NEXT MEETING begins at 7:30pm on July 17 at Oakland’s Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Ave, at Manila. This month’s meeting will feature slides sent in by EBBC members showing bike improvements in their neighborhoods. Please consider submitting photos of recent bike successes (robertraburn@csi.com) or bring them to the meeting. It’s a good time for a celebration of the tremendous progress in building new bike facilities!
BART Bike Parking Progress

Last year BART staff surveyed bike parking demand at stations throughout the system and found bikes affixed to nearly any fixed object near their stations. The existing racks were clearly insufficient in number and incapable of accommodating popular U-locks.

With an $185,000 grant from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, BART is now in the process of doubling the number of bicycle parking spaces it offers. When the project is completed this summer, BART expects to be able to park over 2,700 bicycles.

Many of the new square-tube, wave-bend style racks have already appeared in the East Bay at stations that our BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force members have targeted as being in desperate need — particularly MacArthur, Fruitvale and Lake Merritt. In addition to replacing the racks, 142 new bicycle lockers will be added to help meet the backlog of commuters who are on waiting lists for lockers. Call (510) 464-7133 for bike locker availability.

The EBBC recognizes that increasing BART ridership will limit future on-board access during peak hours. We encourage BART to provide secure parking solutions to bicyclists who choose to make multi-modal trips. Innovative locker designs that allow on-demand use and attended parking at BikeStations like at Berkeley BART and proposed for Fruitvale are solutions that need to be implemented.

-Robert Raburn

[A June 7th editorial in the Chronicle urged the construction of more parking garages at BART stations. -ed]
Short Reports

San Mateo Bridge - While construction on the new San Mateo Bridge continues, here’s an update on the public access projects that are part of the bridge project: 1. The Bike/Ped Bridge over Highway 92 has been designed and will go to bid July 31, 2001, with construction expected to be completed in June, 2002. This bridge will provide access between the Hayward shoreline and the new Baumberg Tract of Bay Trail; 2. The design of the Baumberg Tract Bay Trail has been finished and a contract for construction of a $1 million levy trail from Eden Landing to Hesperian Blvd. has been sent by Caltrans to EBRPD for approval. No date set yet for construction completion; 3. Public access also included completing the Bay Trail along Union City Blvd. Currently, bike lanes are proposed for this street segment, but as reported in RideOn, March 2001, Union City is resisting putting bike lanes on this street because it is a truck route. This project has $1 million from Caltrans and $750,000 from Union City and other sources. EBBC representatives are still meeting with Caltrans and Union City to discuss this issue; 4. A segment of paved trail will be constructed to connect between Paseo Padre and the Bike/Ped Bridge over SR 84 (Dumbarton bridge freeway). Caltrans is working with EBRPD on this trail project. As a separate project, the EBRPD is working to pave the existing trail that connects with this bridge to Marshlands Rd.; and 5. The contract for a bike shuttle across the San Mateo Bridge will be issued soon and the shuttle should start running by the end of this year.

Berkeley - Carolyn Helmke, formerly of RIDES and the City of Emeryville, has been hired to replace Rochelle Wheeler as Berkeley’s new bicycle and pedestrian coordinator. Ms. Helmke started work on June 21. For many years, Ms. Helmke coordinated Bike-to-Work Day in the Bay Area and also chaired BART’s Bicycle Accessibility Task Force. Recently, Ms. Helmke worked in the Environmental Services Department of the City of Emeryville. For her first assignment, Ms. Helmke will attempt to rescue Berkeley’s stalled attempt to construct a bike/ped trail along the Ninth St. railroad right-of-way.

BFBC Summer Picnic - Wednesday, July 25, 6-8 p.m. Mark your calendars for BFBC’s third annual Summer Potluck Picnic in Cedar Rose Park, Wednesday, July 25, 6-8 p.m. Once again we’ll have bicycle limbo, bicycle track stand contest, and a bicycle coral riding contest. Bring your bikes, food and drinks, frisbees, nerf footballs, etc. and join us for lots of good fun.

