



## HELP TALC PASS AB 2444

### Cars are costing us:



**traffic,  
asthma,  
crashes,  
climate  
change,  
water  
pollution.**

***...But how much are they paying?***

### With AB 2444,

**A \$10 vehicle registration fee**



**becomes \$50 million a year  
for a cleaner, safer,  
more connected Bay Area.**

## **4 Ways You Can Make AB 2444 Happen**

1. Call, write, or email your Assemblyperson and ask her or him to support AB 2444.
2. Have your organization sign on as supporter of AB 2444.
3. Write a Letter to the Editor explaining how AB 2444 will directly link the *real* costs of cars with funding for transportation improvements and environmental protection.
4. Join the AB 2444 Campaign Team. We need supporters to:
  - Help get endorsements from other organizations.
  - Come to a press conference on April 11.
  - Attend a Committee hearing on April 17 or 26.
  - Lobby your Assemblyperson at the Capitol on April 25.

Go to [www.transcoalition.org](http://www.transcoalition.org) for more information. Our next Campaign Team Meeting will be held on May 2 from 5:00 - 6:30 at TALC. Contact Marta at [marta@transcoalition.org](mailto:marta@transcoalition.org) or 510.740.3150 to get involved.

See page 5 for more details on AB2444

**NEXT MEETING** begins on Tuesday, April 18 at 7:30pm at the Rockridge Branch of the Oakland Public Library, 5366 College Ave at Manila.

## EBBC Joins Legal Appeal of Oak to Ninth Avenue Project

The EBBC Board elected on March 21, 2006 to join Waterfront Action in appealing the Oakland Planning Commission decisions made on March 15-16 for failing to analyze the issues, address the inadequacies of the project and consider alternatives. Other appellants include the Oakland Heritage Alliance; Rajiv Bhatia, MD, MPH; League of Women Voters of Oakland; Coalition of Advocates for Lake Merritt; and the Sierra Club, Northern Alameda County Regional Group.

The EBBC's focus is on public access to the Oakland Estuary and Bay Trail. We specifically find three areas of concern: access and safety to the Oakland Estuary from the upland side of the rail and freeway; access and safety along Embarcadero, an on-street portion of the Bay Trail; and the need to complete the Bay Trail shoreline path through the project area.

Traffic from the proposed project would significantly impact existing bicycle access and safety at approaches to the Estuary that cross railroad tracks at Oak Street and at 5th Avenue. In addition, this project adds to the urgency to complete a planned grade-separated bike/ped crossing of the railroad to connect Estuary Channel paths leading to Lake Merritt, Laney College and BART with the Embarcadero bikeway and Estuary Park, including the Waterfront Aquatic Center and the Bay Trail along the shoreline of the Oakland Estuary.

Traffic impacts on the existing narrow Embarcadero bridge over the Estuary Channel, designated as an on-street portion of the Bay Trail, would require that the bridge be widened to safely accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians. This level route provides an important artery for bicycle commuters who travel between either the City of Alameda or East Oakland and Downtown Oakland. And finally, the project only proposes to construct portions of the Bay Trail through the project area. The utility of the Bay Trail can only be realized as a completed through path.

Existing Oakland residents, as well as future residents, deserve to have non-motorized transportation options as identified in the Oakland Bicycle Master Plan, the Bay Trail Plan, and the Oakland Estuary Plan.

## The Great California Delta Trails System

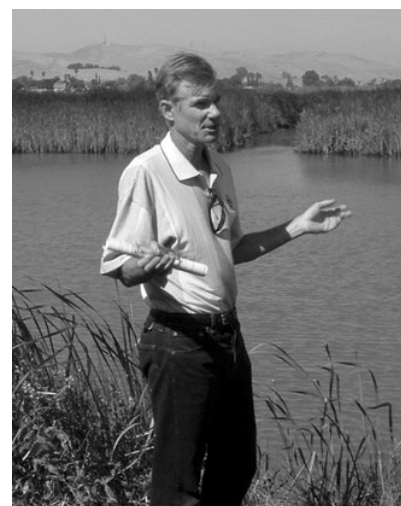
The Board of Directors and General Membership of the East Bay Bicycle Coalition unanimously voted to support Senator Tom Torlakson's proposal to establish the Great California Delta Trails System at our meeting on March 21, 2006. The proposed Delta Protection Commission would unify the region.

