NEXT MEETING begins at at 7:30pm on August 20 (third Tuesday) at Oakland's Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Ave, at Manila. Starting at 8:30pm we will welcome Bruce "Ole" Ohlson, EBBC Board Member and Touring Cyclist Extroardinair. Ole will present "Bicycling the Carretera Austral" (southern Chile). A few years ago, Ole's EBBC presentation of his around-the-world tour was so popular that he was invited to make multiple presentations.
Safe Routes to Transit: Security and Safe Access

Scenario 1 – By day, the new bike racks are filled. Even the racks hidden from station agents or pedestrian traffic get filled every weekday morning, but only after parking at more secure locations is occupied by early-rising bicycle commuters. At night, the same racks hold skeletal remains of vandalized and stolen bicycles. Even “beater bikes” are not immune to theft. To those who might otherwise consider a healthy, economical, clean-air bicycle commute, this uninviting display provides ample warning of the security risk of leaving your bicycle at a transit station.

Scenario 2 – After a short ride through residential streets to a bus stop on an arterial street, you await the transbay bus knowing that it is equipped with a front-loading rack. As the bus approaches your heart sinks as you note that two bikes already occupy the bus rack. Locking your bike at the bus stop is not an option as no rack is available. Not even parking meters are available for securing your bike on this residential or minor commercial corridor.

Scenario 3 – You tire of searching for an automobile parking spot at your neighboring casual car-pool location (and enduring the wrath of neighbors who despise you for leaving your car in front of their homes). A five-minute bicycle ride to the car-pool location would not raise a sweat, but the lack of either a secure bicycle rack or locker deters you from this convenient, low-impact option.

Scenario 4 – Your community has begun to install bikeways that lead to a transit station only a few miles from your home. The transit service can accommodate your bicycle and offers a schedule that appeals to you (thanks to the EBBC and other advocates you can board either ferry, train, BART or bus with your bike). A short distance from the station property, however, you must negotiate a nasty intersection where the bikeway disappears. As well, your most direct path to the boarding area would require traveling against one-way traffic.

Result – In each of the above scenarios many potential transit/car-pool passengers will choose to drive rather than risk their personal safety or the security of their bicycle. Transit ridership suffers, as does the Bay Area’s environment and air quality.

Solution – Access, safety and security are crucial elements of a Safe Routes to Transit solution that would address the needs of BOTH bicyclists and pedestrians. During preparation of the Regional Bicycle Plan, Alta Consulting identified over 200 transit stations in the Bay Area. Access and gap closure in the immediate vicinity of each station would typically need to provide safe approaches from each neighboring quadrant. Large stations need attended bicycle parking (i.e., BikeStations) while on-demand lockers or secure racks could meet the needs where the demand is less.

Elements of Safe Routes to Transit are included in the recently adopted Regional Bicycle Plan and the Alameda Countywide Bicycle Plan. BART is also currently drafting “Access Plans” for fourteen of their stations. Nevertheless, no funding was included in the MTC’s Regional Transportation Plan. The MTC’s Executive Director, Steve Hembinger, recently met with advocates from around the bay and encouraged us to build support to include Safe Routes to Transit funding in the reauthorization of federal TEA-3 funding. You can help us convince the Bay Area’s Congressional delegation of this cost-effective solution by writing to your Congressional Representative (look in the blue pages of your phone book).

Another possible source of funds is the proposed $1 bridge toll increase currently being considered by Senator Perata. Safe Routes to Transit represents an appropriate expenditure of the added toll revenues. A Toll Bridge Advisory Committee primarily seeks to identify eligible projects that would reduce bridge congestion. The existing Caltrans Bicycle Shuttles clearly demonstrate the nexus between bicyclists and bridges. Again, you can help build support for Safe Routes to Transit funding by writing to Senator Perata and request that at least 5-percent of the toll increase be earmarked for Safe Routes to Transit.

-Robert Raburn
SHORT REPORTS

OAKLAND ADVOCATE GETS RESPONSE - At the intersection of Excelsior and Beaumont in Oakland is a traffic signal with a signal time in the Excelsior direction of about 6 seconds. Riders need about 9-10 seconds to cross the intersection EB on Excelsior due to a hill. Stephanie Reed reports that Oakland engineers solved the problem by setting the signal timing to the pedestrian timing.

OAKLAND BIKE TRIPPERS - Join museum volunteers on bicycle tours of Oakland’s historic downtown on the third Sunday of the month, on August 25, September 22 and October 27, 2002. The leisurely paced, 5-1/2-mile tours leave promptly at 10am from the Oakland Museum of California’s main entrance at 10th and Fallon Streets, opposite Laney College. Long-time tour leader, 76-year-old Bonnie Killip, is hoping to train new docents to help lead tours. An historical chronicle of Bonnie’s bike tours appears in the recent Museum of California Magazine (Summer 2002). Please make reservations or volunteer by calling the Docent Office (510) 238-3514.

