



The SR4 Bypass Barrier

Out in eastern CoCoCo, where new houses sprout like weeds, SR 4 Bypass cuts a diagonal alignment from the Antioch Bridge southeast through Brentwood. As yet, only a two-lane route has been completed between Lone Tree Way and Balfour Road. That route severed an existing E-W bikeway on old Sand Creek Road. Nevertheless, the EIR for the project calls for crossings to be completed at the three intersecting trails: Marsh Creek, Delta DeAnza, and the Mokelumne Aqueduct. We also secured access to ride on the SR4 Bypass shoulder back in 2001.

Two problems loom on the horizon as the Bypass Authority prepares to hand over the facility to Caltrans on December 31, 2007. First, despite the recent completion of the Mokelumne Aqueduct Trail from Pittsburg up to the SR4 Bypass right-of-way, we cannot find any evidence that a crossing is included in the plans for the facility to be handed over on the eve of 2008. Jim Townsend, Trails Manager for the East Bay Regional Parks District joined EBBC members in peering through chain link fence, across the highway to the new Brentwood subdivisions on the other side of the road. Furthermore, 2008 represents the year that the route will become a full-fledged freeway, ending bicycle access on this important corridor.

Without taking extreme out-of-direction travel, no other route beside SR4 Bypass affords bicyclists a direct N-S connection from Antioch and Oakley to Brentwood. We must plan now to accommodate bicyclists over AND along the SR4 Bypass corridor. Further access interruption would represent an obscene violation of State codes.

Already, the "improvements" at an outlying shopping center on Lone Tree near a future interchange have conspired to make the street unfriendly to bicyclists. Each new occupied home in the area represents another family of



State Route 24 Bypass forms a barrier to the recently completed segment of the Mokelumne Trail in Brentwood.

victims that lack any transportation mode choices.

The EBBC made the SR4 Bypass one of our 7 major campaign issues for 2005. Beside the recent site visit, we raised the issue with Caltrans at the most recent quarterly BAC meeting.

California's Streets & Highways Codes Section 888. *The department shall not construct a state highway as a freeway that will result in the severance or destruction of an existing major route for nonmotorized transportation traffic and light motorcycles, unless it provides a reasonable, safe, and convenient alternate route or such a route exists.*

Section 888.2. *The department shall also incorporate nonmotorized transportation facilities in the design of freeways on the state highway system along corridors where nonmotorized facilities do not exist.*



NEXT MEETING begins on Tuesday, August 16 at 7:30pm at the Rockridge branch of the Oakland Public Library, 5366 College Ave at Manila.

New Transportation Bill Will Help More Americans Walk and Bike

The final federal transportation bill approved by both the House and Senate will launch a new Safe Routes to School program, and strengthen existing programs that will make it safer and easier for millions of Americans to bicycle and walk. "This bill will help states provide substantial benefits for adults and children who ride bicycles, and this will benefit America as a whole – by helping people avoid traffic congestion, by producing less air pollution, and by helping more Americans lead active, healthy lives," says Andy Clarke, President of the Board of America Bikes and Executive Director of the League of American Bicyclists.

The new Safe Routes to School program, championed by Representative James Oberstar of Minnesota, is funded at \$612 million over 5 years and will help make it safe and convenient for children to walk to school. Grants administered by state Departments of Transportation will allow communities to build sidewalks, fix hazards, and slow traffic near schools while increasing safety through focused enforcement and education programs. A smaller new program, the Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program, will grant each of four designated communities \$6.2 million annually over 4 years to develop comprehensive networks for bicycling and walking. The intent is to demonstrate the potential of such networks to shift travel patterns.

The bill, known as the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act-Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), also strengthens three existing programs of importance to bicycling: Transportation Enhancements, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Recreational Trails. The Transportation Enhancements program has been a primary source of funding for multi-use trails and other facilities, and funding for the program is set at approximately \$3.5 billion over 5 years. CMAQ helps communities improve air quality with non-polluting solutions.

