For the first time in history, pedestrians and cyclists have the chance to travel across the new East Span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

Two-thirds of the Bay Bridge Trail opened to the public on September 3, 2013, allowing visitors to traverse just past the span's 525-foot signature tower. Before the pathway can be extended the 2.2 miles between Oakland and Yerba Buena Island, contractors must dismantle a portion of the original bridge that sits in the way.

Two access points provide a direct route to the bicycle and pedestrian path: One at Shellmound Street in Emeryville, just outside the IKEA store, and another at the corner of Maritime Street and Burma Road in Oakland.

To ensure user safety, the 15.5-foot-wide path has one lane in each direction for bicyclists and an outside lane designated for walkers. The bike and pedestrian path is named after the late East Bay Bicycle Coalition founder and Bay Bridge Trail advocate, Alex Zuckermann. A plaque bearing his name is located on the trail.

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PATHWAY SAFETY

- 15-mph advisory speed limit
- Bicycle-mounted officers from the California Highway Patrol will patrol the path
- Skateboards, scooters, and skates are not permitted.
- Cyclists must yield to pedestrians

ACCESS

The Bay Bridge bicycle/pedestrian path can be accessed from the following locations:
- The Bay Trail in Emeryville (see map)
- Burma Road/Maritime Street in Oakland

PERIODIC CLOSURES

Segments of the bike and pedestrian path are subject to periodic closures so crews can safely complete remaining construction activities. Please continue to check baybridgeinfo.org/path for the most up-to-date information.

HOURS

Spring hours: From March 15, 2014 until May 25, 2014, the pathway where the Shellmound St. and Burma Rd. trailheads converge and travel along the bridge will be open from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m.

The trail from Shellmound St. to Maritime St. will remain open 24/7. All hours are contingent upon construction activities and are subject to change.

PARKING & FACILITIES

Limited five-hour parking is available on the north side of Burma Rd., at the intersection of Burma Rd. and Maritime St.

Trash cans and restrooms are available on the trail prior to reaching the bridge. There is no drinking water available at this time. Please plan accordingly by ensuring that you are adequately prepared.