NEXT MEETING begins at 7:30pm on January 21[third Tuesday) at Oakland's Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Ave, at Manila. Agenda topics include CoCoCo’s Transportation Sales Tax renewal, Oakland’s Walking and Bicycling Conference in the Fall and the Caldecott Tunnel. Planning for Bike to Work 2003 has been "delegated" to us. We will also report on the Jan 18 Annual Retreat in Port Costa. Starting at 8:30pm we will welcome Doug Cross who will present images of Bicycle Friendly Cities: Copenhagen; Amsterdam; Minneapolis-St Paul and Blackrock City, NV.
EBBC Founder in Critical Condition

Shortly after midnight on Saturday, October 26, Caltrans briefly closed the upper deck of the Bay Bridge as part of the ongoing seismic retrofit project of the West Span. Beside construction crews on the spans, a single bicyclist, Alex Zuckermann, 81, was invited to join Randy Iwasaki, then the acting Director of Caltrans District 4, for an inspection of the bridge. Sadly, Alex crashed and sustained a head injury, apparently after his narrow tire blew out when he hit one of the metal expansion grates. Alex was wearing a helmet. Caltrans Director Iwasaki spent the night at the hospital with Alex and his family. Alex remains in serious condition at Kaiser Hospital. We wish Alex and his family the best during this difficult period.

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California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) Feb 6, 10:00 - 3:00 pm, Meetings held bi-monthly 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, Wachtel@aol.com; REBAC rep: Alex Zuckermann, 510-452-1221, REBACazu@earthlink.net

Caltrans District 4 Jan 14, 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.dst.ca.us; 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, Staff: Ginger Gessner, Parks Manager, 925-671-3444, EBBC rep Kathy Tate, 925-671-7579, Bikekat@constant.com.

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- Sharp Bicycle, 969 Moraga Rd., Lafayette
- Dublin Cyclery, 7001 Dublin Blvd, Dublin
- Cycle Sports 3241 Grand Ave, Oakland
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DELTA DE ANZA TRAIL - Construction of the missing section between Hillcrest Avenue in Antioch and Neroli Road in Oakley has been completed. Fencing, unfortunately, still prevents cyclists, walkers, and other citizens from using it while lawyers for the EBRPD and the Union Pacific wrangle about the trail’s crossing of the virtually abandoned Mocobo branch railway line.

PITTSBURG and BRENTWOOD seek to become certified as Bicycle Friendly Communities by applying to the League of American Cyclists.

PLEASANT HILL BART - The bridge for the Iron Horse Trail over Treat Blvd. is scheduled for 2004. The newly proposed alignment for the bridge is curious. North of Treat Blvd., it swings away from the Iron Horse Greenway, away from BART, into the Del Hombre Respite Area. The bridge should stay on the Iron Horse Greenway for many reasons, not least of which would be to preserve the Respite Area as the shaded break in the Trail it is intended for. Ideally the bridge should also deliver commuters to the BART station. A branch of the bridge over Jones Road into the BART station would avoid another crossing at street level. Contra Costa County has not yet decided on the design of the structure itself and requests public input. Contact Jim Kennedy, County Redevelopment at (925) 335-1255 and ask when the next public bridge meeting will be and when all the bridge designs will be available on the Web for voting on.

PLEASANT HILL BART - At the side of the Iron Horse Trail near Pleasant Hill BART is the Las Juntas Swim Club. It would make an ideal Trailhead because it has showers, toilets, drinking water, some parking, a pool and a picnic area. County Redevelopment wants to buy it to pave the whole thing over for a temporary BART parking lot. Another option would create a community facility to serve Trail users. The appeal against the BART parking lot idea is tentatively scheduled to be heard on 21 January at Walnut Creek City Hall, 7pm. You can voice your preference to Gwen Regalia, Mayor of Walnut Creek, at regalia@ci.walnut-creek.ca.us.

PINEHURST ROAD - Following a head-on collision when a vehicle crossed over the center line and injured Bhima Sheridan as he was commuting, the Grizzly Peak Cyclists requested that Contra Costa County install Share the Road signs. According to Public Works Director Maurice Shiu, signs will be placed at the ends of Pinehurst Road and possibly at the county line. The EBBC seeks similar treatment for the Alameda County section of this popular bikeway. Bhima has returned to work at Rivendell Bicycle Works.