This program will be available in more communities and funding is set at about \$8.6 billion over 5 years. The Recreational Trails program uses off-road vehicle fuel taxes to build trails; it will receive a higher portion of the revenue from those taxes, receiving \$370 million over five years, \$100 million more than the original allocation in the last bill, TEA-21.

"Everyone who contributed funds or contacted their members of Congress – bicycle suppliers,

shop owners, advocates, club riders – should be proud that our efforts convinced members of Congress that when America bikes, America benefits," says Tim Blumenthal, Executive Director of Bikes Belong, the coalition representing the bicycle industry that has provided primary funding for America Bikes.

As in any legislation, the final bill fell short of reaching all of America Bikes' goals. In the final days of House-Senate negotiation the Senate's Fair Share for Safety provision was removed, which would have required states to spend their safety funds in proportion to bicycle and pedestrian deaths. Today most states spend only a tiny fraction of those funds on non-motorized safety, despite bicyclist and pedestrian fatality rates averaging 13 percent. Another disappointment was the Senate's defeat, by a slim margin, of a provision that would have required the construction of complete streets – roads that safely serve all users.

"Despite these disappointments, we are confident that we have established bipartisan momentum for doing more to make all of our streets safe for bicycling and walking," says Clarke. A number of other provisions will also help improve the environment for people who bicycle and walk; please check out our website regularly for additional information on all the provisions. This information will be updated as details become available.

-America Bikes
www.americabikes.org

East Bay TEA-LU Update

The project list submitted by Representative Barbara Lee was particularly impressive. Over half of her \$16 million in earmark proposals directly benefit bicyclists, pedestrians, or transit users. The Coliseum BART to Bay Trail (\$900,000) project promises to overcome the rail and I-880 barriers faced by Coliseum neighbors and BART passengers (also Capitol Train) in reaching not just the Bay Trail, but the Edgewater Business Park, entry-level jobs along Hegenberger, and the Oakland Airport job center. The Coliseum station joins MacArthur, Fruitvale, and West Oakland BART/Transit Village developments for intermodal bus/bicycle and pedestrian improvements (\$3 million). Ashby BART will receive \$3 million for intermodal and ADA improvements. Emeryville Amtrak gets \$1 million. Unincorporated areas of Alameda County get \$1 million for sidewalks. Even the highway earmarks may bear fruit. We will certainly watch to insure that access is improved at Berkeley's Gilman interchange (\$1.5 million). The same holds true with Oakland's \$2.5 million for I-880 from High St to I-980—the same section of town with the worst waterfront access. In Walnut Creek, Representative Ellen Tauscher included \$800,000 for a "connector pathway" that in reality will widen a sidewalk adjacent to Ygnacio Valley Road—primarily on the north side where a narrow four-foot sidewalk is the only existing path west of John Muir Hospital. EBBC representative John Ruzek noted that he looks forward to the Walnut Creek BAC review of any proposed design.



On behalf of EBBC members, Robert Raburn thanks Representative Barbara Lee for her support of bike and transit projects.

SHORT REPORTS

PARK & RIDE LOCKERS – A report on Bike to Work Day from a Pinole commuter to Oakland who wanted to use a bike locker near SR4 and Sycamore, uncovered that nobody could locate the locker keys — or even who was responsible for the lockers! After EBBC raised the issue at our July quarterly meeting with Caltrans (CTD4BAC), Caltrans staff have assembled a proposal to augment bike parking and embark on marketing the long forsaken Park & Ride lots. There are currently fifty-one state owned Park & Ride lots in Caltrans' District 4. Sixteen of these lots have bike lockers available for a one time refundable \$25 key deposit fee. Call 800-834-3032 for more information or visit www.Dot.Ca.Gov/dist4 and click on "Commute Help" to find the link to the park and ride lot webpage.

