Next meeting begins at 7:30pm on February 19 (third Tuesday) at Oakland's Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Ave, at Manila. Agenda topics for our action include the Park Measure on the March 5 ballot and One-Way vs Two-Way Streets. Starting at 8:30pm we will welcome Jaime Perkins from the East Bay Regional Park District. Jaime will present a short video on the district's Measure K and address queries that the EBBC has submitted for the EBRPD to respond to. After the presentation we will vote on whether to support Measure K. Bicycles allowed inside and an elevator is available.

Berkeley's new bicycle and pedestrian bridge opens February 27 at 1:30 p.m. The work of many bicycle, pedestrian, and neighborhood advocates has finally culminated in a beautiful new bridge over I-80, providing a safe link between Berkeley and its Marina and Bay Trail.
Bay Bridge East Span Construction Begins

On the afternoon of February 28 I attended the Caltrans kick-off celebration for starting construction of the new East Span. The event took place outdoors on Treasure Island overlooking the East Span before a crowd of about 200. As most of you know, the new East Span will have a 15-1/2-foot wide, two-way bicycle/pedestrian pathway on the southside, connecting Oakland with Yerba Buena and Treasure Islands. Construction will start in June of this year and be completed by 2007.

Still unresolved is the issue of a “shore-to-shore” bikepath. A West Span path has been studied and found to be feasible, but will cost in the neighborhood of $160 million.

Prior to the ceremony, I had a chance to speak to Jeff Morales, Caltrans Statewide Director as well as Governor Gray Davis. Morales is a very approachable guy. I mentioned how much we appreciated what he had done for bicycles on behalf of Caltrans-DD 64 for one thing (requiring all Caltrans projects to take bicycle access into consideration). We are also trying hard (or will soon), I told him, to get funding for the West Span pathway (Kevin Shelley, Carole Migden?). I could not help not mentioning bicycle access on the Richmond–San Rafael Bridge and cited the Mineta Access on Freeway Shoulder Report. He acknowledged it and said he and his staff were studying it. “I hope you are keeping an open mind on this”, I said. “We sure are”, he replied.

At the end of the ceremony, after Governor Davis had signed the pile that would later be driven into Bay mud to hold up the bridge, I introduced myself and mentioned that our goal was “shore-to-shore” bicycle access. “Would you be willing to sign a bill that sought funding for a West Span bikepath?”, I asked him. He was very courteous and attentive and said: “I’ll give it due consideration.” [Steve Heminger, Executive Director of MTC, afterwards told me (smilingly) that he thought I was shameless talking to Davis].

For what it’s worth, during the ceremony, during acknowledgments of people who contributed to the East Span project, Maria Contreras-Sweet, Secretary of the California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, also called upon me to stand and bow. Maria was working for Senatorlocker as his aide about six years ago and arranged a meeting with him at that time. -Alex Zuckermann

BAC Calendar
Compiled by: John Ruzek

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 (Bicycle Accessibility Task Force) Feb 4, Apr 1, 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; Contra Costa – Dave Favello, Craig Hagelin 925-937-7610, chagelin@csnet.com.

Berkeley Feb 6, Mar 6, 4-6 pm, (call to confirm date and time) 2118 Milvia St., 2nd floor. Staff: Carolyn Helmke 510-705-8131, CHelmke@ci.berkeley.ca.us; Chair: Stephen Wheeler, SWheeler@uc.berkeley.edu; EBBC rep Hank Resnik, hankr@earthlink.net, 510-524-4488.

Brentwood Feb 14, Mar 14, 3:30 pm (2nd Thurs) 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, Dave@delta-bikes.com.

California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) Feb 7, Apr 4, 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 Apr 9, 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, dkinsey@mtc.ca.gov; EBBC 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, Parks Manager, 925-671-3444, EBBC rep Kathy Tate, 925-671-7579, BikeTate@tpi.net.

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**SHORT REPORTS**

**COCOCO BICYCLE PLAN** - Three public workshops were held in late January to solicit bicyclists’ input in the combined Central & SW Planning Area, plus the Eastern and Western Planning Areas. Michael Boyce, EBBC Representative on the Planning Committee (michaelbboyce@yahoo.com), welcomes your suggestions.

