

Re-opening the Cal Park Hill Tunnel for bicycle, pedestrian, and passenger rail shared use.



PROJECT GOALS

- Provide a new multi-use pathway connecting San Rafael and Larkspur
- Close the “gap” by connecting existing multi-use pathways to the north and south, promoting the idea of a north-south greenway in Marin County
- Encourage alternative forms of transportation in Marin County by providing a low-impact transportation facility for commuters and recreational users
- Address traffic congestion in the I 580/Highway 101 Greenbrae Corridor
- Rehabilitate the Cal Park Hill Tunnel for passenger rail use.

RECENT PROGRESS

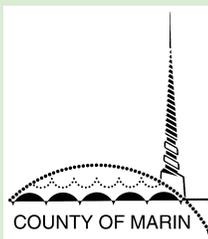
The Cal Park project has received environmental clearance and resource agency permits. This is a key step for the project to remain on schedule.

Engineering and design work has been proceeding steadily. The sixty percent design process is complete and work on final design should be finished this spring. Meetings with the public, affected property owners, the City of Larkspur, the City of San Rafael, County Parks and Open Space, and emergency service providers have been important in shaping key design decisions.

SECURITY AND EMERGENCY ACCESS PLAN

With the help of emergency providers, a draft emergency access plan has been devised which includes recommendations to develop an MOU between the County, SMART and the Cities outlining roles and responsibilities; and to provide the following security measures:

- “Blue light” stations with emergency telephones within the tunnel
- Video cameras connected via internet to emergency responders
- Cable in the tunnel to allow radio and cellular phone communications
- Mile-post markers at regularly spaced intervals within the tunnel
- Emergency vehicle access up to the tunnel entrance
- Tunnel lighting and partial pathway lighting



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Cal Park Hill TUNNEL REHABILITATION & MULTI-USE PATHWAY

HOURS OF OPERATION

The tunnel will be designed to incorporate gates that can be closed during low-use overnight hours. The specific hours of operation will be designated in a Memorandum of Understanding with the County, SMART, the City of Larkspur, and the City of San Rafael. Hours of operation may be adjusted seasonally, or based on operational experience.

PATHWAY AMENITIES

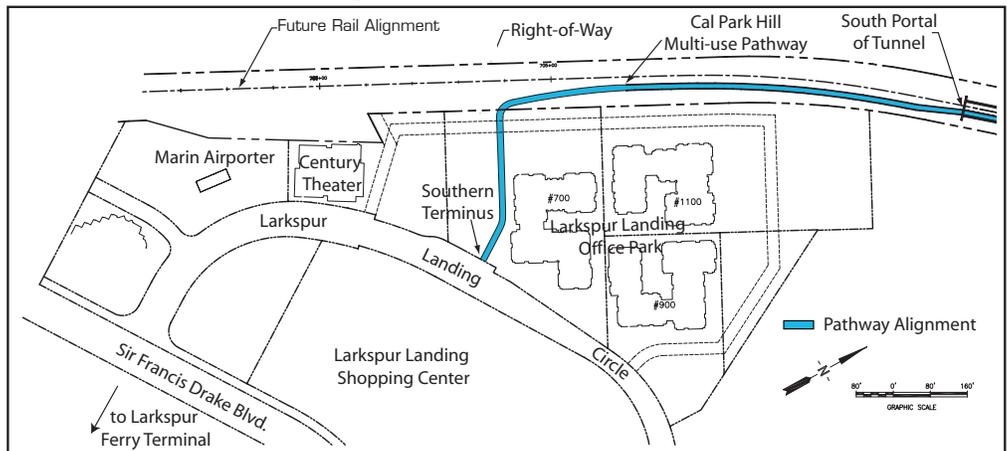
Amenities, including landscaping and other treatments, will be limited to the trailheads with a more significant treatment at the northern terminus in San Rafael. Trailheads will provide information about hours of operation and trail regulations. Historic markers will also be incorporated along the trail as appropriate.



Pathway alignment at the southern terminus. Existing (above) and a possible design (below)



Southern Terminus Alignment



AUBURN STREET BRIDGE

The bridge at Auburn Street will be a steel prefabricated bridge with a concrete deck. This will provide a safe and comfortable crossing for bicyclists and other pathway users, and will minimize future maintenance needs.

3-dimensional model of the Auburn Street Bridge, facing west.

