



## Campaign For State Bicycle Funds

We can be grateful for State Senator Tom Torlakson's leadership in co-authoring SB 523 to maintain the Statewide Bicycle Transportation Account at current funding levels. Despite Torlakson's stature as Chair of the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee, SB 523 received some close votes from opponents who question the need for State spending on bicycle transportation as it moved through the Senate. In today's tight budget climate, legislators are inclined to target any spending measure.

In the next few weeks, SB 523 will be heard by the State Assembly where it will likely encounter additional opposition. We will need for local Assembly Members to help champion the bill. Please write to your State Assembly leaders to request their support and leadership. You can help them convince other legislators by expressing your appreciation for bikeway projects in their districts, or point to remaining gaps in the planned bikeway network. A sample letter follows.

**-Robert Raburn**

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### SAMPLE LETTER

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_

California State Assembly  
Sacramento, CA 942849

RE: Support for Bicycle Transportation  
Account  
SB 523 (Torlakson/Maldonado)

Dear Assembly Member \_\_\_\_\_:

I strongly urge you to support the effort to reauthorize funding for California's most underfunded transportation sector, the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA). We have only just begun to see new bicycle facilities in the East Bay, built by effectively leveraging BTA funds to garner Federal grants. But so much remains to be done to improve access and safety for bicyclists. The fiscally conservative SB 523 simply proposes to maintain the BTA at the current level of allocation.

In the mid 1970's, the BTA was created with an annual allocation of just \$360,000. Over the next two decades the BTA remained as a blip on the transportation budget chart. Two bills in the late 90's and early 2000 by Assembly Member Firestone (AB 1020) and Senator Brulte (SB 1772) dramatically changed the way that local governments would forever view bicycle plan-



Senator Tom Torlakson (center) speaks to bicyclists in Walnut Creek about SB 523 strategy after leading a "May is Fitness Month" ride on May 28.

ning. The current monthly allocation created by these two bills sends \$600,000 a month to the BTA. This increase allowed cities and counties to begin preparing bicycle transportation plans. These plans are now included in nearly every city, county general plans.

Unless SB 523 passes, the monthly allocation to the BTA is scheduled to decrease on July 1, 2006. Given that close to \$50 million in project applications go unfunded each year, this decrease represents a major hurdle for planners, bicyclists, and others concerned about providing bicycle access to work, transit or shops and safe routes to schools. Although the BTA should be increased to a greater percentage of the overall transportation budget, we recognize that funds are limited and ask only that the decrease not occur.

Thank you for your leadership, not only for the bicycle community, but also for being a strong advocate for healthy living, physical activity and public safety to create livable communities in the East Bay.

Sincerely,  
[your name]

CC: The Honorable Senator Abel Maldonado  
The Honorable Senator Tom Torlakson

**NEXT MEETING** begins on Tuesday, June 21 at 7:30pm the Rockridge branch of the Oakland Public Library, 5366 College Ave at Manila.

## Hit the Road with the Oakland A's

### Promote BART to Bay Trail Save the Date - August 14

The EBBC and Bay Trail a representative recently met with Oakland A's officials to plan for a Bike Day at the Coliseum, Oakland v. Minnesota @ 1:05pm on Sunday, August 14th. On tap will be a Bicycle Expo in the East-Side Club, Eric Chavez figurines for the first 10,000 fans, ticket discounts for bicycle groups, and of course, free valet bicycle parking provided by the EBBC. Call 510-638-GoA's (4627) for more information.

The EBBC's advocacy agenda includes installing permanent bike racks at the Coliseum and promoting the Coliseum BART to Bay Trail Connector.

The Bay Trail project is not just about recreational access. The Coliseum neighborhood and BART passengers currently do not have convenient bicycle access to entry-level jobs on Hegenberger, the Edgewater Business Park, or Oakland Airport employment sites.

According to the feasibility study completed in 2003, the preferred \$2.3 million option for the trail connector would go through the new Coliseum Amtrak Station, then follow the maintenance path along Damon Slough and provide a wide path on the existing 66th Ave overcrossing of I-880.