ALAMEDA POINT - The Design Panel of the San Francisco Bay Conversation and Development Commission (BCDC) wisely recommended that the Bay Trail should be routed along the western shoreline instead of between links of a proposed golf course. A vote by the full BCDC should take place in January.

WEST COCOCO - The EBBC succeeded in convincing County staff to include Carlson Blvd, a three-mile arterial from 23rd Street in Richmond to Central Avenue in El Cerrito, in the Countywide Bicycle Network as an on-street facility. The final draft of the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan received approval from the CCTA on November 20.

RICHMOND PARKWAY - Ian MacDonald, EBBC’s Hazard Eliminations Guru, reports that our hazard report on the Bay Trail bike path has resulted in a resolution (see photo in April 2002 rideOn). The City of Richmond, The Bay Trail and the MTC have agreed to remove the hazards by building a new path.

LIVERMORE VALLEY - I-580 96 State Senator Tom Torlakson responded positively to Harris Freeman’s request for access between Santa Rita/Tassajara Rd and Airway Blvd, a distance of about 3 miles. According to Harris, Senator Torlakson suggested that there are funds associated with widening I-580 that could be used to remove the gap to bicyclists between Dublin BART and Las Positas College. Please contact the Senator to remind him that the Alameda Countywide Bicycle Plan recommends the cost-effective connection of the frontage roads for bicyclists.

OAKLAND COLISEUM - Plans for the Coliseum BART to Bay Trail connector were released by the Alameda County Public Works Agency in November. The EBBC has steadfastly urged that all of the route options include a separated Bike/Ped bridge over I-880. Oakland’s existing 66th Ave overcrossing of I-880 is one of the most bicycle unfriendly routes in the nation. The barriers to bicyclists and pedestrians between BART and nearby employment centers make the Coliseum area a priority.

EMERYVILLE - Rob Hawks reports that Shellmound is improved with wider outside lanes in the repaired section. Carolyn Helmke was astounded to find that the new Bay Place shopping center offers valet bicycle parking! She likes the slick ped mall scene and notes that only bikes will be able to get in quick.

BIKE FILM FESTIVAL - BFBC’s 7th Film Fest needs your creative film work! Every year, the BFBC holds a fabulous fun-filled film festival. This year’s event will be on Sunday February 9, 2003. Grand prize winner gets $200; $100 for second place. Subject matter can be anything about bikes and alternative transportation and automobile issues. No length requirements — shorts (5 minutes or less) up to full length features welcome. Please mail VHS, SHVS, or 16mm piece to:

BFBC Film Fest
PO Box 13357
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For more info, contact Shane Rhodes, 510-540-7190 (shane@pedalexpress.com).

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SR 92 Bike/Ped Overcrossing to Nowhere

Caltrans dedicated their new San Mateo Bridge span on October 29. Nary was a word spent on acknowledging the new Bike/Ped overcrossing that is west of the nasty Clawiter Rd overcrossing. In fact, only a few of the dignitaries aboard the three busses even noticed the handful of bicyclists assembled near the new overcrossing.

Caltrans also recently inaugurated their San Mateo-Hayward Bridge Bike Mitigation Shuttle without even notifying bicyclists of the service [see p. 5 for the schedule].

Notice a pattern?

When Caltrans received permits to construct the new SM Bridge, the EBBC sought direct bicycle access. We were denied. Instead, Caltrans proposed mitigation measures including:

- indirect transbay bicycle access, connection of bikeways to the Dumbarton Bridge bike path, and the costly bike/ped bridge that we didn’t even request.

The bikeway connection between the SM Bridge and the Dumbarton Bridge remains unfulfilled. Furthermore the funds allocated to this project are now in jeopardy due to the State’s budget crisis. Neither the Bay Trail, nor the on-street segment of Union City Blvd has been given the planning attention needed to build these crucial bikeways.

Our mission is clear. Please contact local, county and state elected officials to demand that the San Mateo Bridge mitigation funds be applied immediately to designing the Bay Trail and bike lanes on Union City Boulevard.