RAIL STATION LOCKERS – Also at the July CTD4BAC meeting, EBBC urged Caltrans promote a capitol grant to install electronic on-demand lockers, or eLockers, at stations throughout the Capitol Corridor and ACE Rail systems. According to Gene Skoropowski, General Manager, a recent Capitol survey revealed that 7% of their train passengers arrive by bike. In a preliminary meeting with EBBC and Caltrans, Mr Skoropowski surprised us with an offer to even sell the BikeLink cards used to operate the lockers. On-demand locker availability would increase the travel options available to passengers. We applaud the cooperation from Caltrans District 4 in preparing the grant application for federal Transportation Enhancement funds intended for the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program.

TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT – Our allies in the Transportation and Land Use Coalition announced that on July 27, MTC voted approval of a new TOD policy. Through written comments, EBBC endorsed the focused campaign that TALC mounted. Among the adopted TOD platform are incentives for affordable housing, a requirement for bicycle and pedestrian plans, and for zoning changes to have to take place before transportation funds are allocated.

eBART – An earlier feasibility study has identified a preferred option for eastern CoCoCo BART using diesel trainsets from Pittsburg/Bay Point to Brentwood. EBBC representatives attended an Environmental Impact open house in Brentwood and we will prepare comments

over the coming month. Of course on-board bicycle access and secure bicycle parking at the 6 or 7 proposed stations will be major goals. Transportation environmental issues we are likely to raise include: walkable communities within ½ mile of stations and a dense network of bikeways within 2 miles; elimination of freeway and railroad barriers to station access; grade crossing safety; and mitigated construction disruption to existing bikeways. Diesel engine emissions represent an air quality concern. Please visit www.ebart-project.org and share your suggestions.

THEFT DETERRENT – EBBC engravers are available at both East Bay BikeStations: Downtown Berkeley BART and Fruitvale BART. Drop by to engrave your ID# on your top tube to reduce the risk of theft and increase your chances of recovery if your bike is stolen.

DUBLIN/PLEASANTON - Join EBBC and Jim Townsend from the East Bay Regional Park District on a site visit to survey future bikeway improvements that will link Dublin and Pleasanton, plus the Alamo Canal and Iron Horse Trails, and we'll explore future connections to Livermore. Tour from 10am to noon from Dublin Pleasanton BART on Saturday, August 20. Trains arrive at 9:31 and 9:51am.

OAKLAND BIKETRIPPERS – Oakland Museum of CA docents conduct free history tours on the third Sunday (Aug 21). Meet at 10am at the 10th Ave Museum entrance.

SOLANO STROLL – Mark your calendars for the annual Stroll. Join in the human-powered Parade at 11am then drop by the EBBC parking lot at the Well Fargo Bank near Colusa, open until 6pm. We'll have plenty of our new "Ask me how I lost 3500lbs" T-Shirts in high-vis green.

EMERYVILLE CHIRON – A decade ago we added lengthy comments to an already thick EIR on a proposed high-rise development for the campus at 4560 Horton. Now the EBBC has been invited to educate commuters and solicit members during an "Environmental Social" starting at 3pm on August 19.

ALEX ZUCKERMANN – The beloved founder of the EBBC celebrated his 84th birthday on June 1 with bicyclists, musicians and family in Oakland at Bellaken Gardens, 2780 26th Avenue.

RAILS-TO-TRAILS - Rails-to-Trails Conser-

vancy, a nonprofit trails & greenways organization, seeks a Trail Development Manager for the Western Regional Office (in San Francisco) to support communities in their trail planning efforts by providing technical assistance, conducting public outreach & training workshops, and building relationships with local agencies, stakeholders, and allied organizations in the recreation, alternative transportation, health and conservation fields. Excellent writing and speaking skills, and time/budget management; ability to build coalitions among diverse constituencies. Minimum Qualifications: four-year college degree in urban/ regional planning, land use management, parks/recreation, alternative transportation or related field plus 2-4 years related experience. Salary: low to mid \$40K's, DOE, plus benefits. Open until filled, but applicants strongly encouraged to apply ASAP, as interviewing will begin in July. Complete job description & application instructions available on our website: www.railtrails.org (click on Employment at bottom of page). RTC, an equal opportunity employer, seeks qualified candidates regardless of race, color, gender or national origin.