PCL INITIATIVE - The Planning and Conservation League’s “Traffic Congestion Relief and Safe School Bus Act” will appear on this November’s ballot as Proposition 51. The EBBC endorsed this act that would allocate 30% of the state’s share of sales tax collected on motor vehicles to congestion-related purposes - including numerous bicycle projects.

SENATE BILL 1555 (TORLAKSON) - The Neighborhood Traffic Safety Act of 2002 has passed policy committees in both the Assembly and Senate according to the California Bicycle Coalition. It next faces an August 7th hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The Neighborhood Traffic Safety Act of 2002 adds a $5 penalty onto the price of renewing a driver’s license only for those motorists with 2 or more points on their driving record at the time of renewal. Approximately 15% of California motorists (650,000 annually) would be impacted. With the estimated $3,250,000 generated annually by this legislation, the Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety and Mobility Fund will be established within the CA Department of Health Services (DHS).

WALNUT CREEK BAC has two openings for members at large. The Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) advises and makes recommendations to the Transportation Commission on bicycle issues related to planning, existing facilities, construction projects, capital improvement projects, legislation, and education. The only qualification is that the candidate either live or work within the city limits or bordering unincorporated areas. A good overview of the BAC can be found on the city’s website, http://www.ci.walnut-creek.ca.us/bicyclecouncil/BAC.htm. Applications can be obtained through the Transportation Department by calling 256-3529. Applications are due September 20th, and new committee members will start in November.

BERKELEY PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TAX will appear on November’s ballot. The property tax measure would fund various pedestrian safety improvements, including traffic circles, bulb-outs, and lighted crosswalks. In the 2000 Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Report (BAPS), Berkeley had the highest number of pedestrian and bicycle injuries and deaths out of 44 California cities of similar size. For property owners with a 1,900 square-foot home, the new tax would cost $24.70 per year.

FRUITVALE BIKE STATION Next fall bicyclists will have a safer and more convenient place to park their bikes thanks to a $400,000 state grant awarded to the Oakland transportation department to build the city’s first bikestation at Fruitvale BART. The facility will provide 236 new bike parking spaces every day except holidays and Sundays. They will be available from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays. It is not yet known if cyclists will have to pay to park their bikes.

BAC Calendar
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Alameda County Meets as required, 1333 Broadway Suite 220, Oakland. Staff: Beth Walukas, 510-836-2560, x13, BWalukas@accterra.ca.gov, www.accoma.ca.gov.

BART (Bicycle Accessibility Task Force) Aug 5, Oct 7, 6 pm MTC, 101 5th Street, Oakland. Bimonthly, first Mondays. Staff: Laura Timothy, 510-464-6425; Co-Chairs Joe Carroll, jcarroll@bni.com, 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@earthlink.net.

Berkeley Transportation Commission’s Bicycle Subcommitte Aug 7, Sep 4, 4-6 pm, (call to confirm date and time) 2118 Milvia St., 2nd floor, Staff: Carolyn Helmyke 510-705-8131, CHelmyke@ci.berke ley.ca.us, Chair: Stephen Wheeler, SWheeler@uclink.berkeley.edu, EBBC rep Hank Resnik, hankr@earthlink.net, 510-524-4488.

Brentwood Aug 20, 4:00 pm (contact staff to confirm dates) Parks & Recreation Department 740 3rd St. Staff: Janet Hansen, 925-516-5369, JHansen@ci.brentwood.ca.us, Delta Pedalers rep Dave Stoeffler 925-634-1793, Davest@ecis.com.

California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) Aug 1, Oct 3, 10:00 - 3:00 pm, Meetings held bimonthly in Sacramento at Department of Transportation, Conference Rm 2116, 1120 N Street. CBAC addresses bicycle issues regarding Caltrans facilities, standards and legislation of statewide significance. Staff: Ken McGuire, Caltrans, 916-653-2750, Ken_McGuire@dot.ca.gov, Chair: Alan Wachtel, CABO, 650-494-1750, Wacht el@aol.com; REBAC rep: Alex Zuckermann, 510-452-1221, REBACazu@earthlink.net

Caltrans District 4 Oct 8, 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, dkimse@mtc.dst.ca.us; EBBC rep Doug Faunt, 510-655-8604, Faunt@netcom.com.

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Court Orders MTC to Meet Ridership Goals Set in 1982

US District Court Judge Thelton Henderson ordered the MTC to ensure that Bay Area regional transit operators increase ridership 15% above 1983 levels by no later than November 9, 2006. This ruling marks the conclusion of a lawsuit filed by community and environmental groups in February 2001. The groups sued to enforce implementation of TCM 2 measures adopted 20 years ago by the MTC to meet Clean Air Act obligations.

