing conditions, an analysis of needs, a list of prioritized projects, example costs, non-infrastructure recommendations, and an implementation and funding strategy.

The Plan prioritizes a total of 18.13 miles of trails (Class 1 bikeways) including trails along the San Joaquin River in Lathrop, along the Lodi Canal in Lodi, along the Union Pacific railway in Manteca and Tracy, and along the Calaveras Levee in Stockton, among others.

**Solano Countywide Bicycle Transportation Plan (2012)**

Prepared for: Solano County


This Plan encourages the development of a unified bicycle system throughout Solano County, with an emphasis on a network that supports everyday bicycle travel. It outlines a proposed bicycle system with the intention that each member jurisdiction will incorporate the Plan’s recommendations. The Plan includes an overview of existing conditions including bikeways, support facilities, and multi-modal connections; goals and objectives; policies and programs; costs and implementation strategies; and prioritized proposed facilities.

The Plan provides recommendations for trails (Class I bikeways) along rail corridors, creeks, along the Sacramento River, and the completion of the Bay Trail among others.

**Solano Countywide Pedestrian Transportation Plan (2012)**

Prepared for: Solano Transportation Authority


This Plan is a reference document for planning and supporting pedestrian system improvements and investments in seven cities (Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun City, Vacaville, and Vallejo) and the County of Solano. It serves as a guide to planning and engineering professionals in Solano County’s jurisdictions. It includes an overview on existing conditions, recommended planning processes and projects by jurisdiction, a cost analysis, and performance measures.

Trail recommendations include connecting the Benicia-Martinez Bridge to the historic Benicia Arsenal, completing the Bay Trail shoreline connections between Vallejo and the Benicia Bridge, building a trail along the Sacramento River in Rio Vista, and building trails along the Suisun Marsh and on Grizzly Island in Suisan City.
Enhanced San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Plan (2011)
Prepared for: CA State Coastal Conservancy

This Plan was developed based on the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Plan Final Environmental Impact Report. The Water Trail Project aims to create a network of trailheads to provide safe access to the San Francisco Bay for people in human-powered and beachable sail crafts (kayaks, rowboats, windsurfers, dragon boats, outrigger canoes, and kiteboards). The Plan recommends advocacy, education, and the development of launch guidelines, among others.

The Plan includes maps of water trail access points along the Carquinez Strait and Suisun Bay and Marsh.

Recreation Proposal for the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh (2011)
Prepared for: California State Parks
Retrieved from: www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=26677

This report summarizes existing recreation opportunities in the region and presents California State Parks’ recommendations for protecting and enhancing them. The recommendations include ways to invite more visitors and residents to enjoy and appreciate the Delta and Suisun Marsh region. It was created in response to the 2009 Sacrament-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act and submitted to the Delta Stewardship Council for consideration in preparation of the Delta Plan.

Regional trails for hiking, biking, riding, boating, and heritage corridors are described and include the American Discovery Trail, the Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail, and the Juan Bautista De Anza Trail, among others.

Sacramento County Bicycle Master Plan (2011)
Prepared for: County of Sacramento
Retrieved from: sacdot.saccounty.net/Pages/BikewayMasterPlan.aspx

The Plan guides bikeway policies, programs, and development standards to make bicycling in Sacramento County more safe, comfortable, convenient, and enjoyable for all bicyclists. The Plan includes an overview of preceding plans; existing conditions; recommended facilities; encouragement, education, and enforcement programs; and costs and funding sources.

The Plan proposes 350 miles of trails focused on creek and rail corridors and includes a trail along the Sacramento River and the Isleton-Stone Lake Trail (on the former Walnut Grove Branch Line railroad corridor).

Prepared for: Delta Protection Commission
Retrieved from: www.delta.ca.gov/recreation/delta_trail

The Blueprint Report is a preliminary study, as required by the State, for the Delta Trail project. It provides a review of the Solano and Contra Costa Counties settings, a summary of related adopted plans, case studies
of regional trail technical issues and best practices, and an action plan to implement the vision and goals. It includes recommended outreach and engagement strategies, a description of potential trail concepts, and information on funding opportunities.