After an initial review of the Issues and Options Report released in January 2002, the EBBC is urging that the plan include 1) adoption of the Caltrans Deputy Directive 64 (published in rideOn, June 2001); 2) inclusion of the US DOT’s “Accommodating Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel: A US DOT Policy Statement on Integrating Bicycling and Walking into Transportation Infrastructure,” available at www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bikeped/design.htm; and 3) the Trail Design Resource Handbook (formerly the Countywide Trail Review Study) available at www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/cd/transportation/trailrvw.htm. This last document, dealing with trail improvements for commuter use, has yet to be officially adopted by CoCoCo.

The Issues and Options report is available by calling Jane Pennington at 925/256-4720 or by clicking your way to www.ctca.net.

**CONCORD** - Kathy Tate reports that signed bikeways — including some bike lanes — are being considered by city officials. Concord is the largest city in the East Bay that does not maintain a single mile of on-street bikeway.

**OLYMPIC BID** - The prospect of bringing the Olympics to the Bay Area in 2012 is also creating a discussion about increased investments in transportation. To assist in securing the bid, the EBBC has joined SVBC in offering bicycle-parking services to the MTC planners. You can review the venues proposed by the Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee (BASOC) at http://www.basoc2012.com. The Bay Area is one of four finalists for the US bid on the 2012 Summer Olympics.

**FREMONT** - Planning for the Warm Springs to San Jose stations will require the combined input from the EBBC’s Fremont area bicyclists and the SVBC. According to the John Brazil, San Jose’s new Bike/Pedestrian Program Coordinator, “bike and ped accessibility is listed as one of several ‘Key Issues & Criteria’ at station alternative analysis. But the analysis only appears to estimate impacts to existing bike/ped facilities.” Specific station locations and designs have not yet been determined. But stations will almost certainly be aligned to connect with ACE and the Capitol Corridor at Warm Springs. Please contact the EBBC (510/530-3444) to offer your assistance.

**RICHMOND** - Trails for Richmond Action Committee (TRAC) offers a map showing progress and on Richmond’s portion of the Bay Trail. To contact TRAC call Bruce Beyaert at 510/235-2835.

**CALTRANS** - The EBBC succeeded in getting Caltrans to implement a demonstration video detection traffic signal program for bicycles. Video detection is superior technology to pavement loops. The project is to install cameras at 37 intersections in the Bay Area, including eight intersections on Ashby Ave from College Ave to 7th St. Signal phasing adjustments represent a separate topic. However, the approach depth sensitivity for video systems makes it easier to detect an approaching bicyclist and change the signal without making the bicyclist stop. To participate in a Bicycle User Survey to evaluate the systems, please contact Kimley-Horn and Associates at 510/625-0712.

**OAKLAND** - Mayor Jerry Brown has made the Lake Merritt Plan a major goal for his administration. Bicyclists need to speak up to public officials if we wish to see a bike-friendly environment on the streets surrounding the lake. You can review the plan at the Veteran’s Memorial Building, Harrison at Grand or online at www.oaklandnet.com.

**DICK RIORDAN** - Former Mayor of Los Angeles and leading Republican candidate for Governor proposes to fix California’s transportation problems by widening freeways. From his web page: “We must expand the capacity of the state’s transportation system — especially freeways — to carry both goods and people and we must identify new revenue that can be used to expand our transportation system. This is what it will take to support our economy and improve the quality of life for our residents.”

**HAYWARD BYPASS** was defeated in a court ruling on January 9th, 2002 by Alameda County Superior Court Judge Gordon Bource. Will ACTA appeal the ruling? ACTA must decide by March 7th whether to appeal the decision. The ruling forbids ACTA from using Measure B sales tax funds for the “bypass” because it is not the project voters approved in 1986. The Bay Area Transportation and Land-Use Coalition opposes the bypass because it would destroy over 300 homes, evicting low-and moderate-income tenants who would have to move further east. As well, it would divide a neighborhood, destroy valuable open space, drain funding from public transit, and most importantly: wouldn’t even solve gridlock in the corridor. BATLUC proposes that the land reserved for the highway could be better used for more than 3000 new homes. County Supervisors Nate Milely and Gail Steele have exerted strong leadership toward stopping the bypass, while Mayors Roberto Cooper (Hayward) and Mark Green (Union City) have publicly stated that they support appealing the ruling. At least three of the other five ACTA Board Members must be persuaded to oppose an appeal. The ACTA Board is expected to vote on an appeal at its February 7th meeting.