Transit ridership today is only slightly higher than it was in 1983, despite a 30% increase in population.

In a unanimous vote, MTC Commissioners decided to appeal the ruling. The MTC argued that the commitment to boost transit ridership was outdated, unnecessary and beyond its control.

Bikestation Security Part of Safe Bike Access to Transit

How important is secure bike parking to Kevin Bean? Well, to keep his bike from getting stolen, he rides from his house in Kensington to El Cerrito Plaza BART, takes BART with his bike to downtown Berkeley, and brings his bike up to the Berkeley Bikestation on the concourse level of the downtown Berkeley BART Station, then hops back on BART to get to his job in Oakland. By the way he has a standing agreement with the BART station agent to let him check his bike into the Bikestation without having to process his ticket. Kevin would certainly like to be able to leave his bike at El Cerrito Plaza BART. But there, like at many Bay Area transit stations, bike theft is a serious problem.

Jeff Pennington of San Francisco rides his nice black Bianchi road bike from his house in the Haight/Ashbury district to BART, takes his bike with him on BART to Berkeley, checks his bike into the Bikestation, and then walks to work in downtown Berkeley. Jeff would find it much easier to leave his bike at a secure place at 16th St. BART, but even the new U-racks inside the paid area of the 16th St. BART Station are not enough to ensure the security of Jeff’s bike.

David Dunkle of Albany rides his bike every day right past the North Berkeley BART Station, with its numerous bike racks and lockers, and rides on to the Berkeley Bikestation in order to make sure his bike is securely locked before BARTing to work. Kevin, Jeff, and David are good examples of how a strategically located Bikestation can help bicycle commuters throughout the Bay Area.

It is difficult to bike to work when your bicycle has been stolen. Since it opened in November, 1999, the Berkeley Bikestation has parked over 50,000 bikes, and in that time not a single bike has been stolen. Long Beach, California showed this country the way back in 1996 when it opened the first US Bikestation at Long Beach’s First Street Transit Mall. In 1998, Palo Alto followed with a Bikestation at the Palo Alto Caltrain Station. Soon, Embarcadero BART in downtown San Francisco and Fruitvale Transit Village at Fruitvale BART will be getting Bikestations.

Secure bike parking is a necessary part of a bicycle commuter’s trip to work. Without it, millions of dollars worth of bikes are stolen every year, and more commuters resort to using their cars for travel. Secure bike parking is why the East Bay Bicycle Coalition, as well as the Bicycle-Friendly Berkeley Coalition and the other Bay Area bike coalitions, regularly provide valet bike parking at large events like Solano Ave. Stroll, Dia de Los Muertos, and the 4th of July Fireworks.

-Dave Campbell
Albany City Council Votes in Favor of Marin Ave. Road Diet

Do your streets resemble the existing Marin Avenue? Many cities throughout the Bay Area and beyond inquired about applying “Road Diets” following nationwide notice by the Surface Transportation Policy Project of Albany’s newsworthy project. Interested readers will find other Road Diets mentioned in past issues of RideOn available at www.ebbc.org (TRB Research & Oakland’s Grand Ave, June 2002; San Leandro’s Bancroft Ave, April 1999). For general info on Road Diets by Dan Burden and Peter Lagerwey go to the download area at www.walkable.org.

As shown in the diagram below, four lanes will be reduced to 2 lanes with a center turn lane, leaving plenty of space for bike lanes.

Unidentified bicyclist squeezes past parked cars and police radar on Albany’s Marin Avenue toward the BART structure and Berkeley Hills on July 1, 2002. That evening, the Albany City Council unanimously voted in favor of a “Road Diet” proposal to make room for bicyclists and enhance pedestrian safety.

**ADDING BIKE Lanes**

**Albany Bike Lanes:**
Stannage Avenue - Ordway Blvd

**Albany & Berkeley Bike Lanes:**
Stannage Avenue - Colusa Avenue

PROPOSED MARIN AVENUE TYPICAL CROSS SECTION
MINUTES of the General Meeting of Tuesday, July 16, 2002 held at the Rockridge Branch of the Oakland Public Library

CHAIR was Leo DuBose.

MINUTES of the previous meeting of Tues, June 18, 2002, were approved.

BUDGET Robert Raburn announced that we had received $4,000 of the Oakland Traffic Safety grant to publish our material in Spanish and Chinese.

MEMBERSHIP We mailed out 1,100 copies of our RideOn newsletter. Leo D said his goal is to double our membership.

