



EBBC Opposes Measure C

The good news in Alameda County during the November 2000 election was that Measure B, with 5% dedicated to bike/ped projects, received 81.5% approval at the polls. We have failed to achieve even one-half that funding percentage in the Contra Costa County Measure C plan. At the July 20 meeting of the EBBC, the Board and members voted to oppose the November ballot measure.

Contra Costa officials wish to reauthorize the 1/2-cent transportation sales tax that is set to expire in 2008. The Measure C Expenditure Plan only proposes 1.5% for bike/ped projects (\$30 million) out of the \$2 billion in proposed transportation expenditures.

Our decision to oppose Measure C represents a momentous result of many years of effort on our part. It is extremely unfortunate that a suitable proposal was not adopted for the voters to consider. We cannot abide by inadequate funding for the coming 25 years.

After two years of extremely active partic-

ipation in the effort to draft a Measure C Expenditure Plan, and plenty of consideration of the proposed plan in the EBBC newsletter and at our meetings over the past several months, the EBBC adopted an oppose position based on the inadequate funding proposed for the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (CBPP). Prior to working on the expenditure plan, we worked for years to get the \$280m CBPP completed (adopted Dec 2003). We note that \$30 million does not even meet the federal local contribution requirements of 11.5% if Contra Costa sought to appeal for federal funds to complete the CBPP.

Even our efforts to include the US Department of Transportation's principles of "routine accommodation for bicycle and pedestrian access and safety needs in all projects unless exceptional circumstances exist" were rebuffed by members of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority members. They agreed to a routine accommodation provision, but only if it could be selectively applied. George Orwell's contradictory concept of "doublethink" has found comfort in Contra Costa!

The EBBC position is strictly based on the poor prospect that Measure C would contribute to noticeable progress for bicyclists and pedestrians in Contra Costa County

over the coming 25 years. Other groups like the Sierra Club, Greenbelt Alliance and the disabled community point to additional deficiencies in the Expenditure Plan.

A failure to achieve 2/3rd support at the polls in November will force the CCTA to reconsider the Expenditure Plan before the existing sales tax expires in 2008. Just as in Alameda County following initial opposition at the polls in 1998, a second ballot measure is likely to be more inclusive and result in broad support. We look forward to collaboration with BART to boost spending on Safe Routes to Transit and "real" routine accommodation.

The Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is 1/2" thick and looks pretty fancy with plenty of maps and illustrations of needed facilities. We want it to do more than sit on a shelf. To obtain a free copy, contact the CCTA (925/407-0121) at 3478 Buskirk Av, #100, Pleasant Hill 94523.

-Robert Raburn

[The Final "Draft" Expenditure Plan can be downloaded at <http://www.ccta.net/EXTENSION/TEP/TEP.pdf>.]

NEXT MEETING begins at 7:30pm on August 17 (third Tuesday) at the Berkeley Center for Appropriate Transportation (BCAT), 1336 Channing Street (note the change of venue!). Come join us at the home of Pedal Express, the Tinker's Workshop, and Mike Cobb's manufacturing center for our new aluminum valet bike racks. The agenda will include plans to participate on August 21st in the Temescal Festival on Telegraph Ave between 48th and 51st St, the Solano Stroll on September 12th, Cal Football games. Please bring news clippings regarding November candidates and ballot measures for our election committee to consider.

"Spare the Air" and Get a Free BART Ride with Secure Bike Parking

BART is offering free morning commutes on the first five weekday "Spare the Air" days occurring between June 21 and Oct. 15, 2004. Anyone entering a BART station between the start of service around 4:30 a.m. (varying by station) and 9 a.m. can have a free morning commute.

A Spare the Air day is a day forecast to have ozone levels high enough to exceed federal health-based standards. A Spare the Air advisory is issued the day before this is expected to occur. Area residents are asked to modify their behavior to help minimize pollution, and people who are sensitive to unhealthy air are advised to limit their time outdoors. Take it easy while riding in smoggy air, particularly during the afternoon.

BART, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District sponsor the project using \$2 million in federal funding for the promotion to encourage motorists to reduce air pollution.

