



Caldecott Fourth Bore Juggernaut Rolls Along

Caltrans has begun the environmental review process for building a Caldecott tunnel fourth bore. Barring delays or cost-overruns, the bore could be completed by 2012 at a cost of \$200-400 million. The Alameda County CMA has set aside \$8 million to pay for environmental mitigations, depending on impacts identified in the EIR.

Those impacts could be widespread. The 24/980 corridor runs all the way to downtown Oakland and the new tunnel could generate considerable traffic throughout Oakland and Berkeley, even on weekends. For bicyclists, the two hardest hit areas could be the ramps on Telegraph Ave. and the dangerous Ashby/Tunnel Rd. intersection. And if the tunnel ends up reducing BART ridership, it will exacerbate BART's operating deficit. Incredibly, however, BART's Board of Directors voted 7-2 in Dec. 2000 to support the fourth bore project.

There are two old, now-closed, tunnels through the Berkeley-Oakland Hills: 1) the Sacramento Northern Rail tunnel is not located near the Caldecott, but connects Shepherd Canyon to Pinehurst, and 2) the "Old Broadway Tunnel," a high-level, single bore opened in 1903. This tunnel once connected Tunnel Road with Fish Ranch Road and is 160 to 290 feet above the existing Caldecott Tunnel, and only 320 feet below the summit. It represents only a marginal access improvement.

The original pair of Caldecott Tunnels was first referred to as the "Broadway Low-level Tunnel," when they opened in 1937. A 3rd bore, 3,771 feet long, was added to the north of the other tunnels in 1964. It included two west-



Photosimulation of a proposed fourth bore (at far left) as seen from the west side.

bound lanes and the ingenious pop-up bollards that have allowed the efficient use of the complex by changing lane directions in the center tunnel based on demand. Hence, 6 tunnel lanes elegantly serve 8 highway lanes (note that a new 4th bore will not increase capacity in the peak-commute direction).

The EBBC last led tours of the 3rd bore's 15'-wide fresh-air duct in 2000 and we suggest that duct would be the best alignment to accommodate bicyclists. According to Caltrans' history on the Caldecott's 60th Anniversary (1997): "Since the new tunnel [3rd bore] is used only for downhill (a 4% grade) traffic, ventilation requirements are practically nil. Yet the fans are run at low speed to maintain the motors."

The EBBC February general membership meeting will include discussion of possible environmental mitigations. Some of the options include 24-hour transit that carries bikes with guaranteed funding (how about a tunnel toll?); secure bike parking at BART stations on either side of the hill; a new bike/ped bridge across SR24 connecting Lake Temescal with Hiller Highlands; and safety improvements on Ashby/Hwy 13.

A strong, unified chorus of access demands will lead to our success as Caltrans and both Counties embark on preparing the environmental documents for public review by December of 2005.

NEXT MEETING begins on February 15th at 7:30:pm at the MTC MetroCenter, 101 8th St, Oakland (opposite Lake Merritt BART). The agenda will include nominations for the Board of Directors, consideration of a subcommittee report on Board roles and responsibilities, approval of 2005 Donations, and discussion of our six major campaigns for 2005: BART Car Conversion; West Span; Health (promote active living by design); Routine Accommodation in all road projects; local BAC support; Caldecott Tunnel; and Mokelumne Aqueduct Trail over the SR4 Bypass.

BAC Calendar

compiled by: John Ruzek

Alameda County Transportation Improvement

Authority Feb 10, Mar 10, 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 Traffic & Safety Committee Call staff for meeting date. meets 4th Thursday of every month 1000 San Pablo Avenue; **Staff:** Cherry Chaicarn, (510) 528-5759, CChaicharn@albanyca.org; **EBBC Rep:** PDJordan@lbl.gov.

BART Feb 7, Apr 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 Feb 2, Mar 2, 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 Feb 28, Mar 28, 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)

Feb 3, Apr 7, 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; **BABC rep:** Josh Hart, (415) 431-2453, Joshua@sfbike.org.

Caltrans District 4, Apr 12, July 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:** 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.

