

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

McLaughlin Eastshore State Park  
Albany Beach Restoration and Public Access Project

## Project Update/Milestones

Construction in the beach area began on August 6, 2018 to build a new parking lot, restrooms, picnic tables, and other public access improvements. As of December 28, 2018 the project has completed beach stabilization, dune and wetland expansion, beach overlook and recreation features, a new public restroom, and excavation for bridge construction at Fleming Point.

## Construction Schedule Update and Closures

**Beach:** Construction of the beach area is complete and opened to the public. The area behind the beach remains closed. It is being used for staging construction of the San Francisco Bay Trail between Buchanan Street and Gilman Street.

**Bay Trail:** Construction of the San Francisco Bay Trail between Buchanan and Gilman Streets is expected to be complete by late 2019.

**Plateau:** The Plateau is being used for temporary storage of soil generated from construction of the Bay Trail. Trucks and equipment will be entering and exiting the area during this time. The soil pile will be removed and the area flattened, seeded and made available to the public when construction of the Bay Trail is complete.

Restroom, Dunes, Bike Racks



Soil storage at Plateau to be used later to complete the Bay Trail



Bay Trail Concrete Work



## Project Background

The project involves constructing park improvements identified in the 2001 McLaughlin Eastshore State Park General Plan. Plans were developed between 2010 –2017, including community and stakeholder outreach and engagement and numerous public meetings and workshops. The project closes a ~1 mile gap in the Bay Trail, including a vehicle-rated pedestrian bridge at Fleming Point. The improvements are designed to meet accessibility standards, removing barriers to accessing and enjoying the waterfront.

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Project Overview



# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

## Albany Beach Restoration and Public Access Project

### FAQ:

1. **Q:** When will the rest of the beach project area be opened to the public? What else is planned for the area?  
**A:** The areas remaining closed are being used as staging space for construction of the San Francisco Bay Trail between Buchanan Street and Gilman Street. The areas will be opened to the public when construction is complete in late 2019. A 20-car parking lot and small recreation area are planned for the area.
2. **Q:** Why are the dunes fenced off?  
**A:** Permanent fencing was installed around the dunes to allow native dune plants to establish. It is also required as part of the Environmental Impact Report, regulatory permits and grant funding agreements.
3. **Q:** Why was coarse sand used at the flat area of the beach next to the overlook/bike racks and Bay Trail?  
**A:** Coarse beach sand is being used to prevent beach erosion and prolong the life of the beach. The coarse sand is mostly covered with several feet of native beach sand except at the flat open use area near the beach overlook, where coarse sand was used at the surface to help minimize wind-blown sand at the parking lot and Bay Trail.
4. **Q:** Was the sand used for the project free of garbage and debris?  
**A:** Yes. Only coarse sand was imported from offsite. It is from off shore of Angel Island in San Francisco Bay. It is clean virgin sand that has undergone sieve processing to meet beach sand specifications.
5. **Q:** Why is more garbage and debris visible in the sand compared to pre-project conditions?  
**A:** The native sand at Albany beach has accumulated a significant amount of garbage that has washed onto the beach over many years. For economic and environmental reasons, the District chose to re-use the existing native sand rather than disposing of it and importing new sand. The beach surface has been raked to collect and dispose of this debris but there may be some debris visible at the surface.
6. **Q:** Why is there fencing around landscaping near the trail?  
**A:** Hearty shrubs were planted near the trail. Once established they will be compatible with the high-traffic visitor use of the area, but in the meantime will require protection from trampling or other disturbance. It will be removed once these plants have established.
7. **Q:** Why is there a pile of dirt at the Albany Plateau?  
**A:** The dirt was generated from the Bay Trail construction. The dirt will be re-used later in the project to fill the subsurface of the Bay Trail. The Plateau will be seeded and made accessible to the public upon completion of the project in late 2019.



# PROJECT OVERVIEW

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