TRANSIT AND BICYCLES represent key modes to replace polluting car trips. For many bicyclists, the biggest impediment to riding to BART is a lack of secure parking. The EBBC and BFBC have contracted to offer free attended bicycle parking at North Berkeley, Walnut Creek and Dublin/ Pleasanton Stations (6:30 am- 7:00pm) on the first five Spare the Air Days. The program will also promote existing BikeStations at Downtown Berkeley and Embarcadero stations.



Spare the Air days typically occur when high pressure systems create hot weather. Heat, combined with long hours of sunshine and few breezes, causes polluting ozone to build up. Spare the Air days are called when the Air District's meteorologists determine, shortly after noon, that the next day's weather conditions are likely to produce a bad air day.

Tailpipe emissions are particularly high each time a vehicle is started, when pollution control devices are ineffective. Bay Area residents benefit from fresh on-shore breezes, but motorists contribute to inland air pollution. The Livermore Valley, a climatic analog of LA's eye-stinging Riverside area, is the pollution capital of the Bay Area. Scientists attribute 27% of the air pollution in the Stockton area to Bay Area sources. Stockton residents typically suffer about 25 days of bad air each year. The EBBC advocates for the Bay Area's Spare the Air program to be expanded to include dates when unhealthy levels of air pollution are forecast for any inland area.

Get advance notification of Spare the Air Days by registering for email AirAlerts on the home page of the www.sparetheair.org website. You can also register for prizes and read about the Hidden Costs of Driving and Free Morning Commute on BART.



EBBC Valet Bike Parking at the Berkeley July 4th Event.

EBBC 2004 A's Baseball Cycling Tour

Join EBBC dedicated baseball enthusiast members for the 2nd tri-annual A's Baseball Cycling Tour, August 26-28. If you like bike touring through the Central Valley, your beer flat as can be, and watching ole what's-his-name pitch, this ride is for you. You can start the tour either Thursday, August 26, by catching the ACE Train to Stockton or Friday, August 27 by catching the Capitol Corridor Train to Sacramento. Below is the full schedule. If you are interested, please RSVP to EBBC Vice-chair Dave Campbell at dcampbel@lmi.net so that tickets can be pre-purchased. Hope to see on the tour!

Full Tour Schedule:

Thursday, August 26 12:35 pm: *A's v Orioles* at the Coliseum (bike racks at the flagpole in the north lot) followed by the BART trip to Fremont and short ride to catch the ACE.

Catch the ACE Train #2 that leaves Fremont at 4:02pm (Pleasanton 4:26pm, Livermore 4:35pm) and arrives in Stockton at 5:48pm. Ride over to Billy Hebert Field.

7:05 pm: *Modesto A's vs. Stockton Ports*, Thirsty Thursday and 50¢ hot dog night. Spend the night in Stockton.

Friday, August 27 Ride 50 miles north thru the heart of Central Valley to Sacramento

7:05pm: *River Cats vs the Tucson Sidewinders* (affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks). Free valet bike parking at the ballpark.

For those who can't make the Thursday game, catch the Capitol Corridor Train #538 that leaves Oakland at 3:30pm and arrives in Sacramento at 5:22pm or take Train #540 that leaves Oakland at 4:50pm and arrives in Sacramento at 6:50pm.

We'll stay the night at the Hostel down the street from the River Cats ballpark.

Saturday, August 28 Ride from Sacramento down the Delta to Pittsburg BART Station and catch BART to the Coliseum. Catch the Oakland A's vs. *Tampa Bay Devilrays* at 6:05pm

Community Workshop on the Baxter Creek Gateway Restoration

Changes are coming to El Cerrito's north Gateway area, and you're invited to become involved in the design process by attending a Community Workshop on the Baxter Creek Gateway Restoration. Join your friends and neighbors at the El Cerrito "Open House" Senior Center (6500 Stockton Ave.) on Wednesday, August 11, from 6-8 p.m. for an interactive discussion and fun, roll-up-your-sleeves design opportunity to offer your ideas on the design of the creek restoration and the 1.6-acre site on which it is located near the intersection of San Pablo and MacDonald Aves. Doors will open at 5:45 pm for sign in and pizza.

