A Revolution at CalTrans?

Recently issued policy directive requires all projects to consider non-motorized users. Projects to be reviewed by Bicycle Coordinator.

The following is a copy of the Policy Directive DD-64, Accommodating Non-Motorized Travel, sent out to Caltrans’ offices:

California Department of Transportation
Deputy Directive Number: DD-64
Effective Date: 3-26-01
Supersedes: New
Title: Accommodating Non-Motorized Travel

POLICY
The Department fully considers the needs of non-motorized travelers (including pedestrian bicyclists and persons with disabilities) in all programming, planning, maintenance, construction, operations and project development activities and products. This includes incorporation of the best available standards in all of the Department's practices. The Department adopts the best practice concepts in the US DOT Policy Statement on Integrating Bicycling and Walking into Transportation Infrastructure.

DEFINITION & BACKGROUND
The planning and project development process seeks to provide the people of California with a degree of mobility that is in balance with other values. They must ensure that economic, social and environmental effects are fully considered along with technical issues, so that the best interest of the public is served. This includes all users of California's facilities and roadways.

Attention must be given to many issues including, but not limited to, the following:
- Safe and efficient transportation for all users of the transportation system
- Provision of alternatives for non-motorized travel
- Support of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Attainment of community goals and objectives
- Transportation needs of low-mobility, disadvantaged groups
- Support of the State’s economic development
- Elimination or minimization of adverse effects on the environment, natural resources, public services, aesthetic features and the community
- Realistic financial estimates
- Cost effectiveness

Individual projects are selected for construction on the basis of overall multimodal system benefits as well as community goals, plans and values. Decisions place emphasis on making different transportation modes work together safely and effectively. Implicit in these objectives is the need to accommodate non-motorized travelers as an important consideration in improving the transportation system.

RESPONSIBILITIES
Deputy Director, Planning and Modal Programs:
Ensures that the needs of non-motorized travelers are incorporated into the program element of Transportation Planning and the modal elements of the statewide strategy for mobility.

Ensures that liaison exists with non-motorized advocates to incorporate non-motorized needs into all program areas including project and system planning.

Ensures that the needs of non-motorized travelers are incorporated in Personal Movement Strategies.

Deputy Director, Project Delivery:
Ensures that projects incorporate best practices for non-motorized travel in the design and construction of Capital projects.

Directive, p. 4
The most frequently heard comment from cyclists at the bicycle corral in Oakland's downtown on Bike to Work Day was, “this should be here every day.” Indeed it should!

Many bicyclists in Oakland’s downtown still lack secure parking opportunities. The EBBC’s advocacy has resulted in a few notable successes, including bike cages in the new Dalziel Building and the new State Office Building. Oakland also has a CityRack program (tel: 238-3983) to install racks in public garages and on City sidewalks. Nevertheless, fear of having one’s parked Cannondale cannibalized or Trek wrecked remains a severe deterrent to riding. The skeleton of a bike frame has been abandoned in a rack near the front steps to City Hall for at least a week prior to Bike to Work Day. Similar sights are common near both the 19th Street and MacArthur BART stations. We might as well paint ‘Bicyclists Beware!’ signs.

Bike commuters need secure parking. Oakland’s downtown parking situation is further hampered by BART’s inadequate 12th and 19th Street stations and the draconian policies against bicycle parking at the City Center complex housing BART’s 12th Street station. Narrow station platforms make bicycle access during commute hours problematic. No secure options exist on the nearby streets. As well, the Shorenstein ownership at the City Center has a history of opposition to convenient bicycle parking (See: rideOn, Jan 1998). Shorenstein has recently acquired another major building at 1333 Broadway. Bicycle commuters were immediately restricted from bringing their bikes into their offices. No provisions were made and again no secure options exist on the nearby streets.

To Oakland’s credit, the redesigned plaza surrounding City Hall offers numerous bike racks suitable for short-term use. In addition, public garages, including the City Hall Garage, offer either a limited number of high-security crankcase racks (www.bikeparking.com) or pipe racks near the parking attendant.