Since participating with Torlakson in a press conference and hike to unveil the Delta Trail's first path near MacAvoy Harbor on September 2, 2005, members of the EBBC have continued to discuss and review his vision of creating a continuous recreation corridor around the perimeter of the Delta. As the bill notes, the obesity epidemic calls for the creation of opportunities for regular exercise in this rapidly developing area of California. Provision of continuous shoreline trails that link with existing bikeways has the additional benefits of preserving public access to the shoreline and offering level travel routes for bicycle tourists and commuters.

Already, the East Bay Regional Park District offers splendid bicycle and pedestrian trails along portions of the shoreline in Contra Costa County. The EBBC recommends such routes to the public on our comprehensive East of the Hills Bicycle Transportation Map (2006). As hikers and bicyclists are well aware, however, the utility of most of these trails is compromised by gaps that interrupt continuous travel. Like the Bay Trail, the provisions of SB1556 promise to encourage the planning and construction of a Delta Trail.

We cannot imagine continued urbanization near the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta shoreline without trail-capped levee protection around the perimeter of the Delta. The costly 2004 levee failure in nearby San Joaquin County that flooded Jones Tract illustrates the economic need for a symbiotic focus on flood control and public access. We relish the prospect of riding from the East Bay to Stockton on a Delta Trail. Future Contra Costa County residents from Oakley to Concord will be cheated if SB1556 is not signed into law to protect property and offer hope for a continuous Delta Trail.

Sincerely,



With SB1556, Senator Torlakson has proposed a comprehensive Delta Trail system

## Pedal Power Coming to Sacramento

Bicyclists are urged to sign up for Pedal Power, which is being sponsored by the California Bicycle Coalition on May 1 and 2 in Sacramento (<http://www.calpedalpower.org/>).

Many cyclists are probably already aware of the National Bike Summit in Washington D.C. Pedal Power is California's version of this event, and only costs \$35 to register! There are several bills related to bicycling that we are watching this year, as well as the big infrastructure bond that is still on the table. It's very important for bicyclists and bike industry leaders to show up in Sacramento for Pedal Power.

The CBC's lobbyist Justin Fanslau is working to make arrangements for attendees to meet with all 120 legislators in the state. We need to make sure that we have people up there to attend meetings and let our elected representatives know why bicycling MUST be a central part of our state's plans. There will be information sessions to go over our talking points to prepare you for the lobbying.

Pedal Power will be fun, and effective. I hope you'll join me and others in Sacramento.

**- Deb Hubsmith**  
Marin County Bicycle Coalition

## SHORT REPORTS

**CLIMATE CHANGE** - One way to avoid winter rain is to travel south. A recent visit to Tempe, AZ provided an opportunity to enjoy dry spring weather and ride a rental bike in a League of American Bicyclists (LAB) certified Bike-Friendly Community (visit: <http://www.bicyclefriendlycommunity.org>). The bridges over Town Lake offer ample bike lanes that continue through the popular commercial area. A network of bikeways offers access throughout the community and capable City staff has methodically set out to overcome barriers. Frequent "red line" buses with racks link the airport with Tempe, only 15 minutes away. The primary detriments to bicycling are found in the light rail construction zones and at the city limits where one is reminded that Tempe is a bicycling oasis in the urban desert of the Phoenix metropolitan area.

**BRENTWOOD** - The LAB honored Brentwood in 2004 as the East Bay's only Bicycle Friendly Community (Bronze-level, see above). In Brentwood's 2006 renewal application, they listed the following three primary reasons that Brentwood deserves to be designated as a Bicycle Friendly Community: 1) the dollars invested in bike lanes on most of the city roads; 2) continued effort to connecting any deficiencies and missing links to the network with input from the Bicycle Subcommittee; and 3) commitment for City Staff to strive to become a GOLD member of the Bicycle Friendly Community. Brentwood staff also acknowledged their need for enhanced Education, Enforcement and Engineering as the three aspects most in need of improvement in order to accommodate bicyclists. Contact: Randolph Craig, Assistant Engineer (925) 516-5155.

**MARTINEZ** - Following the "Martinez Celebrates Cycling" events in February, the EBBC has encouraged City staff and elected officials to sustain their commitment to provide safe accommodation and facilities for bicyclists, and encourage bicycle travel for transportation and recreation. At 7pm on May 3, 2006 the Martinez City Council, 525 Henrietta, will consider whether to apply for Bike-Friendly Community certification in 2007. Please join us to encourage both policies and designs that increase opportunities for physical activity and reduce obesity.