Although the trail study noted that "the project can be accomplished in less than two years," the EBBC has yet to see any progress from Oakland or County agencies. With Rep. Barbara Lee's proposed funding support in the federal transportation bill (and a cheer from A's fans) the EBBC wishes see that the trail connector is made a priority.

**-Robert Raburn**

## US Senate Setback for Routine Accommodation

Following the League of American Bicyclists' "Bike Summit" in Washington DC, in April, Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) introduced his "Safe and Complete Streets Act of 2005" (S. 794). The bill intended 'to improve the safety of nonmotorized transportation, including bicycle and pedestrian safety'. Several of America Bike's agenda items are mentioned, including Safe Routes to School, Complete Streets (AKA Routine Accommodation in the Bay Area to include bicycle and pedestrian needs in all highway AND TRANSIT spending), improved spending on bicycle safety and the setting of goals for increased bicycle use.

The good news is that the first vote ever on the Routine Accommodation concept generated bipartisan support. Senator Harkin's "Safe and Complete Streets" amendment was defeated in a floor vote, 53-44 in the US Senate, on Wednesday May 11th during debate of the reauthorization of the (SAFETEA) federal transportation bill. The amendment would have required states and large Metropolitan

Planning Organizations to adopt policies to build 'complete streets' that accommodate all road users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. The America Bikes coalition generated hundreds of calls in support of the amendment, and support was broad – during floor debate Senator Harkin held up a placard with a list of

organizations that submitted letters in support.

The vote was a milestone: it was the first time that the complete streets concept was debated and voted on in either chamber of Congress. Senators Kennedy, Obama, and Carper were co-sponsors. The measure generated bi-partisan support, but was unable to overcome the reluctance of Senators to go against the majority leadership.

"We want to thank all those who wrote letters and made calls on behalf of complete streets," says Andy Clarke, President of the America Bikes Board and Executive Director of the League of American Bicyclists. "We're encouraged by the bipartisan support we received and we expect this support will extend to the bicycle-friendly measures that are already a part of the transportation bills, including Safe Routes to School, the Enhancements Program, and Fair Share for Safety."

During floor debate Senator Harkin emphasized that this measure would ensure that transportation agencies integrate bicycle and pedestrian planning up front. He listed the many benefits of bicycling and walking, including improved health and reduced congestion and pollution. While Senator Bond (R-MO) was dismissive of the complete streets amendment, he based his opposition in part on the inclusion in the bill of many other bicycle - and pedestrian - friendly provisions. California's Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein both supported the Harkin amendment.



San Leandro's Bike to Work Day Energizer Station was staffed by (L to R) Chris Hwang, Mayor Sheila Young, Councilmember Orval "OB" Badger, and Susan Sullivan. A record total of 56 East Bay Energizer Stations reported a surprising turnout despite the soggy weather.

## SHORT REPORTS

**EMERYVILLE** - The City Council voted to convert certain bike lanes to parallel parking, as part of a "Bicycle Boulevard" plan. The Council accepted the recommendation of the Emeryville Bicycle Advisory Subcommittee to remove the non-contiguous and narrow bike lane between 45th and 53rd, to help achieve the goal of a shared-lane Boulevard. The stated goal of the project is a route with strong pro-bicycle branding, friendly to family, child, and casual commuter riders. Parallel parking is seen as helping to keep motor vehicle speeds low on this relatively low volume street. Consistency was also mentioned, eliminating extra merges and turn conflicts, and eliminating a one-side-only lane segment. Also mentioned in the debate was giving riders a feeling of freedom to share the entire lane, and ride farther from car doors. The shared use of a lane is seen as slowing and calming traffic on this route. Bicycle Boulevards create through cycling routes from lower volume local streets. Boulevards have been implemented in Vancouver BC, Portland OR, Berkeley CA, and Palo Alto CA.