For regular bicycle commuters, the solution is to build a BikeStation serving City Center, 12th Street BART and City Hall. The EBBC’s temporary bicycle corral contained about 150 bikes (we actually handled over 200) in 1800 square feet. By using a high-density parking system we could divide the space requirements in half. Such a design was built for the Downtown Berkeley BikeStation following our observation of the tremendous bike-parking facilities at all rail stations in the Netherlands.

The BikeStation Coalition offers additional ideas at www.bikestation.org.

-Robert Raburn

It is National Seatbelt Safety Awareness Week and the Union City Police Department celebrated by blocking the bike lane on Decoto Road for one week with this electronic sign.
**SHORT REPORTS**

**LAFAYETTE** - Long time resident of Lafayette, Yehuda Sherman, is trying to prod his city’s unresponsive officials to do something constructive for bicyclists by publicizing his city as the “Worst City for Bicyclists in the Bay Area.” Lafayette has no bike plan, no BAC, no directional signs for cyclists, no bike routes, no markings on the roadway telling cyclists where to position their bikes in order to trip the traffic signals, and no safe route for cyclists to travel through the city, since they narrowed the traffic lanes on Mt. Diablo Blvd (the only through street in town) to only 11’ wide. In addition the City recently built, with TDA funds, a class I bike path that cannot be used, since it has no proper curb cuts, and at the southern end of the path, where there are no curb cuts, there are signs telling cyclists (and motorists) that it is illegal to turn onto the path.

**AUTO-FREE MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE** leaves from the El Cerrito Del Norte BART station on June 23 at 9:30am. The ride travels paved trails and roads to where Wildcat Creek emerges from the hills in Richmond’s Alvarado Park. Following the creek on dirt trails, we can check out the extensive restoration that was performed on the creek in this park ten years ago before heading upstream into Wildcat Canyon. We will follow the bottom of this canyon, which generally has sunshine and pleasant temperatures, to a rest at Jewel Lake. From here, we will head up the moderately sloped Meadows Trail to Inspiration Point, and then follow the paved Nimitz Trail to the top of Havey Canyon. Dropping down Havey Canyon, a shady, riparian dell, we will cross Wildcat Creek and climb back to civilization on Rifle Range Road. The ride finishes by dropping through the El Cerrito Hillside Natural Area and following the Ohlone Greenway Trail to El Cerrito Plaza BART. Approximate distances- 17 miles consisting of 9 miles on dirt roads, 4 miles on paved bike paths, and 4 miles on paved roads. Approximate climbing - 1500 feet. For more information, contact Brian Hill, (415) 431-3841, bhill@wiggle.sf.ca.us.

**BART BIKE PARKING** - BART is installing more than 400 new bicycle racks that are capable of holding more than 2,000 bikes at 26 of its 39 stations. The new “wave” and “U” racks are easier to use with modern bicycle locks. BART is also adding lockers to accommodate 898 bicycles. Installation, already under way, is expected to be completed this summer, when BART will be able to offer parking for 2,707 bicycles, up from 1,124. The bike parking expansion will cost $194,039, with $185,210 coming from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. The balance will come from BART funds. The new racks are being installed at the following stations: West Oakland, MacArthur, Rockridge, Orinda, Lafayette, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, Concord, North Concord, Lake Merritt, Fruitvale, Coliseum, San Leandro, Bay Fair, Hayward, South Hayward, Union City, Fremont, Ashby, North Berkeley, El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito del Norte, Richmond, Glen Park, Balboa Park and Daly City.

**POLICE CRACK DOWN ON MS RIDE** - According to an article published in the Chronicle, San Ramon police officer Walter Holtz staked out an intersection 5 miles from the finish line of the annual MS bike-ride fund-raiser. He spent the better part of an afternoon ticketing cyclists who failed to make a complete stop at the intersection. “Officer Holtz was entirely within the law to issue the $150 tickets. Bike riders, like any other person operating a vehicle, must obey all traffic laws. Holtz said every biker he stopped blew right through the stop sign at the intersection of Alcosta Boulevard and Pine Valley Road. ‘These people who broke the law just wanted me to wink and let it go,’ Holtz says. ‘But it’s a safety issue. I understand it was a charitable event, and it’s important to raise money for MS. But everybody I stopped admitted to running the stop sign.’”