Project Background

The Baxter Creek Gateway property, which features a critical stretch of both Baxter Creek and the Ohlone Greenway, has been the subject of much controversy for the past decade. Funded by the State Water Resources Control Board, the Coastal Conservancy, and the City of El Cerrito, this project will create a graceful gateway from El Cerrito to Richmond, provide a multi-use path extension and hospitable rest stop for the Ohlone Greenway, offer educational and interpretive elements about the creek and watershed, and preserve vital native habitat for a variety of birds, frogs, fish, and other wildlife.

The City of El Cerrito, the Watershed Project, the Friends of Baxter Creek, and design consultants from Berkeley's Restoration Design Group will provide a brief project overview and present preliminary design concepts based on information gathered at the May 2003 Gateway Design Workshop. (See <http://www.creativeidifereferences.com/baxtercreek/Gateway.html#Gateway>).

At the May 2003 meeting, residents suggested ways to transform the newly purchased Gateway property into an appealing neighborhood park. At this year's workshop, community input will be solicited to analyze schematic designs for the park, refine issues of public access, and help prioritize selection of site amenities.

-Heather N. Koch

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SHORT REPORTS

FEDERAL TEA-21 - House and Senate conferees working on a six-year renewal of TEA-21 met July 22 to take another stab at reaching an agreement on an overall funding level for the six-year renewal period. This time, Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Thomas (R-CA) unveiled a proposal — new spending authority of \$299 billion, with \$284 billion in guaranteed spending — and pledged the support of President Bush and Speaker Hastert (R-IL) for the proposed funding levels. This is significantly higher than the White House requested level of \$256 billion, but below the Senate-passed funding level of \$318 billion. Thomas also warned the conferees that this is as high as the President will go, challenging the conferees to draft a bill within the constraints of the funding. Both chambers of Congress will recess before returning to the table.

RICHMOND conducted a "visioning conference" on July 23 on improvements to the Ford Peninsula. A key issue is the City's proposed rebuilding of Harbour Way as a gateway to the WWII Home Front National Historical Park visitor center in the renovated historic Ford Assembly Building. Trails for Richmond Action Committee (TRAC) and the City's Redevelopment Agency have proposed a Bay Trail segment on the eastern (inland) side of Harbour Way across from the heavy industrial operations along the shipping channel. However, big industry has stalemated plans to improve Harbour Way, complained about bicyclists currently a hazard on Harbour Way. For information, contact Bruce Beyaert, TRAC Chair (510-235-2835 or tracbaytrail@earthlink.net) or visit their web site at <http://www.pointrichmond.com/baytrails/>.

RICHMOND - There is no Bay Trail access to Point Pinole Regional Shoreline. As a first step toward remedying this situation, EBRPD has secured grants from ABAG and hired consultants to plan trail routes and develop preliminary engineering designs to provide linkages with the both the Richmond and Pinole sides of the park. Questa Engineering Corp. of Richmond and Alta Planning and Design of Berkeley are wrapping up the first study for the Bay Trail on EBRPD and City of Richmond lands between Point Pinole Regional Shoreline and Goodrick Avenue where the City of Richmond has built an existing off-road Bay Trail path along the Richmond Parkway. See TRAC above for details.

MOKELUMNE COAST TO CREST TRAIL - The MCCT will be a 300-mile multi-user trail corridor extending from the Pacific Ocean near San Francisco Bay to the crest of the Sierra

Nevada Mountains. A relay from Ebbett's Pass to the Bay at Martinez will be held from August 21 through August 25th 2004. East Bay coordinators will be looking for bicyclists for several segments: Brentwood to east Mt. Diablo coordinator is Mary Christopherson (stuchristopherson@att.net or 925-634-4888); Mt. Diablo to Heather Farms coordinator is Nancy DuPont (htrails@astound.net); and Heather Farms to Martinez coordinator is Rita Englar (925-229-4579).

INNOVATION II - Following the July Innovation issue of *rideOn*, Berkeley transportation planner Heath Maddox brought an article that appeared in the *Journal of Public Transportation*, Vol. 7, No. 2, 2004 to our attention, "Will Smart Bikes Succeed as Public Transportation in the United States?" The authors review the history of shared bikes and the prospects that new technologies offer. You can find it online at <http://www.nctr.usf.edu/>.