SIERRA CLUB will feature in their Sept newsletter an issue on bicycling. They are soliciting material for their mailing which goes to 20,000 members; and we can submit material which will be an insert into the issue.

AC TRANSIT Our own Doug Cross of AC Transit distributed two AC brochures, one entitled Bicycles on Board, Rack & Roll and the other on discounts for AC riders.

30th BIRTHDAY PARTY of EBBC will be on Fri evening, Sept 27, 2002, at the Oakland YWCA at 15th and Franklin Streets.

RICHMOND-SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE Raburn reported on a 6-27-02 meeting on this subject with (bike-friendly) CalTrans Director Jeff Morales, District 4 CalTrans acting-Director Randy Iwasaki, Raburn, Alex Zuckermann of REBAC (and founder of EBBC) and Ken Eichstaedt of the Marin County Bicycle Coalition. No promises were made, but Raburn and others apparently convinced Morales that he should favor bikes on the bridge. Bikes are currently allowed on a bus that traverses the bridge.

BIKE PARKING Dave Campbell proposed our spending $300 to design and help purchase new, light-weight, bike parking equipment. BFBC will contribute $100. Motion passed.

CALTRANS “ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE” Planning Grants are available. Dave C told of his work with the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority to obtain a $250,000 grant to improve access to the Coliseum BART station from the numerous job sites that are west of the RR tracks. This would include easy bike access, which currently does not exist. The grant would also include a county bike co-ordinator.

EASTERN CoCoCo Bruce “Ole” Ohlson reported on his many activities to improve such things as bike lanes on Somersville Road in Antioch, and on Ygnacio Valley Road in Concord, and obtaining 5% of proposed Measure C renewal funds for bikes and peds. A motion was passed to approve our sending a letter to the authorities in Antioch telling them not only what we want, but what Chapter 1000 of the CalTrans Highway Design Manual says about not putting class I bike-ped paths adjacent to motorized traffic.

CoCoCo BIKE PLAN is moving ahead, albeit slowly. More meetings needed, but no dates as yet. Meetings are early afternoon at CCTA, and food is served.

L.A.B. CLASSES Amanda Jones, the Palo Alto bike co-ordinator, has arranged for free LAB bike safety classes in her city. This material is on our web-site and will again be sent out via e-mail. John Ciccarelli, who gives the classes, was asked by us to provide such classes also here in the East Bay.

ROUND-ABOUTS John Ciccarelli, who is also an engineer and traffic planner, gave us a very informative talk on the advantages of round-abouts of various sizes. They provide for faster and safer flow of traffic than traditional intersections with stop signs and traffic signals. Small single lane round-abouts are safe for bikes and peds, but double lane ones are sometimes problematical. Round-abouts operate on the principle that the cars moving in the circle have the right-of-way, and entering vehicles must wait for a safe opening.

NEXT MEETING will be on Tues, Aug 20, 2002, 7:30 PM, again at the Rockridge Library.

Respectfully submitted by Yehuda Sherman, sec’y.

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**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) Sept 23, 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, EBHKiKer@aol.com.

**Fremont** Meets as required at 4:00 pm, Niles Room, 39550 Liberty Street. **Staff:** Rene Dalton, 510-494-4535, RDalton@ci.fremont.ca.us. **Chair:** EBBBC rep Michael.Graff@pobox.com.

**Lafayette Circulation Commission** Aug 19, Sep 2, 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, (Contact Staff for date of first BAC meeting) **Bicycle Liaison:** Commissioner Lynn Hiden 925-283-5487, EBBBC rep YehudaSherman@aol.com, 925-284-5363.

**Livermore.** (BAC being formed.) Call Anna Vickrey, 925-373-5796, AMVickrey@ci.Livermore.ca.us, for further info.

**Oakland** Aug 15, Sep 19, 3rd Thursday at 3:30 pm at 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 4314. **Staff:** Kathryn Hughes 510-238-6493, KHughes@oaklandnet.com; **Chair:** Ron Bishop 510-652-4667, rbishop747@aol.com.

**Pittsburg Traffic & Circulation Advisory Committee** Aug 1, Oct 3, 7:00 pm, Civic Center 3rd Fl, 65 Civic Avenue. **Staff:** Paul Reinders, PReinders@ci.Pittsburg.ca.us, 925-252-4822, **Chair:** Ross De Boie.

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

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**Walnut Creek** Sept 18, 7:30 pm, 111 N. Wiget Lane, at Shadelands Civic Arts Bldg. **Staff:** Mike Vecchio, Community Development, 925-256-3529; vecchio@ci.walnut-creek.ca.us **Chair:** Jeff Thomas, JWT6@pge.com, 925-945-7781, EBBBC rep Dave Favello, DaveVe-lo@aol.com.