Dublin Meets yearly in late fall to review TDA Article 3 projects **Staff:** Ferd del Rosario, 925-833-6630,

Minutes of the EBBC Annual Retreat

Jan 22, 2005, Ryers Island

REVIEW of the accomplishments of the year 2004, and individual contributions. Greatest achievements included the \$20 million Safe-Routes-To-Transit program, \$200 million Regional Bike Plan, and the revised East-of-the-Hills Bike Map (thanks to Robert Raburn, Ole Ohlson, and Derek Liecety for their work on the map).

EAST CO CO CO TRAILS: Ole Ohlson told of the problem of the interruption of the Delta De Anza trail by the construction of the SR4 By-Pass road. Folks in Pittsburg and Antioch are generally favorable to bikes, but Oakley city officials are not.

BOARD NOMINATIONS: New board members are to be elected. The EBBC needs a more diverse board.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS: In the future, the minutes should report on members who were assigned tasks at the previous meetings. Agendas need to be published prior to monthly meetings.

DUTIES of officers and board members were discussed.

BART PARKING: Scott Mace, who has returned to Oakland after an absence in San Mateo County,

reported on his campaign to get BART to charge for car parking at all stations. While the idea received support, it was felt there were higher priority tasks for the organization to work on.

RE-FURBISHING BART cars to accommodate more bikes. We voted to view this as an 'important' goal.

WEST SPAN of Bay Bridge: Bike paths are seen as 'important' and now is the time to go after funding with discussions going on to raise tolls to pay for cost-overruns.

HEALTH ASPECTS OF BICYCLING is ranked as 'important'.

ROUTINE ACCOMMODATIONS on all roads should be one of our goals.

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEES (BAC) are critical to our success.

4th BORE of CALDECOTT TUNNEL: apparently will be built, and we should ask for mitigation funds and projects.

BIKE THEFT and BIKE SAFETY are 'important' concerns.

Respectfully submitted by Yehuda Sherman, sec'y.

BART Car Conversion Project

The BART demonstration project would spend \$1 million to modify 80 rail cars to better accommodate bicyclists and other passengers with large amounts of luggage. The idea is to improve bicycle use, facilitate passenger flow, and provide a more efficient use of space within the rail cars. If successful, it is BART's intention to expand the project to include all BART rail cars as they are overhauled.

The project would include the removal of seats and windscreens to create an open space in the vestibule area long enough to accommodate the full length of a bicycle without encroaching on passengers. As well, there would be signage and identifying decals on train exteriors and educational materials to inform riders about the vehicles.



A bench seat was removed to create a dedicated bike/luggage/wheelchair area on this demonstration car.

SHORT REPORTS

ALAMEDA CO HEALTH DEPT - Over the past year, Brooke Kuhn (510-595-6482) has formed a new physical activity coalition (ACPAC) called *Active for Life*. The group's mission is to increase physical activity among Alameda County residents by developing and supporting best practices, advocating for policies that promote physical activity, sharing community resources, and improving the built environment. The next ACPAC meeting will be Tuesday, March 1, 10:00-11:30, 1000 Broadway, 5th Flr, 5000A. *"It is unreasonable, to expect people to change their behaviors when the environment discourages such changes."* - Schmid, Pratt and Howze (1995)

BERKELEY - The Berkeley City Council on January 25, 2005 approved the proposed extension of the bike lanes planned for Marin Avenue. The City of Albany has already approved the sensible reconfiguration of their lengthier portion of the current speedway. Such 'road diet' reconfigurations offer a proven engineering solution to speeding that no level of enforcement can match. Lower traffic speeds and bike lanes will enhance the access and safety of pedestrians and bicyclists on Marin Avenue.

HERCULES - The long-awaited Bay Trail extension north of Point Pinole in West Contra Costa may soon be constructed thanks to the East Bay Regional Park District officials who had no option but to pursue eminent domain proceedings with Hercules' uncooperative corporate neighbor, Bio-Rad Laboratories. In 2000, the City of Hercules opposed the EBBC, EBRPD and Bay Trail, who supported the trail's planned extension behind a Bio-Rad parking lot along a bluff over San Pablo Bay. The EBRPD has completed the design and now seeks additional funding support from the new Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian fund we successfully created in the past year.