**PROPOSITION 42** would shift some money from the Gasoline tax from the General Fund to transportation. Currently, California levies two types of taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel: An excise tax of 18 cents on each gallon and a 6% sales tax. While revenues from the excise tax are used on public roads, the sales tax revenue goes into the General Fund, which pays for things like education, health, and social services. This proposition would shift the sales tax money into transportation. While it would increase the money for road maintenance, highway spending, and transit, it would reduce money going into the General Fund. The proposition proposes to spend 20% on transit, and most of the rest on roads and other projects in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). However, the proposition allows the Legislature to modify this allocation at any time.

February 2002
Minutes from EBBC Retreat of January 27, 2002

The annual EBBC retreat was once again hosted graciously by Raburn’s friends, Marilyn and Dennis Scherzer of East Palo Alto in their outdoor resort called the Funky Shui. As in the past, the food and hospitality were great.

CHAIR The meeting was chaired in a joint manner by Robert Raburn, our new full-time Executive Director, and Leo DuBose, who is once again our Chair. We welcomed Dani Weber of the Peninsula BC, Amanda Jones of the Palo Alto bike station, as well as Rachel Hiatt, Kathryn Swift, Jason Patton, Michael Boyce, Raines Cohen, Pat Brown, “Bike Dave” Favello, Doug Cross, Dave Campbell, Ole Ohlson, Craig Hagelin.

YEAR IN REVIEW Accomplishments included: the bike quiz is now on-line; obtaining the grant to translate the quiz into Spanish and Chinese; DD-64 of CalTrans; getting the new SR 4 by-pass available for bikes; completion of the Alameda Co and MTC Regional Bike Plans, and the soon-to-be-completed CoCoCo bike plan. The RTP of MTC is not in compliance with the EPA clean air standards, and thus as of Jan 21, 2002, no Federal funds can come to MTC for any construction. We are well-positioned with a solution in our proposed Safe Routes to Transit program. We must make sure that the RBP will contain FHWA design

bikelines and the DD-64 guidelines that CalTrans is working on.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2002 The Cinderella Classic attracted 2,500 women last year, and therefore it will not be held at the Dublin HS but rather at Camp Parks on Sat, April 6, with the swap meet the next day.

The Fremont Freewheeler’s Prima Vera Century will also be held in the Spring, since primavera is Italian for Spring.

Earth Day will be celebrated in late April in Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond, and at the Concord Pavilion.

Berkeley will also have a Bay Festival event at the Marina on April 27, which, for us cyclists, will feature the new bridge across the I-80 freeway and the RR tracks.

Bike-to-Work Day will be Thur, May 16, and we will try to get REBAC to run the show in place of RIDES, if possible, or at least to have local areas do their own things, make their own posters. We will have a ride on the new Oakland Embarcadero, and we will form a publicity committee of members who have various ideas for publicity.


EBBC 30th BIRTHDAY PARTY: in Spring or Autumn? A committee will probably decide.

“RIDE ON” NEWSLETTER We need more contributors, articles of interest other than activism, monthly themes, more graphics and photos, publicity of re-newal of memberships on-line by credit cards.

BUDGET Treasurer’s report and the monies approved as donations will be published in this newsletter at a later date. Insurance had to be purchased in order to obtain grants.

VALET PARKING We approved the purchase of valet parking supplies, a banner, flags, and whatever else is needed. Volunteers’ food will be paid for, either by the festival or by EBBC. Motion passed to ask sponsors to pay for food.

MEMBERSHIP doubling to 2000 was adopted as a goal. We also have some 3000 members in 15 affiliated coalition organizations. Credit card re-newals and donations are available on-line, but not by mail. Raines Cohen has merged the data bases of EBBC and BFBC. Revise brochure with more graphics and less words. Spanish and Chinese editions. We will be sending re-newal notices with return envelopes every two months.

