

Puerto Suello – Transit Center Connector

Project Number: 2007



LOCATION

Between Mission Avenue and the San Rafael Transit Center (San Rafael)

COST

\$1,200,000 (estimated)

FUNDING SOURCES

NTPP \$600,000

COMPLETION DATE

Fall, 2009 (estimated)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will provide a Class I path or Class II bike lanes between the San Rafael Transit Center and the Puerto Suello Hill Pathway (Project 2302). Alternative alignments include routing along Hetherton Street or Tamalpais Avenue. In conjunction with improvements to the Transit Center (Project 601) this project could encourage greater transit usage by providing safe access for cyclists and pedestrians to the transit center from the north.

POINTS OF INTEREST

This project is a key link in the North/South Bikeway, connecting the Puerto Suello path and points north with the transit center, downtown San Rafael, and points south. The transit center is a major hub for Golden Gate Transit, Marin Transit, Airporter, and other transit services within Marin as well as San Francisco and the East Bay.

STATUS

The City is currently selecting an engineering firm to conduct the design work.

ABOUT WALKBIKEMARIN

WalkBikeMarin is an initiative by the County of Marin to help make Marin more healthy, livable, and environmentally sustainable by encouraging walking and bicycling as everyday transportation. This initiative was catalyzed by a recent \$25 million federal grant to fund the Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTPP).

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Connecting the new Puerto Suello pathway with the San Rafael Transit Center is an essential gap closure of the North-South Greenway. The link traverses just three city blocks, between Mission Avenue and Third Street, but it is one of the most congested areas in the county, serving as the primary access from Highway 101 to central San Rafael, the upper Ross Valley, and Point San Pedro. In addition to high traffic volumes parallel to the route, each of the streets the route will cross also have substantial traffic as well which will require careful design to provide safe passage for cyclists and pedestrians without making existing congestion worse. The two alternatives under consideration are along Tamalpais Avenue (above) or Hetherton Street (below). In either scenario, a separated Class I pathway is envisioned.



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