GOT BIKE RACK? - Both Oakland and Emeryville solicit your suggestions for rack installations in commercial/shopping area on public property. You can help by first securing the cooperation of the neighboring business owner. In Emeryville contact Peter Schultze-Allen (510-596-3728; pschultze-allen@ci.emeryville.ca.us); in Oakland you can contact Jennifer Stanley (510-238-3983; bikeped@oaklandnet.com) or use the bike rack request form at <http://www.spaceshare.com/>

bikeracks/oakland.php.

UNION CITY - BPAC has been meeting to update the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. On January 20, 2005 the EBBC director attended the Planning Commission work session to support the effort and encourage the continued meeting of the BPAC "to review plans and prioritize projects for funding," as per MTC resolution 875. The response was positive and citizens and employees in Union City are urged to participate in reviewing the draft document, prepared by Alta Planning and Design, at 3pm, Feb 14, 2005 at City Hall, or at the next Planning Commission meeting at 7pm, Feb 17, 2005 in the Council Chambers, 34009 Alvarado - Niles Road. For additional information contact Glen Kirby (510-471-3232 ext 342, gkirby@ci.union-city.ca.us).

UNION CITY BART TO DUMBARTON BRIDGE - The lack of signage leaves many bicyclists stranded. The EBBC's suggestions that the route be continuously signed and improved where needed are being addressed by Rochelle Wheeler, ACTIA Bike/Ped Coordinator (510-267-6121; rwheeler@acta2002.com) who is working to amend the Countywide Bicycle Plan.

FRUITVALE BIKESTATION - BART reports that the newly opened BikeStation is doing better-than-expected business. The BART Times quotes EBBC's Robert Raburn, "Tens of thousands of Oakland and Alameda residents live within three easy-to-pedal miles from Fruitvale BART. Now that the BikeStation is operating, they need not worry about a secure place to park a valuable bike while using BART or visiting the Fruitvale Transit Village."

SAN RAMON - Elementary students and their teachers may find improved access to campuses and secure bike parking cages if planning staff succeed in garnering Safe Routes to School funding. According to Prabhjot "PJ" Sekhon (925-973-2759; psekhon@sanramon.ca.gov), the city would like to have a few projects ready for parents, teachers and students to participate in a dedication ride by Bike to Work Day, Thursday, May 19, 2005.

TELEGRAPH STREETScape - How would you make Telegraph Avenue more pedestrian-friendly? For those people who may have missed the first two workshops, the City of Oakland is working on a design plan for pedestrian-oriented streetscape improvements on Telegraph Avenue between 20th Street and Claremont Avenue -

including bicycle parking - at 7pm, Wednesday, February 16, 2005 at the Fellowship of Humanity Hall, 390 27th Street (between Telegraph and Broadway). For information contact Kathy Kleinbaum, CEDA, at (510) 637-0247.

OAKLAND BANCROFT AVE - New bike lanes are proposed to close a gap that Al Joseph, president of the Oakland Yellowjacket, said many members do not ride on because of safety concerns. Ultimately, the lanes will continue from San Leandro's bike lanes (the East Bay's first 'road diet' project) nearly 10 miles to Lake Merritt. Councilwoman Desley Brooks (510-238-7006; dbrooks@oaklandnet.com) is seeking public comments.

EMERYVILLE has become the third bay area city to designate a set of 'bicycle boulevards', which are streets open to all traffic but optimized for the needs of bicycles. The city and BPAC will design signage that reflects the unique character of Emeryville, yet still is still familiar to users of other boulevard networks.

SR2T - Help TALC and EBBC kick off the new regional *Safe Routes to Transit* program! RM-2, the \$1 bridge toll increase, which voters passed in March, included \$20 million for a new SR2T grant program. Join us on February 25th, from 12:30-5:00pm at the MetroCenter, 101 8th Street (at the Lake Merritt BART station) to hear about what types of projects will be eligible for funding in our first call for projects! Note the date and time change from the last newsletter.

HOMELAND SECURITY STRIKES

AGAIN - This time it is going after ferry passengers. As described in *Bay Crossings* (Jan 12, 2005) new security regulations prohibit passenger access to weather-protected docks unless they are guarded. Transit agencies operating ferries will have to choose between hiring security guards or relocating passengers to places away from the docks, possibly out in the rain.

BART FARE HIKE - Despite passing a \$980 million seismic retrofit bond, and 15% fare increases over the past two years, BART still lacks sufficient funds to pay for its planned seismic retrofit program. The agency is considering additional fare hikes, though Board Director Tom Radulovich has proposed a car parking surcharge instead.