**FREMONT** - The proposed Bicycle Master Plan includes an update of the City's bicycle network map. The plan proposes new trails, bicycle lanes and routes, calls for improvements on existing bicycle facilities, considers a bicycle parking ordinance, introduces a best practices design guidelines, Safe Routes to School Program and more. Following review of the Draft Plan by the BAC and the BPTAC, City staff will then present the draft plan to the Planning Commission at their July 2005 meeting for review and recommendation to Council for adoption of the proposed Bicycle Master Plan. See <http://www.fremont.gov/Community/Traffic/BicycleAndPedestrianProgram.htm>

**FREMONT** - At a recent meeting with Caltrans, the EBBC proposed that the "Fremont Gap" be closed using federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds. The gap occurs where a single flood channel acts as a barrier to travel between Fremont Blvd in Alameda County and McCarthy Blvd in Santa Clara County. Caltrans officials concurred that the project would be ideal because it is in the I-880 corridor and offered to help prepare the proposal. Currently, only Warm Springs Blvd offers a bikeway between the two counties.

**TE FUNDS II** - Another EBBC proposal for interregional bicycle facilities is to install eLockers at rail stations throughout the Capitol and ACE systems. Like the recently dedicated

eLockers at El Cerrito Plaza BART, eLockers offer on-demand bike lockers that can be opened with an electronic card key.

**EL CERRITO PLAZA BART** - BikeLink eLockers were dedicated on Bike to Work Day by giving away free BikeLink cards! Electronic card-key access enables lockers to serve more than one user. According to eLocker developer, Steven Grover, "usage data so far shows a 5:1 ratio of cardholders served per locker used at any given time, thus we expect to serve approximately 250 cyclists in the El Cerrito area with this installation." These lockers are available when you want them! They work like parking meters but cost only 5-cents per hour. For information or to purchase \$20 cards, go to [www.bikelink.org](http://www.bikelink.org).

**BART PARKING FEES** - The EBBC joined the Transportation and Land Use Coalition and a chorus of others in supporting BART automobile parking fees. We specifically urged that the fees provide funding for alternative modes of station access and bicycle security. On May 27 BART's elected board voted (7-2) to charge motorists at West Oakland \$5 to park and \$1 a day to park at MacArthur, Lake Merritt, Rockridge, Orinda, Lafayette, Walnut Creek, Dublin/Pleasanton, North Berkeley, and Ashby stations.

**SPARE THE AIR** - Riding transit instead of driving alone helps keep air healthy to breathe. To encourage Bay Area residents to "Spare the Air", 22 Bay Area transit agencies will give free rides during the morning commute (4 am to 9 am) on the first five non-holiday weekdays that the Air District declares a "Spare the Air" day from June 1 through October 14, 2005. Riders must enter the system between 4:00 and 9:00 am. Learn more about the "Free Weekday Morning Commute" promotion at [www.511.org](http://www.511.org) where you can also sign up for AirAlert notices.

**ROUTE 4 BYPASS** - The EBBC's success in allowing bicycle travel between Antioch and Brentwood on the new roadway's shoulders will come to a halt in 2007 when the facility is proposed to be transferred from local control to become part of SR 160. The EBBC appealed to Caltrans and the SR4 Bypass Authority (Antioch, Oakley, Brentwood and CCTA) to provide three trail crossings of the future freeway and also provide a parallel route of travel for bicyclists.

**CONCORD** - A proposal for 13,000 homes in the former Weapons Station property will overload existing transportation facilities. Concord's General Plan Update must include Safe Routes to Transit proposals for the area around North Con-

cord BART that will be heavily impacted. The base conversion proposal also only proposes 30 percent of the land be kept as open space, and that includes "developed" open space like the Diablo Golf Course that keeps the Willow Pass Path from continuing to North Concord BART.

**FRUITVALE ALIVE** - On May 18 a room in the new Fruitvale BART Transit Village filled with citizens interested in hearing about proposals to make the area more livable. Instead they heard about trade-offs that will compromise bicycle and pedestrian access and safety. After the consultant's presentation, speaker after speaker criticized the project for "missing an opportunity" and "misplaced priorities." The EBBC commented that it appears as if "cars trump bikes." A City of Alameda bicyclist reminded everyone that Fruitvale Ave and San Leandro Blvd represent the obvious way to reach BART. One local resident commented that the existing 3rd lane on Fruitvale Avenue between Foothill and International "allows you to get to the congested 2-lanes three seconds quicker."