Eastern Cococo - Want to have some influence on the bike plan for Eastern Contra Costa County? Request a copy of the draft East County Bikeway Plan by e-mail jgrei@cd.co.contra-costa.ca.us or by phone (925/335-1201). The document is available in either paper form or electronic form. Public input is being accepted until July 30. Transplan, the transportation planning organization of the East County, is working on this bike plan. John Greitzer is the staff contact. He presented a preliminary draft of the East County Bikeway Plan at the June 14 meeting. Mr. Greitzer is working diligently on this plan. All the help that we cyclists can give him will go toward making the plan better and more inclusive. The intention is for this plan to be officially accepted by the Transplan governing board at the August 9, meeting. Mr. Greitzer is confident that both the CCTA and Caltrans will move expeditiously with their formal acceptances of our plan. He intends to aggressively apply for federal, state, and county money in order to construct the bicycle facilities that are designated in the plan.

More Eastern Cococo - Transplan, the transportation planning organization of the East County, meets on the second Thursday of the month in the boardroom of the Tri-Delta Transit building, 801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch. The meeting usually begins at 7:30pm and the public is welcome.

Cococo Bicycle Plan - On the countywide front, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) is also preparing a bicycle transportation plan. Gail Payne of Dowling Associates has created a bicycle user survey that can help us eventually realize an on-street network of bike-ways. It is available from her via e-mail at gpayne@dowlinginc.com or from Alta Consulting by phone at (415) 482-8660.

The plan is to have a public workshop on the Countywide Bicycle Plan sometime in mid-July. John Cunningham of the Contra Costa Community Development Department is a key player. E-mail him at jcunn@cd.co.contra-costa.ca.us and ask to be notified of the exact date, time, and place. The CCTA web site has some information on the bike plan, www.cctanet.

Regional Bike Plan - The Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the transportation planning organization for the 9 Bay Area counties, has posted a draft copy of the Regional Bike Plan upon which they are working on their web site, www.mtc.ca.gov.

REBAC – It’s official! The Regional Bicycle Advocacy Coalition is now a “coalition of coalitions” and will no longer appeal for individual members. Existing members are encouraged to support their local county’s bicycle advocacy group. In this way, we
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hope to bolster the clout of REBAC and pool our resources when necessary. Dave Snyder (SFBC) was elected to Chair the group while EBBC board members Robert Raburn and John Ruzeck will respectively represent Alameda and CoCoCo. Alex Zuckerman will act as Executive Director.

EBBC FOLLOWUP ON CALTRANS
– Last month the EBBC shared the new Caltrans Deputy Directive (DD-64) encouraging nonmotorized transportation with you (See: rideOn, June 2001). Now we are busy reminding local officials about this document! Specifically, we are mailing letters to local jurisdictions throughout the East Bay whose transportation projects were included in the list of projects to be funded in 2002. Each letter addresses the EBBC’s bicycle recommendations for each particular project and a copy of DD-64 was enclosed. As well, the EBBC letters cite the opening sentence of the newly revised Caltrans Highway Design Manual, Chapter 1000, emphasizing that “the needs of non-motorized transportation must be considered on all highway projects.”

JULY RACES
– Everyone will want to join in the excitement at the OAKLAND Grand Prix Criterium, celebrating the new bike lanes on Grand Ave from 8am to 3pm on July 15. The Oakland Grand Prix will feature 9 separate multi-lap events on Oakland streets starting at Snow Park at 20th and Harrison Streets. Aside from “serious” amateur races, youths may enter fun races for a nominal $2 fee and a wacky Team Relay (4 riders/1 bike) invites groups from FedEx to Pedal Express to enter with a charitable contribution of $100. Come watch the EBBC Advocates Team! Contact Robert Leibold of Velo Promo (209) 533-4996.

OAKLAND – MacArthur Blvd between Lakeshore Ave. and Park Boulevard could become bike friendly with your help. Residents in the area desire bike lanes and fewer car lanes to create a slower street that is shared by cars, pedestrians, and bikes! Please send email to: Kathryn Hughes, Oakland Bicycle Coordinator, khughes@oaklandnet.com and copy Councilmember Danny Wan, dwan@oaklandnet.com.

TRI-VALLEY TOWN HALL FORUM – Here’s your chance to be heard! KNTV will present a town hall forum on issues surrounding Traffic in the Tri Valley. We invite you and your neighbors to participate in the live televised event on JULY 11th. The forum will be an audience-driven discussion and all interested parties can speak their minds and add their input. To be part of the forum show up to the PG&E Learning Center in San Ramon at 3301 Crow Canyon Road. We encourage you to arrive by 7:30 p.m. as the live event will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m. Don’t miss your opportunity to be part of the solution. Please Contact the producers to R.S.V.P by calling (415)821-2020 ext.272 or emailing at dana@kntv.com
A Lafayette Bicycle Advisory Committee, at long last?
By: John Ruzek

The Lafayette Bicycle Network (LBN), formed by several bicycle advocates to address bicycle issues in the community, has generated enough interest in a Bicycle Advisory Committee that a proposal for a regular Lafayette BAC will be on the agenda of the July 23 City Council Meeting.