EBBC Donations

At the annual retreat, the EBBC approved monetary donations to like-minded organizations. The EBBC urges members to help support these groups.

Adventure Cycling

Adventure Cycling Association is America's premier member-supported, not-for-profit organization dedicated to bicycle travel. With nearly 37,000 members currently finding freedom and adventure on the open road through the organization's many programs, including national network of bicycle touring routes and an offering of organized trips, Adventure Cycling is America's bicycle travel inspiration and resource. bicycle tours.

<http://www.adventurecycling.org>

BABC

A coalition of Bay Area bicycle coalitions, the Bay Area Bicycle Coalition represents the interests of bicyclists throughout the Bay Area on regional issues such as BART, Caltrans, Bay Area Bridges, MTC, and many more. Robert Raburn and Yehuda Sherman serve on the board and the EBBC is collaborating with BABC to raise funds from Club rides. Our contribution is critical.

<http://www.bayareabikes.org>

CBC

The California Bicycle Coalition is a member-supported state-wide bicycle coalition that represents the interests of bicyclists at the state level. CBC is actively involved in state legislative issues, Caltrans reform, bicycle safety, bicycle promotion, bicycle funding, and many other issues that have broad impact on bicycling locally.

<http://www.calbike.org>

CABO

The California Association of Bicycling Organizations is the statewide representative body of bicycle touring clubs and other bicycling groups throughout the state. The purpose of CABO shall be to foster and promote a favorable climate for bicycling in California by serving as a forum and information clearing house for bicycle clubs and other bicycle groups, represent the interests of cyclists before the appropriate governmental bodies to protect their rights and to promote laws, policies, and actions that treat cyclists equitably.

<http://www.cabobike.org>

League of American Bicyclists

The 'League' as it is called is the oldest bicycle organization in the US. The League of American Bicyclists promotes bicycling for fun, fitness and transportation and works through advocacy and edu-

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>



Arrowhead Marsh, Oakland's hidden gem and growing trail network near the Oakland Coliseum would be degraded by a nearby casino. The City Council voted in January to oppose the casino proposal.

cation for a bicycle-friendly America. The League represents the interests of the nation's 42 million cyclists. With a current membership of 300,000 affiliated cyclists, including 40,000 individuals and 600 affiliated organizations, the League works to bring better bicycling to your community.
<http://www.bikeleague.org>

Cycles of Change

Cycles of Change is a youth bicycle repair and maintenance organization that also teaches kids how to ride in the streets while taking kids on fun rides to destinations throughout East Oakland and beyond. Maya Carson started Cycles of Change a few years ago and operates out of Roosevelt and Bret Harte Middle Schools in Oakland. You can reach them at cyclesofchange@yahoo.com.

IMBA

The International Mountain Bicycling Association creates, enhances and preserves trail opportunities for mountain bikers worldwide. Since 1988, IMBA has been bringing out the best in mountain biking by encouraging low impact riding, volunteer trailwork participation, cooperation among different trail user groups, and innovative trail management solutions.
<http://www.imba.com>

Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay

The Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay educates cyclists in responsible mountain biking, advocates for appropriate access and promotes community among trail users so all may fully enjoy and preserve the natural spaces of the East Bay.
<http://www.btceb.org>

Bicycle-Friendly Berkeley Coalition

The Bicycle-Friendly Berkeley Coalition is a local bicycle advocacy organization in Berkeley and is affiliated with EBBC. BFBC was instrumental in getting the bike/ped bridge built over I-80 and is actively pursuing implementation of Berkeley's proposed network of bicycle boulevards.
<http://www.bfbc.org>

BikeAlameda

Bike Alameda is a bicycle advocacy organization in Alameda and is working to make the streets of Alameda safer for bicyclists. Lucy Gigli and Dan Wood founded the organization in 1999 to bring the bicycling community of Alameda together for this purpose.
<http://www.bikealameda.org>

National Center of Bicycling & Walking

The NCBW works to "make America bicycle friendly and walkable." The NCBW staff is available to help make communities more physically active and healthier, with resources, direct assistance, and training. The NCBW offers CenterLines, a bi-weekly electronic news bulletin, and continues the venerable quarterly "Bicycle Forum" as the online "NCBW Forum." Check them out at www.bikewalk.org.