**SUV GENERATION** - The prevalence of obesity in adults doubled and the prevalence of overweight in children and adolescents tripled in the United States between 1980 and 2002,

the National Center for Health Statistics reported in an article published in the April 2006 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association. <http://www.healthinschools.org>

**CONCORD** - A standing room only crowd called for open space and trails at the April 5th Council hearing on the 2030 General Plan. The EBBC spoke in favor of increased access to the shoreline and through the closed Port Chicago Highway to provide a level, non-freeway bikeway to Bay Point and Pittsburg. We further recommended that the General Plan: 1) substitute Caltrans' bikeway standards from Chapter 1000 of the Highway Design Manual for their bizarre bikeway categories; 2) fully incorporate the regional bikeways identified in Concord in the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan; and 3) adopt a Safe Routes to Transit policy. A continuation hearing is slated for April 19 to consider removing the development proposal for the former Concord Naval Weapons Station (8 sq mi. inland) from the General Plan and consider it separately at the May 6 Base Realignment And Closure (BRAC) workshop.

**SAN LEANDRO** - Bumpy railroad grade crossings will be upgraded to concrete pads at eight intersections: Davis, Alvarado, Williams and Castro Streets, and Marina Blvd, Washington Ave, Hesperian Blvd and Halcyon Drive. Bicyclists always appreciate the smoother crossings, plus the reduction in debris knocked off from vehicles reduces maintenance and sweeping costs and other hazards to bicyclists downstream from the tracks.

**UC BERKELEY** - After many years of slow progress, the UCB Campus Bicycle Plan is available for review, with an open comment period through May 8 and two short public presentations on the afternoon/evening of April 20. We strongly suggest that the plan bring UCB up to bicycling standards seen at many other UC campuses by including a relaxation of the notorious "Dismount Zone" at Sproul Plaza. For more information contact Alicia Arellano, Parking & Transportation Department, 510-643-4949 or [alicia\\_a@berkeley.edu](mailto:alicia_a@berkeley.edu) and CC Jason Meggs at [jmeggs@bclu.org](mailto:jmeggs@bclu.org). The plan is online at: [http://pt.berkeley.edu/transportation\\_alternatives/bicycle\\_information/bike\\_plan.html](http://pt.berkeley.edu/transportation_alternatives/bicycle_information/bike_plan.html)

**RICHMOND** - The Richmond Greenway is proposed to pass through an existing rail tunnel under I-80 to connect to the Ohlone Trail and El Cerrito del Norte BART. It will continue 2-1/2 miles parallel to and north of Ohio Ave along an abandoned rail alignment. A workshop is scheduled for 7 to

9pm, Thursday, April 20 at the MLK Jr Recreation Center, 360 Harbor Way South. Contact Ben Gettleman at 415-397-2220 or [benjamin@railtrails.org](mailto:benjamin@railtrails.org).

**NILES CANYON** - East Bay Regional Park Director Ann Wieskamp is calling for an examination of how to provide non-motorized access through Niles Canyon. The EBBC has long sought to make the beautiful Alameda Creek accessible to the public to create a linear park between the Tri-Valley and Fremont. Currently, the narrow roadway and speeding traffic preclude sharing the road except on weekend mornings.

**BIKEWAYS TO PROSPERITY** - A North Carolina DOT assessment of the Economic Impact of Bicycle Facilities determined that the benefits gained from the bicycle facilities justify investment in additional facilities throughout the state. The study found that visitors who bicycle in the northern Outer Banks have a significant economic impact on the area. Moreover, the study provides evidence that the expenditure of public funds on bicycle facilities in an area with a substantial amount of tourism can be a worthwhile investment, yielding an economic return approximately nine times the initial expenditure. (<http://trb.org/publications/trnews/trnews242rpo.pdf>)

**REGIONAL TRANSIT PLAN** - Thanks to its new Baby Bullet express service, Caltrain experienced a 12.5% growth in ridership in 2005 — the largest of any commuter rail system in the US. Naturally, the MTC decided to reward this good performance by deleting Caltrain Express Phase 2 funding from "Resolution 3434"; i.e. the (so-called) Transit Expansion Plan. AC Transit also saw its San Leandro Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project eliminated. AC's only operational BRT project, the 72R San Pablo line, is one of the most success transit projects implemented in Bay Area in terms of getting people out of their cars. In looking at the list of projects that did make it into the plan (i.e. Warm Springs BART, South-SF ferry, etc.), one can only come to the conclusion that an inverse-cost-effectiveness metric is being used.