MTC OPENING - Assistant Planner/Analyst in the Programming and Allocations Section. This position involves conducting complex financial analyses of transportation revenues and expenses. Working collaboratively with the stakeholders, the position involves policy development for assigning federal formula transit funds and bridge toll funds for transit and ensuring timely use of funds and project delivery by Bay Area transit properties. If there are any questions or further information is needed, contact Ann Macaulay at 510 464-7721.

BART CAR CONVERSION - The BART board approved a plan to retrofit 80 cab cars to replace carpeting with a rubber floor, and to create an expanded bike/luggage/wheelchair area. The pilot project would be funded by a \$1 million grant request which was submitted on July 29th.

BART-SFO - Due to very poor ridership, BART will be reducing rush-hour SFO service in half. As well, SamTrans (which funds the extension) is considering a plan that would close the San Bruno and South San Francisco stations on weekends.

BAC Calendar

compiled by: John Ruzek

Alameda County Aug 11, Sep 8, 5:30 pm, 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 Call staff for meeting date. meets 4th Thursday of every month 1000 San Pablo Avenue; **Staff:** Cherry Chaicarn, (510) 528-5759. CChairman@albanyca.org; **EBBC Rep:** Preston Jordan, PDJordan@lbl.gov.

BART Aug 1, Oct 3, 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 3, Sep 7, 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 DCampbell@lmi.net.

Brentwood Brentwood's BAC has recently been abandoned by the Parks and Recreation Department. Contact City Engineer Baily Grewal at 925-516-5420, dept-engineering@ci.brentwood.ca.us, to reestablish BAC. **EBBC Rep** Dave Stoeffler 925-634-1793, DaveS@ecis.com.

California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) Aug 4, Oct 6, 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.: Deb Hubsmith, 415-454-7430, debhub@igc.org.

Caltrans District 4, Oct 11, 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 Johnson, MTC, 510-464-7846, DJohnson@mtc.ca.gov; **EBBC Rep** Robert Raburn, (510) 530-3444 RobertRaburn@ebbc.org.

Contra Costa County Meets yearly in late fall to review TDA Article 3 projects. **Staff:** Steve Kowalewski, 925-313-2225; **Chair:** John Ruzek, 925-939-5181, John_Ruzek@yahoo.com.

Danville Meets as required. **Staff:** Tai Williams, 925-314-3313, TWilliams@ci.danville.ca.us. **Chair:** Vacant.



Jim Townsend (EBRPD), Robert Raburn, and Ole Ohlson discuss strategies to build a crossing over SR4 despite opposition from the Bypass Authority (see cover article).

SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

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- **Bay Area Bikes** 1050 West Grand Ave, Oakland
- **Cycle California! Magazine** <http://www.cyclecalifornia.com>
- **Cycle City** 1433 High St., Alameda
- **Cycle Sports** 3530 Grand Ave, Oakland
- **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 Mount Diablo Blvd, Lafayette
- **Hank & Frank Bicycles** 6030 College Ave, Oakland
- **Left Coast Cyclery** 2928 Domingo Ave, Berkeley
- **Montano Velo** 4266 Piedmont Ave, Oakland
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- **Omafeits** 2001 Milva St, Berkeley
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- **Stone's Cyclery** 2320 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda
- **Wheels of Justice Cyclery** 2024 Mountain Blvd, Oakland
- **Wilson Bicycle Sales** <http://www.wilsonbike.com>

Present your valid EBBC membership card (clip mailing label on back cover) to obtain member discount at participating retailers. Soon, you will be seeing the EBBC logo on bike shop windows to indicate that the shop is an EBBC supporter and offers member discounts (typically 5-15% on parts and accessories). The mailing label must indicate that the membership is "Current" to qualify.