Thunderhead Alliance

The Thunderhead Alliance is a national organization of bicycle advocacy organizations and works to promote and develop bicycle advocacy organizations throughout the country.
<http://www.thunderheadalliance.org>

Planning and Conservation League

The Planning and Conservation League is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit, statewide alliance of nearly 10,000 citizens and more than 120 conservation organizations united to protect wildlife and restore the quality of California's environment through legislative and administrative action.
<http://www.pcl.org>

Californians Against Waste

CAW are the only environmental group in California with full-time staff lobbying exclusively in support of a recycling economy. They advocate policy initiatives at the local, state, and federal levels. More recycling benefits the environment and the habitat in which bicyclists enjoy riding.
<http://www.cawrecycles.org>

Greenbelt Alliance

Founded in 1958, it is dedicated to protecting the region's Greenbelt of open space and making our communities better places to live. Through its Livable Communities Program, GA works to encourage smart growth instead of sprawl. Designing compact, pedestrian-friendly, transit-oriented neighborhoods that include affordable housing is critical to preserving open space and ensuring a sustainable region for bicyclists and everyone.
<http://www.greenbelt.org>

Save San Francisco Bay

Save The Bay (Save San Francisco Bay Association) seeks to preserve, restore and protect the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta Estuary as a healthy and biologically diverse ecosystem essential to the wellbeing of the human and natural communities sustains.
<http://www.savesfbay.org>

Save Mt. Diablo

Save Mt. Diablo works to protect the open spaces and natural areas of Mt. Diablo State Park, many of the regional parks around the mountain, and several city open spaces nearby.
<http://www.savemtdiablo.org>

San Francisco Bay Trail

The Association of Bay Area Governments is charged with developing a multiuse path around San Francisco and San Pablo Bays. This effort was started in 1987 with the passage of SB 100, which established the Bay Trail project.
<http://www.abag.ca.gov/baytrail>

Carbusters

Carbusters is an entertaining quarterly publication that promotes bicycling, walking, transit and sane

development patterns while exposing the effects of the automobile on society. It is published in Prague, Czech Republic.
<http://www.carbusters.ecn.cz>

Institute of Transportation and Development Policy

The ITDP was set up in 1985, to promote environmentally sustainable and equitable transportation policies and projects worldwide. ITDP was organized by leading advocates for sustainable transport in the US who realized that the US was exporting its model of automobile dependence to developing countries and, most recently, Central and Eastern Europe. ITDP chose to focus on counteracting this development.
<http://www.itdp.org>

Transportation and Land Use Coalition

A partnership of more than 90 organizations working to maintain the Bay Area's renowned high quality of life, achieve greater social equity, and protect our natural environment. The members and affiliates of TALC believe that current development patterns and projections for the future do not have to be our destiny. TALC has collaborated with the EBBC on campaigns like Safe Routes to Transit, funding the Regional Bicycle Plan, and county transportation tax measures.
<http://www.transcoalition.org>

Waterfront Action

A new Oakland non-profit headed by activist Sandy Threlfall who has provided invaluable public support for implementing the Estuary Plan and the Lake Merritt Plan.
<http://www.waterfrontaction.org>

EBBC Online Resources

NEW LIST SERVE! ebbc-talk@ebbc.org

To keep up with the latest news and happenings, subscribe to the EBBC online mailing list. Mailing lists are a great way to quickly notify lots of EBBC members of important meetings, hearings, etc. Try the **digest** version.

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.)

Minutes

of the General Meeting of Tuesday, Jan 18, 2005 held at the Rockridge Library in Oakland, CA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS meeting preceded the regular membership meeting.

SR2R, or SAFE ROUTES TO TRANSIT: Amber Crabbe reported on progress made by our working with TALC, and announced that there will be an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee meeting at MTC, Fri, Feb 25, 2005, 1 to 4 PM. A motion as passed to approve a RM2 (Regional Measure 2) Implementing Agency Resolution of Project Compliance with appropriate regulations.

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

CHAIR was Craig Hagelin.

MINUTES of the previous meeting of Tue, Nov 16, 2004, were approved, and self-introductions were made.