**TELEGRAPH AVE** - On Saturday, June 18 from noon to 6pm, the Temescal Street Fair will cordon off Telegraph Ave for food, fun and music. Montano Velo will offer free bike tune-ups adjacent to the EBBC's free valet bike parking.

**JULY 4th** - Join EBBC and BFBC at the Berkeley Marina from noon until after the fireworks.

**FREEWAYS=ASTHMA** - The closer children live to a freeway, the more likely they are to develop asthma. That is the conclusion of USC researchers who studied the health of 5,300 young people in 13 communities. According to Dr. Rob McDonnell, neither socioeconomic status nor exposure to secondhand smoke explained the differences in asthma rates.

**PALO ALTO** - One week before National Bike to Work day, Palo Alto police conducted a city-wide crackdown on cyclists, handing out a whopping 200 citations in just four days. In some cases, cyclists were cited for doing things that might be considered dangerous, but certainly not illegal; i.e. riding on sidewalks, or riding with only one hand on the handlebars. Bicyclists who were cited have the option of taking a bike safety course in lieu of paying the fine.

## BAC Calendar

compiled by: John Ruzek

**Alameda County** Jun 9, Jul 14, 5:30 pm, 426 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100, Oakland. Refer to [www.acta2002.com/MEETINGS/meetings.html](http://www.acta2002.com/MEETINGS/meetings.html) or call staff to confirm next meeting. **Staff:** Rochelle Wheeler, 510-267-6121, [RWheeler@acta2002.com](mailto: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, [CChaicarn@albanyca.org](mailto:CChaicarn@albanyca.org); **EBBC Rep:** [PDJordan@lbl.gov](mailto:PDJordan@lbl.gov).

**BART** Aug 1, Oct 3, 6 pm MTC, 101 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland. Bimonthly, first Mondays. **Staff:** Laura Timothy, 510-464-6446; Co-**Chairs** Joe Carroll, 510-604-4821, [Joe-the7thCarroll@lmi.net](mailto:Joe-the7thCarroll@lmi.net), Dave Favello, 925-939-9462, [DaveVelo@aol.com](mailto:DaveVelo@aol.com), - County representatives: Alameda - Eric McCaughrin [EMcCaughrin@yahoo.com](mailto:EMcCaughrin@yahoo.com); Contra Costa - Dave Favello, Craig Hagelin 925-937-7610, [Chagelin@astound.net](mailto:Chagelin@astound.net).

**Berkeley** Jun 1, Jul 6, 4:00 pm, 2118 Milvia St., 3rd floor, **Staff:** Heath Maddox, (510) 981-7062, [HMaddox@ci.berkeley.ca.us](mailto:HMaddox@ci.berkeley.ca.us); **Chair:** Sarah Syed; **EBBC Rep:** Dave Campbell 510-540-5971 [DCampbell@lmi.net](mailto: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](mailto:dept-engineering@ci.brentwood.ca.us), to re-establish BAC. **EBBC Rep** Dave Stoeffler 925-634-1793, [DaveS@ecis.com](mailto: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](mailto:Ken_McGuire@dot.ca.gov); **Chair:** Alan Wachtel, CABO, 650-494-1750, [Wachtel@aol.com](mailto:Wachtel@aol.com); **BABC rep:** Josh Hart, (415) 431-2453, [Joshua@sfbike.org](mailto:Joshua@sfbike.org).

**Caltrans District 4**, July 12, 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](mailto:Julian_Carroll@dot.ca.gov); **Chair:** Doug Johnson, MTC, 510-464-7846, [DJohnson@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:DJohnson@mtc.ca.gov); **EBBC Rep** Robert Raburn, 510-530-3444 [Robert-Raburn@ebbc.org](mailto:Robert-Raburn@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](mailto:John_Ruzek@yahoo.com).

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



*The EBBC is fighting to guarantee that no matter which Route 84 proposal Fremont, Union City and the Alameda County Transportation Authority agree upon, we will not lose the bike lanes on Decoto Road leading to Union City BART.*

### SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

- **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** 6030 College Ave, Oakland
- **Left Coast Cyclery** 2928 Domingo Ave, Berkeley
- **Missing Link** 1988 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley
- **Omafeits** 2001 Milvia St, 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
- **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.*

## Rep. Lee Includes Bay Trail Project in Transportation Bill

On March 2, 2005 Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Oakland) announced that funding earmarked for several 9th Congressional District projects was included in the Transportation Equity Act that was passed by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

"This bill provides much-needed money for East Bay transportation projects and vital economic stimulus for our community," said Rep. Lee.