**NEWSLETTER NOTE:** Thanks to John Eastman for the "Landvale Bridge" photo published in the March 2006 *rideOn*.

## BAC Calendar

Compiled by: John Ruzek

**Alameda County** Apr 13, May 11, 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 Traffic & Safety Committee** Apr 27, May 25, City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, **Staff:** Cherry Chaicarn, (510) 528-5759, [CChaicarn@albanyca.org](mailto:CChaicarn@albanyca.org) **CHAIR: EBBC Rep: PDJordan@lbl.gov.**

**BART** Apr 3, Jun 5, 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@mac.com](mailto:DaveVelo@mac.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** Apr 5, May 3, 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 [DCampbel@lmi.net](mailto:DCampbel@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 reestablish BAC. EBBC Rep Dave Stoeffler 925-634-1793, [DaveS@ecis.com](mailto:DaveS@ecis.com).

**California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC)** Apr 6, Jun 1, 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: Deb Hubsmith, 415-454-7430, [debhub@igc.org](mailto:debhub@igc.org).

**Caltrans District 4** April 11, July 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 [RobertRaburn@ebbc.org](mailto:RobertRaburn@ebbc.org).

**Contra Costa County** Meets yearly in late fall to review TDA Review of 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 Parks Commission** Apr 12, May 10, 7 pm Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front Street,

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

**Dublin** Meeting held in February on Citywide Bicycle Master Plan, Dublin Library Community Room. Contact staff for next meeting. **Staff:** Ferd del Rosario, 925-833-6637, [Ferd.delRosario@ci.Dublin.ca.us](mailto:Ferd.delRosario@ci.Dublin.ca.us).

**East Bay Regional Park District** (Park Advisory Committee) Apr 24, May 22, 7:30 pm, Board Room, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland 94605 **Staff:** Ro Aguilar, 510-635-0138 x2006, [RAguilar@ebparks.org](mailto:RAguilar@ebparks.org), **Chair:** Mary Ann Gaebe, [JimGaebe@comcast.net](mailto:JimGaebe@comcast.net).

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### DISCOUNT BIKE SHOPS

- Alameda Cycle 1522 Park St, Alameda
- Bay Area Bikes 1050 West Grand Ave, Oakland
- Bicycle Garage 4673 Thornton Ave, Fremont
- Bikes 4 Life 1344 Sunset Dr., Antioch
- Cal Bicycles 2053 First St., Livermore
- California Pedaler 495 Hartz Ave, Danville
- Castro Cyclery 20515 Stanton Ave, Castro Valley
- Cycle City 1433 High St., Alameda
- Cycle Sports 3530 Grand Ave, Oakland
- Danville Bike 115 Hartz Ave, Danville
- Dublin Cyclery, 7001 Dublin Blvd, Dublin
- Hank & Frank Bicycles 3377 Mount Diablo Blvd, Lafayette
- Hank & Frank Bicycles 6030 College Ave, Oakland
- Lamorinda Cyclery 232 Brookwood Rd, Orinda
- Left Coast Cyclery 2928 Domingo Ave, Berkeley
- Livermore Cyclery 7214 San Ramon Blvd, Dublin
- Livermore Cyclery 2752 First St, Livermore
- Mike's Bikes 2133 University Ave, Berkeley
- Mike's Bikes 1150 Contra Costa Blvd, Pleasant Hill
- Missing Link 1988 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley
- Montano Velo 4266 Piedmont Ave, Oakland
- The Pedaler 3826 San Pablo Dam Rd., El Sobrante
- Pegasus Bicycle Works 439 Railroad Ave, Danville
- Pleasant Hill Cyclery 1100-C Contra Costa Blvd, Pleasant Hill
- Real Bicycles 3506-B Old Santa Rita Rd, Pleasanton
- Robinson Wheelworks 1235 MacArthur Blvd, San Leandro
- San Leandro Cyclery 471 E 14th St, San Leandro
- Schwinn City 814 A St., Antioch
- Sharp Bicycle 969 Moraga Rd., Lafayette
- Solano Avenue Cyclery 1554 Solano Ave, Albany
- Stone's Cyclery 2320 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda
- Velo Sport 1650 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley
- Wheels of Justice Cyclery 2024 Mountain Blvd, Oakland
- Witts Bicycle Shop 22125 Mission Blvd, Hayward

Present your valid EBBC membership card (clip mailing label on back cover) to obtain member discount at participating retailers. The mailing label must indicate that the membership is "Current" to qualify. Discount varies 5-25% on parts, bikes, and/or accessories depending on level of participation by retailer. Visit <http://www.ebbc.org> for further details.