**CAPITOL CORRIDOR TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS** - Amtrak Capitol Corridor passengers are now eligible for three new transit transfers. Upon request, conductors will issue free AC Transit and Sacramento Regional Transit 2-part transfers valid for a round-trip on local bus and light rail services of those operators. The round-trip must be completed within 2 days, otherwise the regular transit fare must be paid. BART tickets will also be sold on board in the cafe at a discount. Passengers may obtain a $5 ticket for $4. This is sufficient to pay for a round-trip from Richmond to downtown San Francisco.

**BATLUC.ORG STOLEN** - The Bay Area Transportation and Land-Use Coalition (BATLUC) reports that the California Alliance for Jobs (the construction-PAC that lobbies for more freeways in the Bay Area) has resorted to dirty tricks by registering BATLUC.ORG on the internet. “We had been kicking around a few ideas for a name for Web sites to develop for our commuters alliance,” Alliance spokes-

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Deputy Director, Maintenance and Operations:

- Ensures that the transportation system is maintained and operated in a safe and efficient manner with the recognition that non-motorized travel is a vital element of the transportation system.
- Ensures that the needs of non-motorized travelers are met in maintenance work zones.

District Directors:

- Ensure that best practices for non-motorized travel are included in all district projects and project planning.
- Ensure that best practices for non-motorized travel are implemented in maintenance and travel operations practices.

Chief, Division of Design

- Ensures that project delivery procedures and design guidance include the needs of non-motorized travelers as a regular part of doing business.
- Ensures that all Project Delivery staff is trained and consider the needs of the non-motorized traveler while developing and designing transportation projects.

Chief, Division of Planning:

- Ensures incorporation of non-motorized travel elements in transportation plans, programs and studies prepared by Transportation Planning.
- Ensures planning staff understand and are trained in the principles and design guidelines, non-motorized funding sources and the planning elements of non-motorized transportation.
- Coordinates Caltrans projects with non-motorized interest groups.
- Ensures incorporation of non-motorized travel elements in Corridor Studies prepared by Transportation Planning.

Chief, Division of Environmental Analysis:

- Ensures that non-motorized travel groups potentially affected by Caltrans projects are identified and have the opportunity to be involved in the project development process.
- Advocates effectively for all reasonable project-specific best practices that support or promote non-motorized travel.

Chief, Division of Maintenance:

- Ensures State-owned facilities are maintained consistent with the needs of motorized and non-motorized travelers.
- Provides guidance and training to those maintaining roadways to be aware of and sensitive to the needs of non-motorized travel.

Chief, Division of Traffic Operations:

- Ensures that the transportation system is operated in accordance with the needs of all travelers including non-motorized travel.
- Provides training and guidance on the operation of the transportation facility consistent with providing mobility for all users.
- Recommends safety measures in consideration of non-motorized travel on California’s transportation system.

Chief, Division of Local Assistance:

- Ensures that Local Assistance staff, local agencies and interest groups are familiar with funding programs that are available for nonmotorized travelers.
- Ensures that program coordinators responsible for non-motorized travel modes are familiar with non-motorized issues and advocate on behalf of non-motorized travelers.

APPLICABILITY

- All Caltrans employees who are involved in the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operations of the transportation system.

TONY V. HARRIS
Chief Deputy Director

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- A Round World 2416 Telegraph Ave, Oakland
- Cycle Depot 471 E. 14th St, San Leandro
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- Geoff Palmer http://www.bikeparking.com
- Backroads Bicycle Tours, 801 Cedar St, Berkeley
- Twofish Unlimited 510-524-2309
- Stone’s Cyclery, 2320 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda
Oakland Opens New Bike Lanes

Oakland has completed Phase I of the Grand Ave Bikeway, from El Embarcadero to Market Street. Large bike symbols and arrows are painted in the generous bike lanes. The bike logos over the signal triggers are not yet painted on the new pitch black slurry-seal pavement coating. Phase II will be the Green Link that removes the one-way roadway from Grand Ave to Lakeshore.

The Embarcadero from 5th Ave to 16th Ave is no longer a treacherous route for cyclists. Landscaping between the Embarcadero and I-880 will soon follow. Check out Union Point Park between Coast Guard Island and High St Bridge.

Although the bike lanes on MacArthur Blvd. from Coolidge to 35th Ave are yet to be stripped, the guide lines show where they will be. City grinders have removed the narrow traffic-lane stripes.