EL CERRITO - will host a Community Workshop to gain input on the Circulation Plan for Bicyclists, Pedestrians, and the Disabled at 7:00pm on Monday, August 23rd at the El Cerrito Community Center, Council Chambers, 7007 Moeser Lane. For information contact Natasha Goguts (ngoguts@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or 510-215-4312).

SOLANO STROLL - The theme for the 30th annual stroll on Sunday, September 12 will be "A Pearl of a Stroll." Decorate yourself and your self-propelled vehicle or float in pearls and join a parade group. The parade begins at 11:00am sharp. The EBBC will, as for the past 12 years, provide free valet bicycle parking in the Wells Fargo bank lot at Colusa while you join the 100,000 folks who enjoy the street festival. Plan to drop by and chat or bring a checkbook to renew your membership and purchase a "My Lane Too" T-shirt.

CALTRANS TO BE ABOLISHED - At least, that's the plan if Governor Schwarzenegger gets his way. Before anyone starts rejoicing, it should be pointed out that the plan would merge the State's Highway Department into an even larger, more bureaucratic Department of "Infrastructure" that would also handle school construction, energy, telecommunications, and waterways. Numerous Boards and Commissions would be abolished to streamline decision making and limit citizen input.

BAC Calendar

Compiled by: John Ruzek

Alameda County Meets as needed on 2nd Thursday of the month, 426 17th Street, Suite 100, Oakland. Refer to www.acta2002.com/MEETINGS/meetings.html or call staff to confirm next meeting. **Staff:** Rochelle Wheeler, 510-267-6121, RWheeler@acta2002.com.

Albany A Bicycle Advisory Committee is in its formative stages. Contact Preston Jordan at PDJordan@lbl.gov for details.

BART Aug 2, Oct 4, 6 pm MTC, 101 8th Street, Oakland. Bimonthly, first Mondays. **Staff:** Laura Timothy, 510-464-6446; Co-**Chairs** Joe Carroll, 510-604-4821, Joe-the7thCarroll@lmi.net, Dave Favello, 925-939-9462, DaveVelo@aol.com, - County representatives: Alameda - Eric McCaughrin EMcCaughrin@yahoo.com; Contra Costa - Dave Favello, Craig Hagelin 925-937-7610, Chagelin@astound.net.

Berkeley Aug 4, Sept 1, 4:00 pm, 2118 Milvia St., 3rd floor, **Staff:** Heath Maddox, (510) 981-7062, HMaddox@ci.berkeley.ca.us; **Chair:** Sarah Syed; EBBC rep. Dave Campbell 510-540-5971 DCampbel@lmi.net.

Brentwood Aug 23, Sept 27, 7:00 pm 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, DaveS@ecis.com.

California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC)
Aug 5, Oct 7, 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, Wachtel@aol.com; BABC rep: Josh Hart, (415) 431-2453, Joshua@sfbike.org.

Caltrans District 4, Oct 12, 1:30 pm, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland (Call Chair to confirm). Meets quarterly to review state highway projects that impact bicycle facilities. **Staff:** Julian Carroll, 510-286-5598, Julian_Carroll@dot.ca.gov; **Chair:** Doug Kimsey, MTC, 510-464-7794, DKimsey@mtc.dst.ca.us; EBBC rep Doug Faunt, 510-655-8604, Faunt@netcom.com.

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,

OAKLAND PROGRESS REPORT

Midyear, prior to November election

Subject	Grade	Comments
Telegraph Ave	I nc	Bike lane environmental study due in Jan '04 still not filed.
7 th Street	D+	Planning to reconfigure street for West Oakland BART and Shoreline Park access ignored Oakland Bicycle Plan.
Whole Foods access	F	New market proposed for Harrison/ 27 th will not include bike improvements on 27 th despite Planning Commission support.
W MacArthur Blvd	F	Repaving of 6-lane roadway in 2003 failed to improve bike access to MacArthur BART.
East 12th Street	D	\$2m in "Transportation for Livable Communities" spending does nothing to improve bike access or safety in Eastlake.
Bicycle Plan	D	1999 plan rarely followed, recent revision shelved in favor of \$1/4m funding for City Attorney's office.
Implementation	C	Compromises on Bancroft and MacArthur leave dangerous gaps in bike-ways. Lake Temescal path unsigned 4 years after "completion." Grand Ave remains only big accomplishment in 5 years.
Wise Spending \$\$	D	Only 10% of Oakland's Measure B bike/ped funds (\$1m/yr) dedicated to bike improvements. See "Plan" above.
Citizenship	A	Oakland's progressive citizens consistently vote approval for Bike/Ped improvements (Measure B, L. Merritt Measure DD).