## Summary of AB 2444

AB 2444 would allow annual vehicle registration fees to be imposed in the Bay Area up to \$10 per car to fund programs that mitigate the environmental impacts of cars and manage traffic congestion. AB 2444 directly connects the many impacts of cars with air and water quality mitigation, bicycle and pedestrian safety measures, accident management, public transit operations, and roadway improvements.

### How AB 2444 Works

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) can vote each year to impose an annual fee of up to \$5 on motor vehicles registered within all nine Bay Area counties to fund programs mitigating the environmental impacts of cars.

BAAQMD may impose the fee by a two-thirds vote and end the fee at any time with a majority vote. All of the fees generated will be split evenly between BAAQMD and the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). Fees collected may only be used to pay for programs that bear a relationship or benefit to the owners of the motor vehicles paying the fee. This includes, but is not limited to projects that mitigate stormwater runoff, improve water quality, and improve air quality (including greenhouse gas reductions). 75% of the fees must be spent in the

county of origin and the remaining 25% on regional programs.

The nine Bay Area congestion management agencies will also be authorized to impose an annual fee of up to \$5 on motor vehicles registered within those counties to provide funding for programs managing traffic congestion, including bicycle and pedestrian safety and public transit, and excluding the addition of any new road lanes.

Before the fee can be imposed in a county, the county will be required to submit performance measures and a budget for the programs it plans on using fee revenues for. The county congestion agency must then make a specific finding of fact that the fees pay for programs bearing a relationship or benefit to the owners of the motor vehicles paying the fee. Programs such as accident management, pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements, public transit capital and operations, and roadway improvements are eligible.

The Bay Area is expected to grow by 1.7 million people over the next 25 years – the population of San Francisco and San Jose combined. If we don't create a world-class public transportation system, our region will become one big traffic jam with dangerous roads, disconnected communities, and air and water pollution. At least \$10 billion must be raised over the next 25 years to fix our current public transportation system and fund strategic, cost-effective expansions. The sooner we invest, the more we can save in the long run.

## Get Ready for Bike to Work Day 2006

Join the Team Bike Challenge and Nominate Someone for Bike Commuter of the Year

May 18 marks the San Francisco Bay Area's 12th annual Bike to Work Day, a celebration presented by Mike's Bicycle and 511.org that promotes bicycling as a healthy, fun, and viable form of transportation. From new or leisure cyclists to bicycle hot-shots, we want to honor every kind of bicyclist out there during May, which is National Bike Month. There are two activities getting started now that will get Bay Area residents more involved in bicycling:



**The Team Bike Challenge:** As a fun twist in 2006, Bike to Work Day organizers are launching the Team Bike Challenge. This contest and campaign encourages bicycle commuters to recruit their colleagues, friends, and neighbors to bike for transportation during May. Participants in the Challenge form teams consisting of five individuals, think of a creative Team name, register on 511.org, and track each day they make a trip by bicycle. Registration for the Team Bike Challenge is now open at [www.511.org](http://www.511.org), and novice cyclists receive double points for participating.

**Nominations for Bike Commuter of the Year:** Do you know someone in your county who is committed to making every day a "Bike to Work Day"? Does this person epitomize and actualize the environmental and economic benefits of bicycling? Please share his or her story with us! We are seeking nominations for the 2006 Bike Commuter of the Year Awards, and the nomination form will only take you a few minutes to fill out. One person from each of the nine Bay Area counties will receive an award for Bike Commuter of the Year. Nominations are due on April 16th, 2006; visit [www.511.org](http://www.511.org) to get your nomination in today!