"I believe in building healthy communities, and this funding can help us do that," said Rep. Lee. "We can strengthen infrastructure, we can reduce pollution and protect the environment and we can foster opportunity by creating jobs. The House should pass this bill."

The Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (TEA LU), is a six year initiative that establishes and funds national priorities for transportation. The bill is funded through the Highway Trust Fund which in turn is largely funded by receipts from federal gas taxes paid at the pump.

Funding for ninth district projects totals \$16 million, an increase of \$2 million over last year. One half of the proposals are for transit, bicycle or Safe Routes to Transit projects promoted by the EBBC. No other member of the Bay Area congressional delegation acknowledged the need to fund bicycle-pedestrian improvements. We are particularly pleased to see her support for the Coliseum BART to Bay Trail proposal.

Please contact Representative Lee's aide, Nathan Britton at (202) 225-2661 to voice your strong support for her attention to nonmotorized funding.

The list of earmarks for the ninth district in the Transportation bill include: \$3 million for the Ed Roberts campus and intermodal transit center at Ashby BART, \$1 million to the city of Oakland for "TOD" improvements at four BART stations, \$2 million for AC Transit's Rapid Bus program, and \$900,000 for the Coliseum connector to the Bay Trail.

## London Road Deaths Down 21%

"Red Ken" has done it again.

The Mayor of London, famous for implementing \$8 congestion charges as well as bike/transit improvements, has also made road safety a top priority.

Figures released by Transport for London (TfL) show a decline in road deaths of 21% over the previous year. TfL has set a goal of 40% reduction by the year 2010. Based on this year's tremendous success, the Mayor is now proposing to raise that goal to 50%.

Key figures include:

- Cyclist deaths and injuries down 23%
- The government's 2010 reduction target for cycling death/injury has been achieved 6 years early
- Automobile deaths and injuries down 24%
- Motorcycle deaths and injuries down 22%

TfL credits their success on a number of safety measures that were not particularly popular among motoring groups. Those measures include: posted 20mph speed limits, widespread use of speed cameras, improved road layouts, and closing off certain roads to automobile traffic.

This past year also brought good news from the London's subway system. Passenger numbers reached 976 million — a new record. Surveys showed the highest customer satisfaction since 1991. London is also embarking on an ambitious "Crossrail" project that would interconnect the region's separate suburban rail links.

Mayor Livingstone's measures seemed to have earned broad approval from the voters. With his re-election in June 2004, the Mayor has decided to push forward and expand the Congestion Charge Zone.

## Cut-Rate Air Fares Fueling Global Warming

The boom in cheap air travel threatens to erase gains in meeting greenhouse gas targets, says Friends-of-the-Earth and Greenpeace.

Aircraft emissions that go straight into the stratosphere have more than twice the global warming effect as ground-based sources. Air travel produces 19 times as much greenhouse gas emissions as trains, and a round-trip trans-Atlantic flight between produces the equivalent CO2 as one year's of driving.

Environmental groups are pushing for an end to the various tax breaks, subsidies, bailouts, and interest-free loans that have artificially lowered air fares.



Prior to Cyclecide's noontime Bike to Work Day performance in front of Oakland City Hall, Pat Raburn discovers that their "bike from Mars" offers great visibility over SUVs and an alternative to fenders.

# Minutes

of the Board and General Meetings of Tuesday, May 17, 2005 held at the Rockridge branch of the Oakland Public Library

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**CHAIR** was Craig Hagelin

**LOST CHECKS:** An envelope mailed recently by Robert Raburn to Treasurer Debbie Lewis has gone missing. It contained checks written for EBBC membership payments. None of the checks has been cashed. Andrew Rudiak and Rick Rickard volunteered to help get information as to who wrote the checks.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** submitted by Debbie Lewis was discussed. It was proposed to create a dedicated "Map" fund.