Chevron Energy and Hydrogen Renewal Project

The EBBC submitted the following comments on the "Notice of Preparation" for Chevron's Energy and Hydrogen Renewal Project in Richmond:

Since 1972 the East Bay Bicycle Coalition has represented the interests of bicyclists throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Currently some 4000 bicyclists either belong to the EBBC or one of our 16 affiliated clubs or organizations (the "coalition"). We have promoted completion of the Bay Trail since then-Senator Bill Lockyer introduced the legislation to create a Bay Trail Plan in 1987 administered by ABAG. We further encouraged creation of the MTC's Regional Bike Plan (2001) and the Contra Costa Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (2003). Each of these three adopted planning documents offer guidance for bicycle facilities that would be impacted by the proposed project. Steps must be taken to eliminate or mitigate the project's adverse impacts on Traffic and Transportation, Recreation, Air Quality, and Land Use and Planning.

Segmented Project

The EBBC's standing from review and submitted in November 1999 of comments on the California State Lands Commission lease of the Richmond Long Wharf to Chevron leads us to question why this NOP does not address the pending DEIR for the Long Wharf lease renewal? The lease renewal process is a significant component of the overall Energy and Hydrogen Renewal Project--not a tiered step. Under CEQA Guidelines (§ 15378), the term "project" means the whole of an action which may be subject to several discretionary approvals by public agencies. The project shall not be "segmented" in considering its direct or indirect change to the environment.

Bikeways for Transportation and Recreation

Removal of existing barriers on the Bay Trail is important to provide nonmotorized alternatives to driving to work or recreation. Because most of the Bay Area's population lives within a few miles to the shoreline, coupled with the growing network of bikeways, careful land-use and transportation planning that consider bicycle

access can offer tremendous environmental benefits. Provision of such alternatives helps to reduce pollution from automobile exhausts while enhancing the livability of local communities and the aesthetic quality of the Bay Shore.

Already, a tremendous public investment has been made to provide for 24-hour bicycle access on Richmond's local streets and roads, on both approaches to the Richmond San Rafael Bridge, and on the existing 20 miles of Bay Trail in Richmond. Together these roads and trails represent a bikeway network that must be maintained and expanded at every opportunity. The lasting environmental consequences of the proposed Chevron project demands that we invest in those bikeway components that are in the vicinity of the project.

Feasibility of Public Access

Members of the EBBC have joined planning professionals on multiple visits to restricted-access portions of the Chevron Richmond Refinery, the Richmond San Rafael Bridge, and Point San Pablo. We are confident that it is feasible to allow bicycle travel past these present barriers to public access.

Documents supporting the feasibility of public access include studies by Questa Engineering Corporation & F.E. Jordan Associates, Feasibility Study of Bay Trail Routes to Point San Pablo Peninsula (2001); and two Caltrans studies, the 1998 Richmond San Rafael Bridge Public Access Feasibility Study and the 2001 Statewide Safety Study of Bicycle and Pedestrians on Freeways, Expressways, Toll Bridges and Tunnels.

Our overall access goals in the area are: 1) to provide a signed shoreline connection between Point Richmond and the existing multiuse path under the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge; 2) north from the Bridge we seek to follow the shoreline to the Point San Pablo Yacht Harbor; and 3) contribute to implementation of the Bay Trail bikeway on the bridge itself and discourage increased traffic volumes between Marin and I-580, the Richmond Parkway and I-80. These public access projects are discussed in detail below.