### Roadkill Bill



## Minutes

*of the Board and General Membership Meeting of March 21, 2006, held at the Rockridge Public Library (Oakland)*

### Board Meeting

Board members present: Dave Favello, Yehuda Sherman, Craig Hagelin, Bruce Ohlson, Rick Rickard, Eric McCaughrin, Bill Pinkham, Dave Campbell. Others: Robert Raburn (ED), Tom Ayres, Mary Norton

### **Action Items**

Sandy Threlfall from Waterfront Action spoke about the plan for Oak to 9th development along water edge (Embarcadero), and asked EBBC to donate to support an appeal of the decision; motion to donate \$100 approved.

There is a request for EBBC to support a pancake breakfast in conjunction with BTWD. Dave Campbell will check about alternative funding sources.

Robert would like comments on the current EBBC brochure, particularly with respect to how well it provides a set of talking points for representing EBBC accomplishments.

### General Meeting

Members present: Dave Favello, Yehuda Sherman, Craig Hagelin, Bruce Ohlson, Rick Rickard, Eric McCaughrin, Bill Pinkham, Dave Campbell, Robert Raburn, Tom Ayres, Mary Norton, Mikes Jones, Jennifer Stanley, Derek Liety, Ron Bishop, John Eastman, Devin Price

### **Membership report**

Newsletters were sent without membership renewal reminders on their labels last month, due to a printing problem. This apparently led to a decrease in renewals received; renewals should pick up again when this printing problem is corrected.

### **Announcements**

EBBC will be tabling at various events in the upcoming weeks and months, helping to build our membership. These include the Cinderella ride (March 25), Oakland Earth Day (Apr 19 on Frank Ogawa Plaza), Berkeley Earth Day (Apr 22, Civic Center), Primavera Century (Apr 23), Cinco de Mayo (May 7), Grizzly Peak Century (May 7).

TALC Summit on Saturday April 1, at 685 14th St. in Oakland

There will be two sessions to review the University bike plan in Berkeley

### **Bike to Work Day**

BFBC is coordinating Alameda County. A list of energizer stations for the county is due by April 3, he is working on this.

EBBC will do bike parking at Oakland City Center; Rick and Ron volunteered to work with Jennifer Stanley to help with the pancake breakfast, including getting supplies delivered the day before.

The team bike challenge is new this year, to encourage people to bike by forming teams of 5 riders, accumulating utility riding during May. Robert says Cycles of Change has some interest, their leaders, may try to get school principals involved.

Deadline is April 16 to nominate people for Bike Commuter of the Year.

### **Infrastructure Bond update**

The bond will not be on June ballot, but possible for November ballot. EBBC has been working on this, and has delivered postcards to Don Perata, about transportation expenditures needing to address cycling.

**Motion approved** for Robert to write a letter in support of SB1566.

Jennifer says CBC having May 1-2 annual Pedal Power days, will be lobbying about the bond and cycling, as well as other legislative issues

### **Concord General Plan**

The general plan did not address street width and bike lanes, such as for the Concord Naval Weapons station. **Motion approved** for a letter to Concord, urging them that all new collectors and arterials should follow Caltrans guidelines for Class 2 bike lanes.

### *Other matters in brief:*

Robert has been working on plans for the Strategic Highway Safety Funds, with cycling advocates (including CBC) trying to assure that some of these funds will address our needs for access and safety.

Robert talked about a push for a \$10-\$20 per-vehicle fee in the Bay area that would raise over \$100 million per year for bike, pedestrian, and transit improvements. This will be discussed at the upcoming TALC conference.

A proposal will go before the Martinez city council on May 3, to get Martinez to apply to be named a bicycle-friendly city by the League of American Bicyclists. The EBBC will support this effort.

Derek reported on sales of our new East of the Hills maps, and the need to sell existing West of the Hill Maps before a new revision is printed sometime next year. A subgroup will be meeting to work on map sales and on map revisions.

A subgroup is working to find a paid parking coordinator.

Thanks to John Eastman for finding a photo of the bridge that used to cross the Caldecott area until the 1930s.

### **Richmond San-Rafael Bridge**

Less than a year remains to ensure bicycle access, or else the bridge will be striped for 3 lanes of cars in each direction. Caltrans has said that any bike path would need a solid barrier, and they want 3 lanes of travel during peak hours; EBBC has recommended using barriers to create a lane that would function as an HOV/ bus lane in peak hours and be closed to motor vehicle traffic in off-peak hours.