TREASURY: Debbie Lewis provided a detailed report of our finances, which is available on the Internet.

BAY BRIDGE update was given by Robert Raburn who gave us the good needs that despite, problems with the east span design and funding, the bike and ped path would still be considered an "integral part" the new east span. A selling point for bike paths on both spans is that they will provide a safe refuge for stranded bridge motorists with disabled cars.

MAP: Our long-awaited comprehensive east-of-the-hills bike map has been printed, and will soon be available in bike stores. 5,000 copies have been printed, and another 15,000 will be printed after we look over the map to see what corrections might be needed.

LAB & MEMBERSHIP LIST: A motion was passed to share our membership list with the League of American Bicyclists, excluding those members who did not want to be on any shared lists.

INFORMATION ITEMS

LAFAYETTE lacks a safe east-west bike route thru the city. The Regional and CoCo County bike plans have in them the idea of building a class I path on top of an EBMUD aqueduct that runs underground thru the city just south of freeway 24. Yehuda Sherman reported on an ill-advised plan to use only a short part of the aqueduct for a path that, he says, goes "from nowhere to nowhere." He intends to advise the Laf City Council on this plan.

EBBC ANNUAL RETREAT to be held at a place called Snug Harbor on Ryers Island, in Sacto County, in the Delta.

EAST CO CO CO UPDATE was given by Ole Ohlson. The major problem is the construction of the SR 4 Freeway By-Pass, which will go from Antioch to Brentwood, and will interrupt the Delta-De Anza Trail. Ole reported on this complicated problem, which involves several agencies, and also on his on-going attempts to preserve a safe bike route in the area. Ole also reported on other developments in east CoCoCo, and how various city officials and politicians have different attitudes toward bicyclists.

EMERYVILLE BAC has 3 vacancies. Contact Peter Schultz-Allen at (510) 596-3728.

LAFAYETTE BPAC has 2 vacancies. Contact Leah Greenblat at (925) 284-1951.

BABC & B2WD The Bay Area Bike Coalition has obtained the contract to conduct Bike-to-Work-Day in our Bay Area. There will be a meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee on Mon, Jan 24, at 1:00 PM at the MTC 17th floor office at 1999 Harrison St in Oakland.

NEXT MEETING will be 7:30 PM on Tue, Feb 15, at MTC Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted by Yehuda Sherman, sec'y.

Cycling Guide for the San Francisco Bay Trail

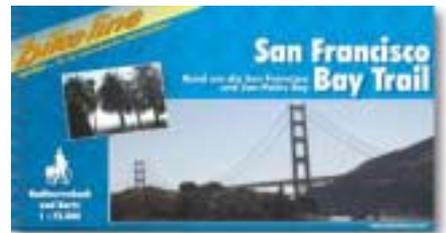
by Michael Cramer

While researching the Bay Trail in 2003, Michael Cramer made a presentation to EBBC members on his previous Cycline guidebook to the Berlin Wall Trail (2003). Many advocates throughout the Bay Area had the opportunity to explore the Bay Trail, by bicycle, with Michael.

The results are now available in a book that is divided into 26 sections.

Each section begins and ends at a public transit station. The spiral-bound book contains thirty-three 1:50000 scale maps and Michaels intriguing route descriptions. Each map is made to conveniently guide the cyclist who uses a handlebar bag.

Michael's perspective as a visitor from Europe is particularly useful. His Green Party background and elected service in the Berlin Parliament, and current position a member of the European Parliament in Brussels, affirm that Michael is a great observer, listener, and communicator.



We can now point to the commercial tourist value of completing the Bay Trail. Esterbauer publishes over 80 "Cycline" guides, Cramer's Bay Trail guide represents their initial English language title in the US.

See: <http://www.esterbauer.com>.

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East Bay Regional Park District (Park Advisory Committee) Feb 28, Mar 28, 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 Feb 10, Mar 10, 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 Feb 16, Mar 16, 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 Feb 17, Mar 17, 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 Feb 2, Mar 2, 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 Feb 14, 3:00 pm, City Hall, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Staff: Glen Kirby, 510-471-3232, *GKirby@ci.union-city.ca.us.*

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 BAC Mar 9, May 11, 7:30 pm, 3rd Floor conf. Room, City Hall, 1666 N. Main. **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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