Comments:

See next page for comparison with other major cities.

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Oakland's Peers

Recent visitors to **Portland**, Oregon cannot help but notice the tremendous number of bikes in the downtown, on the bridges, and on recently-completed bikeways in the neighborhoods. A responsive city government emphasizes that bicycle access and safety are essential components in crafting a high quality-of-life throughout Portland.

San Francisco's Department of Parking and Transportation has commissioned studies that have led to innovative designs to retrofit bikeways into an existing transportation network. We note a proliferation of new signs that state, "Bicyclists Allowed Full Use of Lane." SF's on-street shared-lane markings (i.e., 'sharrows') are currently being considered for statewide adoption. The DPT's capable personnel are widely acknowledged.

Since **Berkeley** adopted the Bicycle Boulevard plan in 1999, the City has invested sufficient human and financial resources to complete the initial phase of marking seven crosstown routes.

Oakland's Areas for Improvement

Responsive Government - Despite broad participation by Oakland's elected officials in *Bike to Work Day*, the Public Works staff does not seem to have a clear direction to make bicycle access and safety a priority. This is not a special-interest doctrine, but an essential component for any City that wishes to ascend.

Resources - Oakland's Public Works is a revolving door. For whatever reason, the best young individuals invariably are recruited to leave. Oakland has failed to even make connections to completed bikeways in neighboring communities. Does Public Works have adequate resources to see that bicycle projects are properly designed and implemented? With the election approaching, now is the time to ask the candidates to make

commitments to hire a bicycle facilities engineer or planner who can lead.

Safe Routes to Transit - Oakland is blessed with a solid transit infrastructure and a density that could make it a model city for *Safe Routes to Transit* (SR2T) access and bicycle parking improvements (albeit two downtown BART stations have undue restrictions on bicycle access). In only one day, over 400 citizens signed a petition urging that a repaving job on W MacArthur Blvd leading to BART be followed by painting the new pavement with bikelanes. It didn't happen. A SR2T emphasis would pay big dividends in making Oakland a top choice in livability.

Routine Accommodation - Bicyclists should not be relegated to a few lines on a bike plan. Cities constantly evolve and need to be both flexible and opportunistic. Loads of money was spent on Lake Park Blvd, between busy Grand and Lakeshore commercial districts, but the result found room for new medians and

nary an inch for cyclists to share the roadway. The proposed Whole Foods market could set off a tremendous uptown renewal, but Oakland is treating the access as though they are planning for a suburban WalMart.

Room for Optimism

Completion of the Grand Ave bikeway soon after adoption of the Bicycle Master Plan demonstrated that a large project involving the removal of traffic lanes could enhance Oakland. We can also applaud the preliminary progress toward implementing the Lake Merritt Master Plan (Measure DD) as adopted by Oakland voters in 2002. This ambitious plan was promoted by the EBBC and promises to replace the "world's shortest freeway" on the 12th St dam and ring the lake with bikeways. The ongoing inclusive public process of the Measure DD Committee offers solid clues for what is needed to guide Oakland into becoming an appealing place for all to live.