**Next meeting** - April 18, 7:30 pm

*Respectfully submitted by:*  
Tom Ayres

EBBC Online Resources
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Oakland Yellowjackets
Royal Grounders
Santa Rosa Cycling Club
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BikeAlameda

Bicycle-Friendly Berkeley Coalition

Bike the Bridge Coalition
CA Association of Bicycling Organizations
California Bicycle Coalition
Cycles of Change
Greenbelt Alliance
Transportation and Land Use Coalition

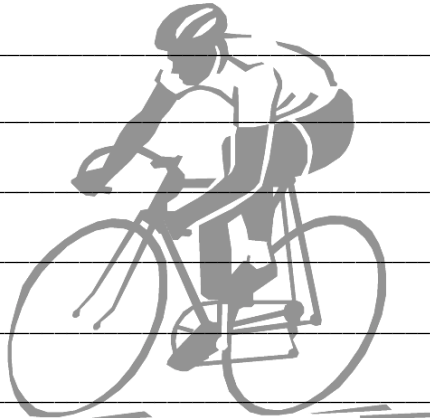
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**Emeryville** Apr 6, May 11, 5:30 pm, 1333 Park Ave Staff: Peter Schultze-Allen, 510-596-3728, [PSchultze-allen@ci.emeryville.ca.us](mailto:PSchultze-allen@ci.emeryville.ca.us). Chair: Ken Bukowski, [Bukowski@earthlink.net](mailto:Bukowski@earthlink.net).

**Fremont** Apr 19, May 11, 7:00 pm, Niles Room, 39550 Liberty Street. (call to confirm) Staff: Rene Dalton, 510-494-4535, [RDalton@ci.fremont.ca.us](mailto: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](http://www.ci.lafayette.ca.us), or call staff for date. Staff: Leah Greenblat, [LGreenblat@ci.lafayette.ca.us](mailto:LGreenblat@ci.lafayette.ca.us), 925-299-3229, Chair: Bart Carr, [Bart\\_Carr@yahoo.com](mailto:Bart_Carr@yahoo.com), 925-299-1664. **EBBC**

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

**Oakland** Apr 20, May 18, 4:00 pm at Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, see [www.oaklandpw.com/bicycling/bpac.htm](http://www.oaklandpw.com/bicycling/bpac.htm) for room number and other information. Staff: Jennifer Stanley 510-238-3983, [bikeped@oaklandnet.com](mailto:bikeped@oaklandnet.com), Chair: Heath Maddox, [HMaddox@ci.berkeley.ca.us](mailto:HMaddox@ci.berkeley.ca.us); Vice-chair: Paul Russell, [PRusel@excite.com](mailto:PRusel@excite.com).

**Pittsburg Community Advisory Committee** Apr 5, May 3, 7:00 pm, City Council Chambers, 65 Civic Ave **EBBC Rep:** “Ole” Ohlson, [BruceOleOhlson@hotmail.com](mailto:BruceOleOhlson@hotmail.com), (925) 439-5848, Staff: Paul Reinders, [PREinders@ci.Pittsburg.ca.us](mailto: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](mailto:AMVickroy@ci.san-leandro.ca.us), for further information.

**Pleasanton Trails Committee** Apr 24, 6:30 pm, Council Conference Room 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Staff: Fan Ventura, [FVentura@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:FVentura@ci.pleasanton.ca.us), (925) 931-5348.

**Union City** 3:00 pm, City Hall, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, call staff for next quarterly meeting date likely to be in April. Staff: Joan Malloy, 510-675-5327, [JMalloy@ci.union-city.ca.us](mailto:JMalloy@ci.union-city.ca.us).

**UC Berkeley** Apr 18, 3-5 pm 2150 Kittredge St., Chair Karl Hans, [KHans@uclink4.Berkeley.edu](mailto:KHans@uclink4.Berkeley.edu); **EBBC Rep:** Rachel Hiatt 510-325-6665 [RHiatt@uclink.berkeley.edu](mailto:RHiatt@uclink.berkeley.edu), Staff Alicia Arellano, [alicia\\_a@berkeley.edu](mailto:alicia_a@berkeley.edu), 510-643-4949.

**Walnut Creek** May 10, 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](mailto:Vecchio@walnut-creek.org), Chair Peter Cartwright, [pxcartw@prodigy.net](mailto:pxcartw@prodigy.net), 925-930-0993 **EBBC Rep:** Dave Favello, [DaveVelo@aol.com](mailto:DaveVelo@aol.com).

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