

2013 TRB Poster: The San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex Alternative Transportation Project

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The San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex consists of seven separate refuges around the Bay Area. They range in size from Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge which wraps around the southern portion of the San Francisco Bay to Antioch Dunes National Wildlife Refuge which consists of only a few acres on the northern edge of the bay. Because of difference in size, use, and visitation, each refuge has its own alternative transportation challenges. My poster examined how these issues can be addressed in a context specific manner by highlighting specific projects from a complex-wide transportation evaluation and then describing the solutions that have been implemented or are under consideration. Rather than going into detail on the challenges faced by each individual refuge, I divided the work I had done into pedestrian, bicycle, and transit projects and chose the most interesting examples from each category. Even in the short time since TRB, many of the projects have already advanced and the work described in the future goals section is already in progress. Since the printing of the poster, AC Transit has further implemented the recommendations made for new transit signs around the headquarters area. They recently replaced two of the bus stop signs in order to more clearly indicate the route numbers for the stop and they moved one sign that was being blocked by a speed limit notice. The design for the intern house bicycle shed has also been developed further with the hopes of developing a structure that offers better protection and accommodates more bicycles. Going through the process of creating the poster allowed me to take a closer look at where I was with each project and set my priorities for the remainder of my time with the refuge.