- From the transbay bus stop at the intersection of Castro Street and Tewksbury Avenue to the existing trail on the south side of the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge toll plaza area. As suggested in Option 2 of the

Questa study, it is possible to extend the signed Bay Trail through the Chevron property to give the public continuous visual access to the San Francisco Bay. After crossing the tightly clustered pipelines leading to the Long Wharf the trail would then continue along the base of the freeway embankment to the shoreline and existing trail under the bridge take-off point.

- North from the Bridge, after traveling past the historic Winehaven structures, Point Molate Beach, and the former Point Molate Naval Fuel Depot, the path would follow the shoreline past the historic whaling station to Point San Pablo Yacht Harbor. Guests at the East Brother Island Lighthouse must travel to Point San Pablo Harbor to travel by boat to the island. The shoreline path provides a much preferable route to the steep existing road that veers inland to the harbor.
- Contribute to the Bay Trail access on the Richmond San Rafael Bridge and retain the existing freeway shoulder access route that is direct, offers gentle gradients, and is open 24-hours/day. The only improvement needed for this "on-street" route are bikeway destination signs from the transbay bus stop at Castro Street and Tewksbury Avenue to the existing bicycle path fronting Chevron headquarters that leads to a short shoulder segment on I-580 before following the Western Drive exit to Point Molate and Point San Pablo.

For consistency with adopted local and regional plans and as mitigation for the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of this Chevron project, EBBC recommends mitigation requiring Chevron to provide public access easements, build and maintain Class I Bay Trail segments, contribute to construction of the Richmond San Rafael Bridge bikeway, and provide guiding destination signs on local on-street bikeways that approach the Richmond San Rafael Bridge, Point Molate, and Point San Pablo Harbor.

-Robert Raburn

Minutes

of the Board and General Meetings of July 19, 2005, held at the Berkeley Center for Alternative Transportation

Board of Directors Meeting

CHAIR was Craig Hagelin

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FINANCES: We will record our income at events to show gross income, donations, and sales of T-shirts and maps. We must pay State sale tax on our sales of maps and T-shirts. Our sales tax permit had expired in 2003, but is being renewed. We must file a sales tax report for the years wherein we neglected to do so. We were introduced to Ms Trish Keats, and hired her to be our new Treasurer, a job which she has done well for the BFBC.

VOLUNTEERS: We thanked our July 4th Berkeley event volunteers: Jane Turner, Bill Pinkham, Ron Bishop, Doug Cross, Pat and Robert Raburn.

General Membership Meeting

CHAIR was Craig Hagelin.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS and announcements of forthcoming events were also made.

MINUTES of the previous meeting of Tue, June 21, 2005, were approved.

MEMBERSHIP A mailing to those whose membership needed to be renewed resulted so far in an income of \$775.

MAPS We are collecting corrections to our new East-of-the-Hills Map, hoping to print those corrections by Nov 2005.

BIKE THEFTS As reported in our July *rideOn* newsletter, Karim Cycles at 2800 Telegraph Ave was the subject of a Berkeley Police search warrant on June 15, 2005. A number of stolen bikes, and bikes with their serial numbers defaced, were confiscated. The owner had not kept proper records of from whom bikes were purchased. Isaac Rodriguez, Adlai Karim's chief bike repairman, came to our meeting and confirmed the story in *rideOn*. No

criminal prosecution is expected, but the Police will try to return the bikes to their proper owners, and Mr. Karin will henceforth keep proper records, which include proper identification of bike sellers.

BIKE-TO-WORK-DAY cost us \$2,075, but we were reimbursed by BABC with \$6,000. BABC had received \$150,000 from MTC to conduct BTWD. The consensus is that BTWD is too big of a job for a volunteer organization, and that we will have to re-think the whole matter. BABC will receive the contract from MTC to do the event in 2006.

ROUTE 4 BY-PASS in eastern CoCoCo was built by a local authority, but it is to be given to Caltrans for operation. The agreement said that all the trails that were interrupted by the By-Pass were to have connections built, but the Mokelumne Aqueduct Trail connection has not been built. Ole Ohlson reported on progress with the agency. We are also building a good working relationship with Jim Townsend, the new EBRPD trail person.