-Robert Raburn

SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

- **Cycle California! Magazine** <http://www.cyclecalifornia.com>
- **Cycle City** 1433 High St., Alameda
- **Dublin Cyclery**, 7001 Dublin Blvd, Dublin
- **Encina Bicycle Center**, 2901 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Walnut Creek
- **Electric Bike Network** <http://www.myebike.com>
- **Hank & Frank Bicycles** 3377 Mt. Diablo, Lafayette
- **Left Coast Cyclery** 2928 Domingo Ave, Berkeley
- **Missing Link** 1988 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley
- **Momovelo**, 2115 Allston Way, Berkeley
- **Palmer Group** <http://www.bikeparking.com>
- **The Pedaler** 3826 San Pablo Dam Rd, El Sobrante
- **Perfection Cyclery** 1341-H N. Main St, Walnut Creek
- **REI Berkeley**, Concord, Fremont
- **Sharp Bicycle**, 969 Moraga Rd., Lafayette
- **Stone's Cyclery**, 2320 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda
- **Wilson Bicycle Sales** <http://www.wilsonbike.com>

Minutes

of the General Meeting of July 20, 2004, held at the Rockridge Branch of the Oakland Public Library

CHAIR was Craig Hagelin.

MINUTES of the previous meeting of Tue, June 15, 2004, were corrected, regarding Market Street in Oakland, to read that EBBC voted to support the creation of bikeways on Market St by putting in bike lanes and reducing the vehicle traffic lanes from four to one in each direction, with a center turn lane.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Our own Ole Ohlson has been appointed the City of Pittsburg Planning Commission.

MEMBERSHIP: We could have signed up a considerable number of new members at the Berkeley July 4th event had there been more volunteer staff on hand to process them.

REGIONAL MEASURE 2 report for our *Safe Routes to Transit* (SR2T) proposal has been completed by Robert Raburn and folks from TALC, requesting \$22.5 million. There will be a "stakeholders" meeting in Jan 2005, and a public meeting in early Feb 2005.

B of A STREET FAIR will be in Concord this Thur, July 22.

MAP: There will be a meeting to work on our new East-of-the-Hills Bike Map this coming Sunday, July 25, at 9:30 AM, at Robert Raburn's home, 3763 Woodruff Av, Oakland.

MLK WAY in Oakland was the subject of a petition circulated asking the City to improve that street for bikes and peds.

Co Co Co MEASURE C will be on the Nov ballot. After much discussion we voted to oppose the 25 year extension of the transportation sales tax measure, as recently devised by the CCTA, because it provides little funding for bikes, peds, disabled, seniors, and our Safe Routes to Transit program. Several EBBC members served on an advisory committee, and went to many meetings, but to no avail, e.g., they would not mandate "routine accommodations" for bikes and peds for all funded projects, as we had requested. EBBC will seek out groups with whom to join in the hope of getting more for these groups in a revised version of Measure C in a future year.

"SPARE-THE-AIR" BIKE PARKING:

BART plans to let passengers ride for free in the morning commute for the first five weekdays of dirty air starting on Aug 1, 2004. However, those dirty air days will not be announced

until shortly after noon on the previous days, which does not give us much time to set up free valet bike parking at the selected few BART stations. MTC and BART have offered to pay us for equipment and labor.

BIKE PARKING EQUIPMENT: We voted to spend up to \$3,000 to buy more bike parking racks, a long bike trailer, and other equipment that may be needed.

TEMESCAL STREET Fair will be on Sat, Aug 21, from noon to 6 PM, on Telegraph Av at 48th St. Volunteers needed.

OPEN SPACE INITIATIVE in CoCoCo. We discussed the mail ballot sent out to property owners in CoCoCo to increase the property tax to buy open space for EBRPD and others.

BIKING AND HEALTH: Our featured speaker was Ms Brooke Kuhn of the Alameda County Public Health Dept who spoke of how bicycling improves the quality of life by helping to combat the epidemics of obesity and diabetes that are afflicting our nation. Due the design of cities that discourage walking and biking, Americans have become sedentary, leading to obesity.

NEXT MEETING will NOT be at the Rockridge Library, but it will be at BCAT (Berkeley Center for Alternative Transportation) in west Berkeley at 1336 Channing Way, at Valley St. The date and time will be the usual 7:30 PM on Tue, Aug 17, 2004. NOTE: The Sept and Oct 2004 meetings will be at the Rockridge Library, but the Nov 2004 meeting will be elsewhere because we were unable to reserve the library room.

Respectfully submitted by Yehuda Sherman, sec'y.

Expired membership?

Please take a moment to look at the mailing label on the back of your newsletter to find the expiration date of your subscription.

If your subscription is about to expire (or if the label says **expired**), please renew now to keep the EBBC strong!

