



Midpeninsula Regional  
Open Space District

## PROCUREMENT AGENDA ITEM

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Meeting 25-25  
September 10, 2025

## AGENDA ITEM 4

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Award of Contract to construct the Bay Trail Pedestrian Gate at Ravenswood Open Space Preserve

### GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Roebbelen Contracting, Inc., for the Bay Trail Pedestrian Gate Project at Ravenswood Open Space Preserve for a not-to-exceed base contract amount of \$95,360.
2. Authorize a 15% contingency in the amount of \$14,304 to cover unforeseen tasks or construction support beyond the current scope, bringing the total not-to-exceed contract amount to \$109,664.

### DISCUSSION

On February 28, 2024, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) Board of Directors (Board) approved a new public access point to the San Francisco Bay Trail (Bay Trail) in Ravenswood Open Space Preserve (Preserve) at the end of Rutgers Street in the City of East Palo Alto (City). There is currently no public access from Rutgers Street to the Preserve. Access is blocked by a chain link fence and vehicle gate at the end of Rutgers Street. The District has a trail easement over San Francisco Public Utility Commission (SFPUC) lands to connect visitors to the Bay Trail, including through the stretch of land that lies between the existing trail and the Rutgers Street vehicle gate.

The Ravenswood Bay Trail Pedestrian Gate Project (Project) will open a new entryway to the Bay Trail at the end of Rutgers Street by removing the existing chain link fence and installing security fencing, a solar powered automatic pedestrian gate system, a sidewalk extension to the Bay Trail, drainage improvements, and District regulatory and trail directional signage. All of the work will take place within the City's Rutgers Street right-of-way with City approval and support. The District has an agreement with the City to reimburse the District 50% of the gate installation after project completion. The new automated gate is required by SFPUC for closing entry to the Bay Trail after trail operating hours between 10 PM and 5 AM.

Staff issued a Request for Bids on June 16, 2025, and received six (6) bids on July 29, 2025, with Roebbelen Contracting, Inc., identified as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Work is scheduled to begin in September 2025 and be completed by the end of October 2025.

**BUDGET / FISCAL IMPACT**

The current fiscal year budget for project MAA#02-005 - Pedestrian Gate Access Bay Trail via Rutgers contains:

- ☐ sufficient funds.
- ☒ insufficient funds; the next quarterly budget update will include a reallocation of unspent funds from other budgets to cover for this expenditure.
- ☐ insufficient funds; approval of this item requires a fiscal year budget augmentation.
- ☐ future fiscal year budgets will include additional funds to complete the contracted work.

**Measure AA**

- ☐ No, this contract is not part of a Measure AA project.
- ☒ Yes, this contract is part of a Measure AA project.

The following table outlines the Measure AA Portfolio #02 allocation, costs-to-date, projected life-to-date project expenditures and projected portfolio balance remaining.

<b>Measure AA Portfolio #02</b>	
Portfolio Allocation:	\$5,052,000
Grant Income (through FY29):	\$3,455,327
Fund 40 Allocation:	\$233,000
<b>Total Portfolio Allocation:</b>	<b>\$8,740,327</b>
02-001 Cooley Landing Interpretive Facilities Design and Implementation	(\$1,283,842)
02-002 Ravenswood Bay Trail Design and Implementation	(\$5,588,766)
02-004 Stevens Creek Shoreline Nature Area Restoration	(\$1,714,252)
02-005 Pedestrian Gate Access Bay Trail via Rutgers*	(\$152,600)
<b>Total Projected Expenditures (life of project):</b>	<b>(\$8,739,460)</b>
<b>Portfolio Balance Remaining (proposed):</b>	<b>\$867</b>

\*Unspent funds from FY25 will be used in FY26 due to a delay in the start of construction.

**PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND SELECTION**

On June 16, 2025, staff issued a Request for Bids (RFB) via BidNet and released to five builders' exchanges. Legal notices were posted in the San Jose Mercury News and San Mateo County Times, and a link to the solicitation was posted on the District website. Two mandatory pre-bid site tours were held on July 9 and 16, with 17 contractors in attendance.

The District publicly opened the following bids on July 29, 2025:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Total Base Bid</b>
1. Roebbelen Contracting, Inc.	El Dorado Hills, CA	\$95,360
2. SAE Consulting Engineering	San Jose, CA	\$96,500

3. Altor Construction	Walnut Creek, CA	\$97,900
4. Lisac General Engineering	Campbell, CA	\$99,562
5. Regier Construction Company	Visalia, CA	\$100,360.64
6. Dryco	Fremont, CA	\$153,000

Following the bid opening, Roebbelen Contracting, Inc., was announced as the apparent low bidder. Upon review of the bid proposals and confirmation of the contractors' qualifications, in accordance with state law and current Board purchasing policy, the General Manager recommends awarding the contract to Roebbelen Contracting, Inc., as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

### **PRIOR BOARD ACTION SUPPORTING THE PROJECT**

- November 16, 2016 - Board accepted a public trail easement from the City and County of San Francisco, amended the Ravenswood Use and Management Plan for a public trail easement and approved an MOU with the City to manage the trail. ([R-16-146](#), [minutes](#))
- July 24, 2019 – Award of contract to Granite Rock Company for Construction of the Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project ([R-19-107](#), [minutes](#))
- November 13, 2019 – Approval of an Addendum to the Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project ([R-19-144](#), [minutes](#))
- February 28, 2024 – Board approves the creation of a new public access point for the Bay Trail and Ravenswood Open Space Preserve at the end of Rutgers Street ([R-24-26](#), [minutes](#))
- February 12, 2025 – Approval of an addendum to the Ravenswood Bay Trail Memorandum of Understanding with the City of East Palo Alto ([R-25-21](#), [minutes](#))

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act.

### **CEQA COMPLIANCE**

Replacement of a section of existing chain link fence with an automated trail gate at the end of Rutgers Street in East Palo Alto is exempt in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Conditions, and Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land.

### **NEXT STEPS**

If approved, the General Manager will enter into a contract with Roebbelen Contracting Inc., to complete the Ravenswood Bay Trail Pedestrian Gate Project. Final contract signature is subject to meeting all District requirements, such as having all required insurance and bonding in place. Work is estimated to commence in September 2025 and will be completed by October 2025.

Attachment(s)

1. Location Map

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Location Map

 Project Site And New Bay Trail Access Location

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