



AGENDA REPORT

Department

DATE:	April 30, 2024
TO:	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Mayor Eduardo Martinez and Councilmember Doria Robinson
Subject:	Resolution in support of Richmond San Rafael Bridge Trail
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	N/A
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	Resolution 94-99 stating "that the City of Richmond endorses the Bay Trail Plan."
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	The Richmond San Rafael Bridge Trail is an important extension of the SF Bay Trail, which is a key, active transportation corridor serving Richmond and San Rafael residents by offering 24 hour, seven days a week bike and pedestrian access.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	APPROVE a Resolution in support of Richmond San Rafael Bridge Trail - Councilmember Doria Robinson (510-620-6568) and Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503)

DISCUSSION: We request that the Richmond City Council adopt a resolution recognizing the importance of the Richmond San Rafael Bridge Trail as an extension of the SF Bay Trail, an important active transportation corridor serving Richmond and San Rafael residents by offering 24 hour, seven days a week bike and pedestrian access.

This trail creates the opportunity to reduce the total number of vehicle trips crossing the Richmond - San Rafael and provides a much-needed safe place for local and regional residents to participate in healthy activities such as walking and biking. Since the Richmond San Rafael Bridge Trail uses a space that was never used for automobile traffic, it also does not displace vehicles wishing to cross the westbound span.

As we plan for the challenges ahead where we know the impacts of climate change and increased density will create increased pressures on our communities it is important to create and encourage as many people as possible to use alternative means of transportation such as public transportation, carpooling, and active transportation to meet our local and regional transportation needs without increasing greenhouse gas emissions. Essential public infrastructure such as the Richmond San Rafael Bridge Trail is one important strategy we must support to meet our current and future transportation, health and greenhouse gas reduction needs.

We encourage the Richmond City Council to enthusiastically adopt this resolution recognizing the importance of the Richmond San Rafael Bridge Trail.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Resolution Supporting the Richmond San Rafael Bridge Trail
Attachment 2 – Resolution 94-99