The Blueprint Report’s goals include prioritizing outreach and engagement, developing partnerships and focusing on community benefits. Goals related to trail alignments and design include establishing connections to regional and local destinations, equitable access, and quality design.


Prepared for: Yolo County


This General Plan guides land use decisions in the County and includes a vision statement and seven separate “elements” that establish goals, policies, and actions for each given topic. Example elements include circulation, conservation, and open space.

The Plan recommends the development of a trail (Class I Bikeway) along the Sacramento River Channel (as recommended in the Yolo Bicycle Transportation Plan) and includes an amendment allowing for the rezoning of the Sugar Mill in Clarksburg.

Regional Bicycle Plan for San Francisco Bay Area (2009 Updates) (2009)

Prepared for: Metropolitan Transportation Commission


This Plan supports individuals who choose to shift modes from automobile to bicycle by making investments in a Regional Bikeway Network focused on Priority Development Areas. This Plan presents data, provides guidance, and makes recommendations to help propel these efforts forward. This Plan is a component of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission’s Regional Transportation Plan, referred to as Transportation 2035. That Plan is a comprehensive strategy to accommodate future growth, alleviate congestion, improve safety, reduce pollution, and ensure mobility for all residents regardless of income.

The Plan includes recommendations for development of specific trail gap closures in the Delta, including segments of the the Bay Trail and Delta de Anza Trail. These trails are envisioned as part of both a recreational and transportation network.

The San Francisco Bay Trail Project Gap Analysis Study (2005)

Prepared for: Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Bay Trail Project


This Study focuses on completing the 500-mile regional trail system encircling San Francisco Bay. It includes an overview of the first 15 years of Bay Trail development and large-scale issues such as the need for local adoption, state-level funding and support, the need to build partnerships and increase public awareness,
and engineering and acquisition challenges. Specific recommendations are provided for the next 15 years including project phasing, costs, and benefit factors.

Specific recommendations and maps are provided for segments in Contra Costa and Solano Counties along the Carquinez Strait.

**California Recreational Trails Plan Phase 1 (2002) & 2011 Progress Report**

Prepared for: California State Parks

Retrieved from: [www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23443](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23443)

The Trails Plan is an element of the California Outdoor Recreation Planning Program, as required by the Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965. The Plan identifies goals and actions to direct the Statewide Trails Office on development of the statewide trails program. The 2011 Progress Report provides an assessment of 27 proposed state trail routes and guidance on continuing the development of those routes.

While the Delta Trail was not included as one of the 27 state trails, several of the included trails traverse the Delta and reference the future creation of the Delta Trail. The document also provides valuable insight into the development of other complex regional trails. Trails included in the Plan that connect to or overlap with potential Delta Trail are: the American Discovery Trail, Juan Bautista De Anza National Historic Trail, Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail, and San Francisco Bay Trail.

**Sacramento River Parkway Plan (1997)**

Prepared for: City of Sacramento


This Plan is an update of the 1975 Sacramento River Parkway Master Plan. It includes chapters on existing conditions, goals and policies, acquisition, implementation, maintenance, and provides design concepts. The Plan provides goals for long-term off-street trail development with interim on-street routes. Detailed existing and proposed public access, land uses and natural and cultural resources are provided for five planning areas.

The Plan calls for a continuous recreational trail specifically with connections to the Laguna Area and the American River Parkway.

**Sacramento River Greenway Plan DRAFT (1992)**

Prepared for: Counties of Sacramento and Yolo, Cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento, and the State Lands Commission


This Plan was not adopted, but would have provided a coordinated framework for the planning and development of recreational facilities along the Sacramento River in Sacramento and Yolo County from the Sutter County line to Interstate 80.

The Plan reiterates the need for a continuous recreational trail connected to other trail systems. In the southern areas, of particular relevance to this project, the need for additional boating and trail facilities is emphasized.
Bay Trail Plan (1989)

Prepared for: Association of Bay Area Governments


This Plan provides an initial framework for the development of the Bay Trail. It includes information on trail types, the design user, and detailed information on five policy themes: trail alignment, trail design, environmental protection, transportation access, and implementation.

The Plan recommends creating connections to other trail systems such as to the Delta Trail network.