Look in the blue pages of your directory for contact information for Union City Council members, Alameda County Supervisor Gail Steel (510)272-6692, Senator Liz Figueroa (510)413-5960, Assemblymember Ellen Corbett (510)614-0180.

-Robert Raburn

Initial Success for Safe Routes to Transit

A blockbuster proposal by the East Bay Bicycle Coalition to change travel behavior received an initial nod of approval from public officials representing seven Bay Area Counties and will next go to the legislature in Sacramento.

The EBBC’s vision of enticing a 10% mode shift to bicycling and walking through enhanced access and safety to transit, secure bicycle parking facilities and the removal of barriers to walking and bicycling was given a chance to become a reality by Bay Area decision-makers. Special-event bicycle parking is a fourth component of this Safe Routes to Transit proposal.

Overall, Safe Routes to Transit seeks to overcome both perceived and real personal safety and property security risks that inhibit many people from bicycling or walking. Physical obstacles to bicycle and pedestrian travel must also be surmounted to encourage a broad mode shift.

Over the past five months, the MTC and the Toll Bridge Committee headed by Senator Perata’s aide, Ezra Rappaport, have worked to evaluate the lengthy list of submitted projects. On November 8, 2002 the Toll Bridge Committee agreed to include our Safe Routes to Transit proposal in their Tier I list of eligible programs for the proposed $1 bridge toll increase on the 7 Bay Area Toll Bridges (all touch the shores of the East Bay—the GG Bridge is not a State Toll Bridge).

Since July we have attended the weekly Toll Bridge Committee hearings and worked on preparing a comprehensive list of projects. We greatly appreciate the assistance lent by the Transportation and Land Use Coalition in preparing the proposal. Our full 19-page proposal is available by clicking on www.ebbc.org/sr2t.pdf. This original $203 million expenditure proposal represents 11% of the $1.8 billion in revenue that the toll increase will generate. Most recently we resubmitted a prioritized list of only the “High Priority” projects and still arrived at about $130 million, or 7% of the expected funds.

Each of the projects we proposed will reduce congestion on one or more bridges by improving feeder routes to transbay transit hubs and/or reducing the risk of leaving your bicycle at a station. A “bridge nexus” is an essential argument for each of the projects. The nexus arguments will be legally necessary for each expenditure proposal.

“The new bike/ped bridge over SR92 connects Breakwater Ave with Point Eden west of Clawiter Rd.

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## American Passenger Service

**San Mateo - Hayward**

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***The Shuttle will operate daily, except for the following holidays:***

- **Thanksgiving Day**
- **Christmas Day**
- **New Year's Day**

The one-way fare will be: **$1.00**

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**Norm Minetta, US Transportation Secretary, discusses Safe Routes to Transit (SR2T) with EBBC Executive Director Robert Raburn.** The EBBC is pushing for SR2T to be included in the National Transportation Enhancement Act (TEA-3), set for re-authorization in 2003. Minetta responded that he looks forward to working with Representative Jim Oberstar (MN), a leader of the Bicycle Caucus in the US House and Senate.
to survive next year’s legislative session before going to the Bay Area voters as a simple majority-vote referendum.

We argue that 7% or more of the toll funds should be spent on Safe Routes to Transit. This is only equitable given that Census 2000 figures for Alameda County show that bicyclists and pedestrians represent 4.5% of all primary commute trips. An additional 2% or more of transit passengers ride bicycles to transit, yet identify “transit” as their primary travel mode. We intend to greatly augment these numbers by capturing a portion of the 22% of drivers who have indicated in the RIDES “Commute Profile 2001” that they would consider bicycle commuting.

A question remains about funding direct bridge access. We included in the Safe Routes to Transit proposal “high priority” funding for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. We also included West Span Environmental Review funding, as called for in the Bay Bridge Bike Path Feasibility Study (see: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/sfobbbike.pdf). Not included in our proposal is full funding for the West Span. Broad political and commercial support from San Francisco will need to appear before this bridge will complete the path on the new East Span, now under construction.

What’s next? None of the dollar amounts are actually allocated. This will occur by March 2003 in Senate Committee. We can be certain that there will be numerous attempts to poach from our request. Already, Solano County officials threaten to torpedo the process if their beloved billion-dollar interchange is not moved into Tier I. We will need to defend and build support for Safe Routes to Transit if we expect to succeed. To this end, Chris Morfas has offered to help organize a large bicyclist rally and lobbying day at the Capitol in February.