**EBBC BIKE STICKERS** need a volunteer. Green 'BIKED TO WORK TODAY!' small stickers were distributed.

**WEST-OF-THE-HILLS MAP** - Bill Pinkham wants to begin work on this project.

**BICYCLE THEFT DETERANCE PROGRAM** submitted by Bryce Nesbitt was approved, with spending up to \$1,500.

## GENERAL MEETING

**CHAIR** was Craig Hagelin.

**MINUTES** of the previous meeting of Tue, April 19, 2005, were not available due to a delay in the printing the May 2005 newsletter.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Temescal Street Fair will be Sat, June 18, 2005, on Telegraph Av, 48th to 51st Sts, Oakland, noon to 6 PM.

**REGIONAL TRANSIT HUBS** meeting will be held at El Cerrito del Norte and Dublin-Pleasanton BART stations. Dave Campbell and Bill Pinkham volunteered for the first station and Andrew Rudiak for the latter station.

**STATE SENATOR TOM TORLAKSEN BIKE RIDES:** Ole Ohlson reported on the ride of Sun, May 15, 2005, and the forthcoming rides of Sun, May 22, and Sat, May 28.

**BIKE SHOP** Program is being launched. Two new shops have joined: Hank and Frank's in north Oakland and Missing Link in Berkeley. We will no longer charge the bike shops annual dues, but will sign them up for giving discounts to EBBC members, who will identify themselves with mailing labels from our monthly newsletter. The shops will get a 3.5-by-4 inch EBBC sticker to put on their front doors.

**TEA-21 RE-AUTHORIZATION:** Senator Tom Harkin was unsuccessful in getting a *complete streets* or *routine accommodations* amendment into the bill. The bill will extend funding at the present amount, but a presidential veto is a possibility.

**CYCLE DAY** at Concord REI store. Sat, June 18, 11 AM to 3 PM. Robert Raburn, Ole Ohlson, and Yehuda Sherman volunteered.

**BART:** Raburn spoke to the BART Board of Directors asking for bike access on the first cars of trains. We hope to get, at least, bikes allowed on the rear of the first cars.

**WEST SPAN OF BAY BRIDGE:** Our goal is to get the money appropriated for the new east span of the new bridge to include funds for a bike path on the west span.

**BIKING & HEALTH:** Our new wording is that we are working with health organizations to promote biking.

**4th BORE OF CALDECOTT TUNNEL** We hope to get out of the new tunnel construction an improvement in the bike routes leading from Ashby Ave in Berkeley to Tunnel Rd.

**MOKELUMNE AQUADUCT TRAIL:** Ole Ohlson reported that there is an agreement being worked on that will provide that before the Highway 4 By-pass can be turned over to CalTrans, the three bike trails interrupted by the Highway By-pass will have crossings built to re-connect them.

**BIKE LANES ON TELEGRAPH AVE:** A CEQA lawsuit delayed implementation of bike lanes on Telegraph Ave in Oakland for several years. Now with legislation being proposed to relax CEQA requirements for urban housing, there might be an opportunity to prevent such lawsuits in the future by exempting Class II bike lane projects from CEQA requirements. We approved sending a letter to State Senator Perata asking that he address the bike lane issue in legislation that he is planning to introduce to the Legislature.

**CoCoCo BPAC:** Raburn has worked with Supervisor Gayle Ulkema, and spoken with Steve Goetz, County Transportation Planning Director, who agrees that there should only be one County-wide BPAC.

**BIKE DAY at A's GAME:** A motion was passed to pursue the idea of making Sun, Aug 14, "BIKE DAY."

**NEXT MEETING** will be at 7:30 PM, Tue, June 21, 2005, at the Rockridge Library on College Ave at Manila St in Oakland.

*Respectfully submitted by Yehuda Sherman, sec'y.*

## 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](http://www.ebbc.org).)

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(See Also: BAC Calendar & Affiliated Orgs.)
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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** Jun 27, 25, 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** Jun 9, July 7, 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** Jun 15, July 20, 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** Jun 16, July 14, 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** Jun 1. July 6, 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., 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** Jul 13, Sep 14, 7:30 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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