PUBLICITY was discussed, such as Kathryn Swift’s contacting friends at radio station KKSF.

“ADOPT A SHOP” was discussed, such as shop “ambassadors” to visit bike shops and set up brochure stands, which we will pay for.

MAP REVISION Raburn reported that Barclay Maps will be able to re-print our old East-of-the-Hills map, with minor revisions, but we are unable to add newly built roads. Raburn will meet again with Barclay on Feb 13.

FUTURE GENERAL MEETINGS for Feb & March will be help at the Rockridge Library; and I (YS) will try to reserve the library room for April, May, etc. meetings. Hence, I am the person to contact to see if the library room has been reserved.

Respectfully submitted by Yehuda Sherman, sec’y
Lone Tree Way: One Threat Removed, One Threat Remains

Our fears that construction of the SR 4 Bypass interchange at Lone Tree Way would permanently sever bicycle travel on Lone Tree Way were allayed at the January 22nd Caltrans District 4 Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting. In the presence of MTC staff, Caltrans Bicycle Coordinator Julian Carroll assured us that bicycle access would be included in intersection design.

Carroll further reported that the hazardous storm drains on SR 4 Bypass were already replaced and that interim bicycle access on the Bypass roadway will continue until an alternative to the future freeway is constructed.

However, as Bruce “Ole” Ohlson reported last month, the City of Antioch is adamant that the existing “bike lanes” on Lone Tree Way are merely shoulders that will be sacrificed to add vehicle travel lanes. Antioch proposes to re-stripe two miles of the road from four-lanes to six-lanes using State and Federal funds. This habitat of the Delta Pedalers would henceforth be lost (see accompanying photograph).

There is an option that would allow BOTH an added travel lane and the bike lane to co-exist in each direction of the existing 36-foot right-of-way. Instead of creating three high-speed 12-foot wide travel lanes, use two 10-foot lanes to provide sufficient room to retain a four-foot bike lane next to a 12-foot curb lane. The narrower lanes would also calm the traffic and make life for bicyclists and pedestrians safer on this burgeoning arterial.

- Robert Raburn

Ironically, the City of Antioch proposes to eliminate the de-facto bike lanes on a street maintained by the Delta Pedalers Bicycle Club.

Is Your Bicycle Prepared for Shorter Daylight Hours?

Take the Quiz!

A bicycle must be equipped with a headlight:
A. **If it is ridden after dark.**
B. **If it does not have a white front reflector.**
A. **At all times.**

(Check you answer on page 6)
MINUTES of the General Membership Meeting of Tuesday, January 15, 2002 held at the Rockridge Branch of Oakland Public Library

CHAIR The meeting was chaired jointly by Robert Raburn, our out-going chair and new Executive Director, and Leo DuBose, our former chair and new chair.

MINUTES of previous meeting of Nov 2001 will be corrected at our next meeting because most members had not received their newsletters. However, one correction is that Robert Raburn’s salary as our new Executive Director has not been determined as yet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, as revised: The CCTA (Co Co Transportation Authority) will hold three open workshops on the new County Bike Plan: Mon, Jan 28, at CCTA office in Pleasant Hill, Wed, Jan 30, at Antioch Police Dept. Thur, Jan 31, at Maple Hall, San Pablo City Hall.

EBRPD (East Bay Parks) meeting tomorrow, Wed, Jan 16, regarding Measure K to expand parks. See more below.

Hillegas-Bowditch bike blvd meeting at Berkeley Library branch on Hillegas south of Ashby, Jan 30.

East Co Co Bike Plan Antioch City Hall.

PCL (Planning and Conservation League) initiative has been canceled.

BART extension to East CoCoCo planning meetings Jan 31, Feb 5, & Feb 6. Dates of future meetings should be in newsletter, suggested Mark Margulis.

RETREAT EBBC annual retreat will be Sun, Jan 27, once again in East Palo Alto at home of Raburn’s very hospitable friends, Dennis and Marilyn Scherzer, 2261 Clarke Ave, 10 AM to 3 PM. Directions on how to get there by bike via BART from Union City on Sunday, and Colma BART on Saturday, and by CalTrain, will be sent out by e-mail by Rabum.