The position of the LBN is that Lafayette should have a strong, comprehensive BAC, rather than settle for the staff recommendation from last year of having a single "liaison member" on the Circulation Commission to deal with bicycle issues.

That approach has shown to be ineffectual in providing adequate cyclist input on bicycle needs and the development of projects. A case in point being the bicycle path built along First Street that has numerous safety issues especially at the street interfaces with curb cuts placed irrationally. The fact that this path was built to serve the Lafayette Elementary school is especially troublesome to experienced cyclists who recognize the need for well built facilities for cyclists of all abilities.

The LBN has submitted a copy of the EBBC’s Model Charter for City Bicycle Advisory Committees for consideration by the city council. This EBBC document proposes a model structure for a bicycle committee to advise and make recommendations on the planning, development and maintenance of bikeway systems. Only with a BAC made up of actual cyclists can the city foster real progress on bicycle-related issues with the ultimate goal of enhancing bicycling in the community.

At a special June Circulation Commission meeting held to address transportation needs in the city, many speakers stepped up and asked for more bicycle lanes. The need is clearly there.

What you can do
First and foremost, come forward to speak at the meeting on the 23rd. It is CRITICAL to have a LARGE turnout at the City Council meeting of all levels and types of cyclists: Recreational, commuters, school students and utilitarian bicyclists - especially, we need large numbers of Lafayette residents to step forward. These are the folks most listened to by the council and will help to set the direction of later victories.

The meeting will be held at the Lafayette Community Center, Manzanita Room, 500 St. Mary’s Road at 7:00 p.m., Monday July 23. All interested cyclists in the community are urged to attend the city council meeting and lend support for a regularly scheduled permanent BAC with a meaningful charter. Contact either Yehuda Sherman at 925-284-5963 or Bart Carr at 925-299-1522 for more information about the meeting.

If you are unable to attend, please send your comments by mail to Mayor Ivor Samson by July 16, so they can be included in the council members’ background packet. The city’s mailing address is P.O. Box 1968, Lafayette 94549-1968. Letters are best and can be faxed to 925-671-3444, e-mail only as CityHall@LoveLafayette.org.

For further information on the EBBC Model Charter, please visit our website at www.ebbc.org.
MINUTES of the General Meeting of Tuesday, June 19, 2001 held at the Rockridge Branch of the Oakland Public Library

CHAIR was Robert Raburn.

MINUTES of previous meeting of May 15, 2001, were corrected to read that John Greitzer, who is doing good work on the East Contra Costa County Bike Plan, is employed by the County’s Community Development Dept, and not the CCTA.

EAST CO CO CO BIKE PLAN was reported on by Bruce Ole Ohlson. John Greitzer has the job almost completed. Ole gave us dates of meetings to attend, and info on how to obtain copies of the plan.

TWO BOARD POSITIONS will have to be filled this Nov, according to our by-laws. Raburn will give up his position as chair and become our executive director (at no increase in pay, he told us).

BUDGET COMMITTEE met the previous week. They worked on a plan for allocating contributions to various organizations, which totaled around $1,000 this year. We have in the bank some $30,000-35,000, much of which will pay for our new East-of-the-Hills map. We no longer have any copies of that current map, having sold and given away 20,000 copies.

We are saving money by no longer using tree-free paper to print “Ride On.” We are working on contacting members who have not paid dues in order to ascertain if they are still alive and interested. We may be able to pay dues by credit card. Much of our communication is done by E-mail, but the newsletter can be read anywhere and at any time.

BART is installing new wave-type and inverted U bike racks at several stations. New lockers? Not yet, but they are being purchased with money from the Clean Air Fund.

ALAMEDA COUNTY BIKE PLAN is completed.