To go with the new bike lanes on Grand Ave, MacArthur Blvd and Embarcadero, the City Council on May 29 approved resolutions to extend the Embarcadero Bay trail to West Oakland BART, and design bike lanes on MacArthur Boulevard from Lakeshore to Park Boulevard. The City Manager was also authorized to seek funding from the State Bicycle Transportation Account for the Fruitvale Bart BikeStation.

SUV Arms Race

The Unimog has new competition — the Ford “Super CrewZer” F-650. This 15-ton $90,000 truck has an incredible 130 gallon fuel capacity (enough to power an economy car clear across the continent). Options include a fold-away sofa sleeper and ceiling-mounted video display and VCR. If the trend toward larger trucks and SUV’s continues, will American’s one day be commuting in 18-wheelers?

BAC Calendar

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Alameda County

Meets as required, 1333 Broadway Suite 220, Oakland. Staff: Beth Walukas, 510-836-2560, x13, BWalukas@accma.ca.gov, www.accma.ca.gov.

BART

Aug 6, 6 pm MTC, 101 8th Street, Oakland. Bimonthly, first Mondays. Staff: Laura Timothy, 510-464-6425; Chair Dave Favello, 925-939-9462, davevelo@aol.com - County representatives: Alameda - Raines Cohen 510-337-9427 raines@raines.com, Dan Gildea (alternate) 510-658-1390; Contra Costa – Dave Favello, Craig Hagelin 925-937-7610, chagelin@ccnet.com.

Berkeley

June 11, July 9, 4-6 pm, (call to confirm date and time) 2118 Milvia St., 2nd floor. Staff: Rochelle Wheeler 510-705-8131, rwheeler@ci.berkeley.ca.us; Chair: Stephen Wheeler, swheeler@uclink.berkeley.edu; EBBC rep Hank Resnik, hankr@earthlink.net, 510-524-4488.

Brentwood

Parks & Recreation Department 740 3rd St. Staff: Craig Bronzan, Director Parks & Rec (925) 516-5365, CBronzan@ci.brentwood.ca.us; Delta Pedalers rep Dave Stoeffler 925-634-1793, Dav-es@ecis.com.

California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC)

June 7, Aug 2, 10:00 - 3:00 pm Meetings held bimonthly in Sacramento at Department of Food and Agriculture Building, Conference Rm A-317, 1220 N Street. CBAC addresses bicycle issues regarding facilities, standards and legislation of statewide significance. Staff: Jim Douglas, Caltrans, 916-653-2451, Jim_Douglas@dot.ca.gov; Chair: Alan Wachtel, CABO, 650-494-1750, Wachtel@aol.com; REBAC rep: Alex Zuckermann, 510-452-1221, REBACaz@earthlink.net.

Caltrans District 4

July 10, 1:30 pm, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland. Meets quarterly to review state highway projects which impact bicycle facilities. Staff: Julian Carroll, 510-286-5598, Julian_Carroll@dot.ca.gov; Chair: Doug Kimsey, MTC, 510-464-7794, dkinse@mtc.dst.ca.us; EBBBC rep Doug Faunt, 510-655-8604, Faunt@netcom.com.

Concord

(Trails Advisory Group) Call for date & location or check www.ci.Concord.CA.gov.us. Staff: Ginger Gessner, See “BAC” p. 8
MINUTES of the previous meeting of Tuesday, April 17, 2001, were approved.

REP. GEO. MILLER of Co Co Co held an "Environmental Town Hall" public meeting on Sat, May 12, at which Raburn asked that the Port Chicago Highway in Concord be re-opened for bike travel since the Concord Weapons Depot was no longer used by the military for dangerous weapons. The Congressman's response was not encouraging.

EBBC BICYCLE SAFETY QUIZ has been updated and put on-line at www.ebbc.org (with immediate correct answers and explanations) by Cecilie Birner.

IRON HORSE TRAIL BRIDGE over Treat Blvd has the backing of Supervisor Donna Gerber who says it will be built.