BIKE-TO-WORK DAY will be Thur May 16, 2002.

POLITICAL ISSUES EBRPD MEASURE K will be a small increase in the real estate tax to buy more open space.

CBC (CAL BIKE COAL) is promoting the Transportation Safety Act of 2002 to increase traffic fines for more money for health programs.

PROP 42 will be on the March 2002 ballot. It will take some $1.4 billion of gas sales tax money and divert it from the State general fund and have it go for transportation, a small amount of which will help bikes. How should we vote?

PARKING IN CLASS II BIKE LANES The Vehicle Code is unclear on this issue. The Driver’s Manual says parking is allowed unless there are signs prohibiting parking. An Alameda County ordinance prohibits parking on bike lanes. A bill will be introduced to make it illegal state-wide to park on bike lanes.

THUNDERHEAD ALLIANCE is as nationwide group of bike activists, who meet annually. We discussed joining at $100, but postponed action until our retreat when all contributions will be discussed. Mention was made on how Thunderhead and LAB differ.

BIKE SAFETY QUIZ Raburn reported on his obtaining a grant of $8,000 from Oakland to translate our quiz into Spanish and Chinese, and to print up booklets in these languages. Cecile Birner has put the quiz on the web in English.

FMX CoCoCo Ole Ohlson reported on problems in Antioch (Lone Tree Way) and Pittsburg (West 10th St) where these cities are planning to do away with bike lanes in order to create more car lanes on major streets. He is working hard to prevent this, and will be aided by a Federal decision made shortly after our meeting to halt all road construction in the Bay Area due to failure to meet Federal Clean Air Act standards.

DELTA De ANZA TRAIL will be closed west of Leland Road due to pipe laying, and Ole is asking Pittsburg to offer an alternate bike route.

OUR 30th BIRTHDAY will be later this year, and we will celebrate all our accomplishments with a party. Committee of volunteers formed.

LETTER TO MTC A motion was passed to authorize Raburn to send a letter to Steve Hemicger, the new head of MTC, asking him to fund the new MTC Bike Plan and to support new TCM (Transportation Control Measures) and Safe Routes to Transit in order to clean the air that we breathe by promoting non-polluting modes of transportation, such as bikes. As noted above, within days of our meeting the Feds cut off money for MTC because it had not done enough to clean the air.

PRESENTATION Kurt Abrams presented a slide show of his bike trip to Russia.

NEXT MEETING will again be at the Rockridge Library in Oakland on Tues, Feb 19, 2002, starting at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Yehuda Sherman, sec’y.

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Answer to bicycle headlight quiz. Test your knowledge of the California Vehicle Code as it applies to bicycles by taking the online EBBC Bicycle Safety Quiz at www.ebbc.org.

A) If it is ridden after dark.

According to the CVC Section 21201(d),

"Every bicycle operated upon any highway during darkness shall be equipped (1) with a lamp emitting a white light which, while the bicycle is in motion, illuminates the highway in front of the bicyclist and is visible from a distance of 300 feet in front and from the sides of the bicycle; (2) with a red reflector on the rear which shall be visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle...."

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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, Ferd.delRosario@ci.Dublin.CA.us.

**East Bay Regional Park District** (Park Advisory Committee) Feb 25, 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** Feb 18, Mar 4, 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. (Bring up new issues in Public Comment at start of meetings); EBB rep YehudaSherman@aol.com, 925-284-5363.

**Livermore**. Feb 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** Feb 21, Mar 21, 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, rbishop747@aol.com.

**Pittsburg** Feb 7, Apr 4, 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** Next meeting TBD. **Staff:** Mike Tassano, 925-931-5670

**UC Berkeley** To be scheduled. **Staff:** Karl Hans, KHans@uclink4.Berkeley.edu; EBB rep: Rachel Hiatt 510-325-6665 rhiatt@uclink.berkeley.edu

**Walnut Creek BAC** Mar 20, 7:30 pm, City Hall, 2nd Floor. Meets bimonthly, 3rd Wednesdays. **Staff:** Mike Vecchio, Community Development, 925-256-3529; **Chair:** Jeff Thomas, JWT6@pge.com, 925 945-7781.