In the meantime, we wish to build familiarity with Safe Routes to Transit among local, state and national officials (TEA-3 should include it). I invite comments from those who review our full proposal and project list on the web. I hope each of you will agree that Safe Routes to Transit is a worthy mantra for 2003!

- Robert Raburn

**MINUTES** of the General Meeting of Tuesday, November 19, 2002, held at the Rockridge Branch of the Oakland Public Library.

**CHAIR** was Leo DuBose.

**BOARD ELECTION**: The election of board members for 2003 was held. The following 11 people were elected: Chair - Craig Hagelin, Vice Chair - Dave Campbell, Treasurer - Debbie Lewis, Secretary – Yehuda Sherman, Leo DuBose, Doug Faunt, Bruce Ohlson, Andrew Rudik, Eric McCaughrin, Rick Rickard, and Jennifer Stanley.

**ALEX ZUCKERMANN**: Alex fell while riding across the Bay Bridge on October 26th and is in Kaiser Hospital in Oakland. The ride was done with a Caltrans escort. We wish him the best in his recovery.

**ANNUAL RETREAT**: The EBBC annual retreat is being discussed with several printers. A special year-end treat is planned for the weekend of January 17-19, 2003. The retreat will be held in Port Costa (near Martinez) at the Burlington Hotel. The main meeting will be held on Saturday, with the option to spend Friday and Saturday night at the hotel. The hotel rates are from $29-$39 per night.

**OFFICE/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**: A discussion to hire a part time person to handle mail, checks, and database work was held. This would include renting an office for EBBC records to be kept. A special year-end campaign to raise the money will be necessary to fund these costs.

**NEWSLETTER**: A new look for the newsletter is being discussed with several printers.

**SAFE ROUTES TO TRANSIT (SR2T)**: A $200 million dollar proposal to fund safe routes to transit has made tier one, and is eligible for funding. This is BIG, encourage legislators and transit officials to push this funding.

**SAN MATEO BRIDGE**: A shuttle now exists for the San Mateo Bridge. AC Transit is considering bus service on the bridge starting March, 2003. Watch for meetings on this proposal.

**CALDECOTT TUNNEL**: There will be a meeting to discuss a fourth bore at the Orinda Masonic Hall, 9 Altarinda on December 9, and at MTC on December 12, 2002.

**EAST COUNTY**: Ole reported there is a proposal to add a diesel-powered train that would run from Pittsburg BART to Byron. This is a long-term billion-dollar proposal.

**CREDIT CARDS**: The EBBC can no longer accept credit card payments to pay dues. The “Network For Good” that was processing our credit cards, stipulates that only donations can be processed through their organization. Alternative processors are being sought.

**NEXT MEETING** will be at the Rockridge Library at 7:30 pm, on Tuesday, January 21, 2002. There will not be a meeting held in December.

Submitted by acting meeting secretary, Craig Hagelin.

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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) Jan 27, 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.

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: EBBC rep Michael Graff @ pobox.com.

Lafayette  Quarterly mtgs, Jan TBD, Community Center Manzanita Room, 500 S. Mary’s Road.  Staff: Leah Greenblat, LGreenblat@ci.lafayette.ca.us, 925-299-3229; Chair: Bart Carr, Bart_Carr@yahoo.com, 925-299-1664.

Livermore  (BAC being formed.)  Call Anna Vickroy, 925-373-5796, AMVickroy@ci.Livermore.ca.us; for further info.

Oakland  Jan 16, 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@oak.com.

Pittsburg Traffic & Circulation Advisory Committee  Feb 6, 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, (Bring up new issues in Public Comment at start of meetings).

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

University of California at Berkeley Staff: Karl Hans, K hans@uclink4.Berkeley.edu; EBBC rep: Rachel Hiatt 510-325-6665, rhiatt@uclink.berkeley.edu (contact staff for next meeting date).

Walnut Creek  Jan 15, 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, J W Thomas@gocom, 925 945-7781, EBBC rep Dave Favello, DaveFavello@aol.com.

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