Trail connecting 26 miles along bay set to open in Sunnyvale

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The missing link needed to connect 26 miles of Bayland trails along the Peninsula is set to open in Sunnyvale this month. After four years of collaboration among many different agencies, local leaders are set to “cut the bolt” from the gate blocking a 2.4-mile stretch of the Bay Trail behind Moffett Field during a special ceremony on Sept. 20.

The trail extension is the culmination of four years of collaboration among many different agencies and will provide a continuous pathway from East Palo Alto to San Jose. The project is one of several public access and recreation projects within the 15,100-acre South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project will be managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service as part of the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

The opening is from 10:30-noon at the east gate on the Sunnyvale side of Moffett Field. Bicycling to the event is encouraged. Bicyclists traveling on the Bay Trail from the east of Moffett Field can ride directly to the ceremony at the Sunnyvale Gate. However, bicyclists riding on the Bay Trail to the event from the west of Moffett Field will not be able to enter the gate on the Mountain View side until noon, after the ceremony has concluded and both gates have been opened.

A shuttle will also be available at the Sunnyvale Water Pollution Control Plant, 1444 Borregas Ave.