Hayward Scales Back Highway 238 Widening

Thanks to overwhelming opposition by city residents, city officials have modified a plan that would have widened Highway 238 by blasting through numerous residents and businesses (see June 2004 *rideOn*).

While the new "Modified Route 238 Corridor Improvement Project" would still have a grade-separation at the Five Flags intersection where Foothill and Mission boulevards meet Jackson Street and other spot improvements, the latest incarnation of the widening plan would leave intact half the parcels that would have been condemned for the widened roadway. City staff is also recommending that a bus rapid transit system be implemented to connect the two Hayward BART stations to Cal State Hayward (one of the more bizarre elements of this saga is how a publicly-funded university became so deeply involved in lobbying for the construction of a destructive freeway).

Sherman Lewis of the Hayward Area Planning Association, one of the groups involved in the lawsuit that defeated the freeway proposal, has cautioned, however, that the group has not had time to fully review the plan.

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To **subscribe** or **unsubscribe**, go to <http://lists.ebbc.org/listinfo.cgi/ebbc-talk-ebbc.org>, and follow the instructions.

No subscription is needed to **read the list**. (For entries prior to November 17, 2003, see the "**Resources**" page at www.ebbc.org.)

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East Bay Regional Park District (Park Advisory Committee) **Sept 27**, 7:30 pm, Board Room, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland 94605 **Staff:** Ro Aguilar, 510-635-0138 x2006, **Chair:** Henry Losee, 510-276-2271, *EBhiker@aol.com.*

El Cerrito - Special Community Workshop on the Circulation Plan for Bicyclists, Pedestrians, and the Disabled. August 23, 7:00 pm, EC Community Center, Council Chambers, 7007 Moeser Lane. Staff: Natasha Goguts, 510-215-4312, *NGoguts@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.*

Emeryville **Aug 12, Sept 9**, 5:30 pm, 1333 Park Ave **Staff:** Peter Schultze-Allen, 510-596-3728, *PSchultze-allen@ci.emeryville.ca.us.* **Chair:** Ken Bukowski, *Bukowski@earthlink.net.*

Fremont **Aug 18, Sept 15**, 7:00 pm, Niles Room, 39550 Liberty Street, (call to confirm) **Staff:** Rene Dalton, 510-494-4535, *RDalton@ci.fremont.ca.us.* **Chair:** EBBC rep *Michael.Graff@pobox.com.*

Lafayette **Next date TBD**, 3675 Mount Diablo Blvd. Quarterly mtgs, check website, *www.ci.lafayette.ca.us*, or call staff for date. **Staff:** Leah Greenblat, *LGreenblat@ci.lafayette.ca.us*, 925-299-3229, **Chair:** Bart Carr, *Bart_Carr@yahoo.com*, 925-299-1664. **EBBC rep:** Yehuda Sherman, *YehudaSherman@aol.com*, 925-284-5363.

Livermore (BAC being formed.) Call Community Development Department, 925- 960-4500, for further info)

Oakland **Aug 19, Sept 16**, 4:00 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 Community Advisory Committee **Aug 4, Sept 1**, 7:00 pm, City Council Chambers, 65 Civic Ave **EBBC rep:** "Ole" Ohlson, *BruceOleOhlson@hotmail.com*, (925) 439-5848, **Staff:** Paul Reinders, *PReinders@ci.Pittsburg.ca.us*, 925-252-4822.

San Leandro (BAC being formed.) Call Anna Vickroy, 510-577-3310, *AMVickroy@ci.san-leandro.ca.us*, for further info.

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

UC Berkeley 3-5 pm 2150 Kittredge St., 3rd Floor. Refer to *www.berkeley.edu/transportation* or call staff for next meeting. **Chair** Karl Hans, *KHans@uclink4.Berkeley.edu;* **EBBC rep:** Rachel Hiatt 510-325-6665 *RHiatt@uclink.berkeley.edu*, **Staff** Rita Bond, *RitaBond@uclink4.berkeley.edu*, 510-642-7194.

Walnut Creek **Sept 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** Chuck Kaplan, *CKaplan@swinerton.com*, **EBBC rep:** Dave Favello, *DaveVelo@aol.com.*

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