CONTRA COSTA BIKE PLAN will have a meeting soon. Our official rep will be Michael Boyce, michaelb-boyce@yahoo.com. Working on this plan are Gail Payne of Dowling Associates of Oakland, who attends our EBBC meetings, and two folks from the County’s Community Development Dept: John Greitzer and John Cunningham. However, the CCTA is officially in charge, apparently because, as the County’s CMA, it controls the money.

BANCROFT AVE IN OAKLAND Ron Bishop of the Oakland P&BAC reported on efforts to get the City Council to approve the idea of reducing Bancroft Ave from 2 lanes in each direction, to one lane plus a class II bike path. This has already been done in the San Leandro portion of this same street.

EBBC T-SHIRTS The manufacturer agreed to our proposal to refund us for the error in printing of the shirts by providing us with $380 worth of more shirts, without the error.

CYCLING IN CUBA was the topic of a slide show by Ian McDonald. Cuba’s lack of petroleum makes cycling both pleasant and a necessity. Bring your own bike (byob) since the Cuban models are heavy one speed clunkers.

NEXT MEETING will again be at the Rockridge library, 7:30 PM, Tues, July 17, 2001. Folks should bring pictures and slides of bicycling improvements made in their areas, and preferably send them to Robert Raburn at 3763 Woodruff Ave, Oakland 94602 or RobertRaburn@csi.com.

Respectfully submitted by Yehuda Sherman, sec’y

A proposed water taxi to augment the pathetic bike/ped access in the Posey Tube is receiving attention from activists and the Air District. After EBBC board members rode to Sacramento on the River Route via two free ferries that Caltrans operates 24-hours/day, it only seems logical to make cross-estuary access a priority. The City of Alameda Bicycle Plan already lists it as the first priority. After all, if the State can provide free ferries for Delta islands with a handful of population, we should be able to connect the half-million residents of Alameda-Oakland. Service is tentatively scheduled to begin Spring, 2002.
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Kathy Tate, 925-671-7579, BikeTate@tpi.net.

Contra Costa County  Meets yearly in late fall to review TDA Article 3 projects. Staff: Joe Yee 925-313-2258; Chair: John Ruzek, 925-939-5181, John_Ruzek@yahoo.com.

Danville  Meets as required. Staff: Bryan Welch, 925-314-3313, Bwelch@ci.danville.ca.us. Chair: Sandra Meyers 925-837-5960.

Dublin  Meets yearly in late fall to review TDA Article 3 projects. Staff: Ferd del Rosario, 925-833-6630, Ferd.delRosario@ci.Dublin.CA.us.

East Bay Regional Park District (Park Advisory Committee) July 23, Sept 24, 7:30 pm, Board Room, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland 94605. Staff: Ro Aguilar, Legislative Analyst, 510-635-0138 x2006, Chair: Henry Losee, 510-276-2271, EBHiker@AOL.com.

Lafayette Circulation Commission  July 16, Aug 6, 7:00 pm (1st & 3rd Mondays, but call to confirm dates), Community Center Manzanita Room, 500 St. Mary’s Road Staff: Leah Greenblat, 925-299-3229. Bicycle Liaison: Commissioner Lynn Hiden 925-283-5487. EBBC rep YehudaSherman@webtv.net, 925-284-5363.

Livermore  July 24, Aug 28, 7:00 p.m. (4th Tuesdays) City Council Chambers, 3575 Pacific Avenue, Staff: Anna Vickroy, 925-373-5796, Chair: Steve Howard, 925-455-8090.

Oakland  July 19, Aug 16, 3rd Thursday at 3:30 pm 520 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 4314. Staff: Kathryn Hughes 510-238-6493; Chair: Ron Bishop 510-652-4693, rbishop747@aol.com.

Pittsburg Aug 2, Oct 4, 7:00 pm, Civic Center 3rd Fl, 65 Civic Avenue, Staff: Paul Reinders, PReinders@ci.Pittsburg.ca.us, 925-252-4822, Chair: Peter Carpin, Pleasanton Spring meeting TBD. Staff: Mike Tassano, 925-931-5670

UC Berkeley To be scheduled. Staff: Diane Sutch, 510-643-9276, DSutch@uclink4.Berkeley.edu; EBBBC rep: (open)

Walnut Creek  Aug 15, Oct 17, 7:30 pm, City Hall, 2nd Floor. Meets bimonthly, 3rd Wednesdays. Staff: Mike Vecchio, Community Development, 925-256-3529; Chair: Lanny Bryant, BryantL@calbt.com, 510-627-7981.

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