SOLANO STROLL will be Sun, Sep 11, 2005, and volunteers are needed.

CALTRANS DISTRICT 4 BAC will meet again on Wed, Oct 12, 2005. Discussion topics are being solicited by Raburn. We expect to work on the Highway 4 By-Pass and on E-bike lockers where needed, such as at such places as AMTRAK stations.

SAFE-ROUTES-TO-TRANSIT has \$20,000,000 for projects. EBBC and TALC will be handling the money.

PLEASANT HILL BART COMMITTEE, is working on a trail to run under the BART tracks going perpendicular from the Iron Horse Trail north-eastward to Bancroft Road, and then a bike route on city streets to Oak Grove Road.

BRIDGES: Assemblywoman Loni Hancock has proposed a bill to take all the Bay bridges from CalTrans and give control of them to MTC. As yet there is no money for the bike path on the west span of the Bay Bridge, despite the advantage it offers as a way for passengers in disabled cars to get to

safety, and repair crews to get to places needed without blocking traffic lanes. We have requested data on west span accidents.

E-BART is a planned regular passenger railroad line to go from the Bay Point BART station eastward to where it is needed. Robert Raburn and Ole Ohlson will lead a campaign for bikes on the trains, safe bike routes to the stations, and secure bike parking at stations.

CONCORD NAVAL WEAPONS STATION has the only flat bike route from the East Bay to the Central Valley. Now that the US Navy is abandoning most of the land there we must ensure that the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) creates a safe bike route, something that disappeared when the Navy closed Port Chicago Highway. We have to convince the Navy that a bike route there does not constitute a danger to the nation's security.

NEXT MEETING will be at the Rockridge Library on College Ave at Manila St, Oakland, on Tue, Aug 16, 2005, at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Yehuda Sherman, sec'y.

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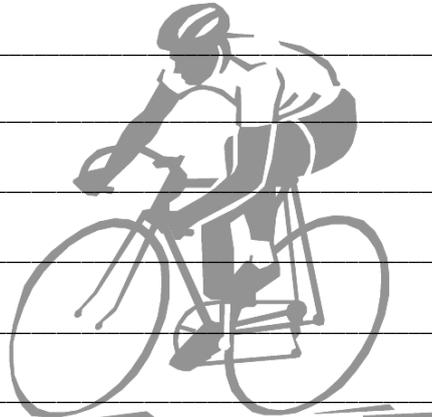
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Dublin Meets yearly in late fall to review TDA Article 3 projects. **Staff:** Ferd del Rosario, 925-833-6630, *Ferd.delRosario@ci.Dublin.ca.us*.

East Bay Regional Park District (Park Advisory Committee) Sep 26, Oct 24, 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. Call staff for follow-up meeting date, EC Community Center, Council Chambers, 7007 Moeser Lane. **Staff:** Natasha Goguts, 510-215-4312, *NGoguts@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us*.

Emeryville Aug 11, Sep 8, 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 17, Sep 21, 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 18, Sep 15, 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 3, Sep 7, 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

Union City 3:00 pm, City Hall, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, call staff for next meeting date. **Staff:** Joan Malloy, 510-675-5327, *JMalloy@ci.union-city.ca.us*.

UC Berkeley TBD 3-5 pm 2150 Kittredge St., 3rd Floor. Refer to *www.berkeley.edu/transportation* or call staff for meeting dates. **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 Sep 14, Nov 9, 7:30 pm, 3rd Floor conf. Room, City Hall, 1666 N. Main. **Staff:** Mike Vecchio, *Community Development, 925-943-5899 x 216; Vecchio@walnut-creek.org*. **Chair** Peter Cartwright, *pxcartw@prodigy.net*, 925-930-0993 **EBBC Rep:** Dave Favello, *DaveVelo@aol.com*.

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