T-SHIRTS with our logo green-on-white in the front, and "ONE LESS CAR" on the back, have been purchased. However, there is a mis-spelled word in the small print, that many will not notice. Much discussion ensued, including the thought that the error may increase the value of the shirt, as is the case with postage stamps that have similar errors. Eventually we agreed to ask the manufacturer for an additional quantity of shirts equal to the value of the printing.

BIKE PLANS: Alameda County Bike Plan is completed, but it lacks connections to transit.

Co Co Co plan is getting started with a bike questionnaire constructed by Gail Payne of Dowling Associates. Gail was at the founding meeting of the CBC, and is now the VP of the CBC.

(In Eastern Co Co Co, the Highway 4 bike corridor plan is being made by John Greitzer of the CCTA: jgrei@cd.co.contra-costa.ca.us and our own Bruce Ohlson: bruceoleohlson@hotmail.com)

MTC's REGIONAL BIKE PLAN has had several meetings, and Gail Payne is working on the East Bay parts of that plan. The new head of MTC, Stave Hemminger, appears to be much more bike-friendly that was his predecessor, Larry Dahms.

EBBC LIBRARY needed a new home. Leo DuBose volunteered to house it in his new bike shop, which he hopes to open in about two months at B'way and 19th St in Oakland.

BIKE-TO-WORK-DAY will be Thur, May 17, 2001. Plans for the great day were discussed.

JULIAN CARROLL, CAL-TRANS BIKE CO-ORDINATOR for northern Calif was our guest. He had good news: The CMA (Congestion Management Agency) for each area will be handling the money. Chapter 1000 of the Cal-Trans Highway Design Manual, dealing with bicycles, was just updated, containing many good things. It has the force of law in that the Calif Streets and Highways Code, section 981, says that all local agencies "responsible for the development or operation of bikeways or roadways where bicycle travel is permitted shall utilize all minimum safety design criteria and uniform specifications" contained in such documents as the Highway Design Manual.

The CalTrans "Deputy Directive" DD-64, dated 3-26-01, "Accommodating Non-Motorized Travel," has much good news for us, also. (This document might better be called the "Deputy Director's Directive" since it comes from Tony V. Harris, the Chief Deputy Director of CalTrans.)

These documents say that all highway plans must include a bicycle plan. All this material must come across Julian's desk, he told us, and "They can't design anything without putting a bicycle component into it."

Julian told us that he knows the politics of Cal-Trans, and that the way to get things done is to go to the elected politicians. E.g., for bike access on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, we should go through the elected officials in Richmond and San Rafael, and in Marin and Co Co Counties.

Respectfully submitted by Yehuda Sherman, sec'y.

Thanks to the efforts of the Marin County Bicycle Coalition, the Golden Gate Transit District has changed their plans and will not be building a temporary parking lot on the railroad right-of-way just south of Cal Park Tunnel, 1/2 mile north of Larkspur Ferry Terminal. Written public comment against the parking lot outweighed support by a ratio of 20:1. A fundamental element of the planned non-motorized network in Marin County is the North-South Bicycle and Pedestrian Freeway — planned for alongside the railroad right-of-way (with future shared use with mass transit north of Larkspur). The heart of the system is in Larkspur, where the North-South and East-West systems would cross.
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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, FdelRosario@ci.Dublin.CA.us.

East Bay Regional Park District  June 25, July 23, 7:30 pm, Board Room, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland 94605 **Staff:** Ro Aguilar, Legislative Analyst, 510-635-0138 x2006, Chair: Henry Losec, 510-276-2271, EBBIKER@aol.com.

Lafayette Circulation Commission  June 18, July 25, 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  June 26, 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  June 21, July 19, 3rd Thursday at 3:30 pm at 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 4314. **Staff:** Kathryn Hughes 510-238-6493; **Chair:** Ron Bishop 510-652-4667.

Pittsburg  June 7, Aug 2, 7:00 pm, Civic Center 3rd Fl, 65 Civic Avenue. **Staff:** Paul Reinders, PReinders@ci.Pittsburg.ca.us, 925-252-4822, **Chair:** Peter Carpino.

Pleasanton  Spring meeting TBD. **Staff:** Mike Tassano, 925-931-5670

UC Berkeley  **Staff:** Diane Sutch, 510-643-9276, DSutch@uclink4.Berkeley.edu; EBBC rep: (open)

Walnut Creek  June 20, Aug 15, 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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