The Nijmegen railway bridge crosses the river Waal, in Holland. On the left, a passenger train can be seen crossing the bridge. On the right is a 770 foot long bike-ped bridge attached to the existing railway bridge in 2004.
EBBC Urges “No” Vote on Pork Barrel Infrastructure Bond Measure

When Governor Schwarzenegger signed the $20 billion Transportation Bond Measure, the highly symbolic location chosen was the entrance to the Caldecott Tunnel. The message was unmistakable — the purpose of the measure was highway construction, including the 4th bore project.

Senator Perata and other Democratic leaders joined the Governor, and provided crucial support for the measure. Phil Angelides, the Democratic nominee for Governor has also come out in favor of the measure. For voters concerned about land-use and transportation issues, the two major parties will not offer much to choose from in the upcoming November election.

The EBBC and CBC tried very hard to have bicycle/pedestrian funding included in the bond measure. Our efforts were thwarted, as was an attempt to add a simple Route Accommodation provision. The billions spent on new freeways will surely throw up more barriers for bicyclists and pedestrians.

The funding mechanism for the measure is also of great concern. Unlike gas- and sales-tax transportation measures, a bond measure carries with it interest payments. When interest costs are added to the $20 billion principal, the actual cost is more like $35-$40 billion. Bond measures are generally considered a hidden form of taxation. It is a politically easy way for legislators to increase road spending without taking the unpopular step of raising the gas tax. And because the gas tax has not been adjusted for inflation, there has been a growing backlog of basic maintenance and repair.

Spending on the bond includes the following:

- $3.6 billion for transit
- $250 million for railroad at-grade crossings
- $125 million for new locomotives and passenger cars
- $250 million for traffic signal synchronization
- $4.5 billion “Corridor mobility” (i.e. highway mobility)
- $1 billion for SR 99 freeway (Central Valley)
- $3.1 billion for seaport and airport expansion
- $1 billion “emergency” ferry service
- $2 billion “STIP” road and highway projects
- $1 billion match for local transportation projects
- $125 million bridge seismic retrofit
- $500 million highway maintenance
- $200 million school bus replacement
- $2 billion local streets spending

Other than SR99, the measure does not specify how money is to be allocated to individual projects. That decision is largely up to California Transportation Commission. It is important to note this as the mainstream news has run numerous articles boasting of popular local projects that might get funded by the bond measure. In fact, none of these projects (even the Caldecott) is specifically mentioned in the text of the Proposition 1B. For that matter, there is really no guarantee that bond measure would be spread in a geographically equitable manner — the Bay Area could receive little or no bond measure funds.

Simultaneous with passage of the bond, Oak-Ninth St. Signatures Submitted

Better Oak-Ninth Coalition turned in 25,000 signatures on August 17, 2006 to place a referendum on the ballot that will give Oakland voters an opportunity to decide on the development of 3100 units proposed for the public lands along the Estuary. Some 18,700 valid signatures are needed and we eagerly await the final tally from the Registrar of Voters. The likelihood of success in qualifying a referendum for the ballot was not good.

The EBBC’s focus has been on access to the waterfront. It was EBBC activism in the mid 1990s that led to the Embarcadero bikeway. Yet there remain a number of barriers, on-street pinch points, and discontinuous pathways in the area.

The addition of 3100 residents will amplify these deficiencies without any mitigation by the developer. It will cost the public millions of dollars to bring the needed bicycle, pedestrian, and transit access up to modern standards. We urge that the agreement between the City and developer be re-opened to fully address existing and future bicycle and pedestrian access to the Estuary. This time, the circulation analysis should consult the Oakland Bicycle Master Plan, Bay Trail Plan to link Lake Merritt with the Estuary, as well as the Estuary Policy Plan.

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ART & SOUL PARKING - Oakland hived the EBBBC to provide valet bike parking at the 14th and Broadway entrance for their premier music event over Labor Day weekend. Despite this being the first time secure bike parking was offered, the undersized 18’ x 42” (756 sq ft) bike corral filled to capacity each day! No one was turned away, even on Sunday, Sept. 3 when EBBBC staff hastily set up a secure overflow lot and accommodated 225 bicyclists after over 175 bikes were parked, stacked and hung within the fenced corral. A ridiculous new bike density record was surely set. According to the Event Parking Guidelines that the EBBBC drafted with the City, 900 sq ft are needed to park 100 bikes.

SKYLINE REGIONAL BIKEWAY - Enforcement on Skyline followed Ed Weiss’ fatal collision with a speeding motorcyclist who crossed the double yellow line on July 29. At least one motorist wrote her council member upset that the police would ticket her for driving over the line. Nevertheless, Ed’s family, Skyline neighbors, and EBBBC are united in seeking to reduce speeding and enhance safety for bicyclists on this extremely popular recreational route. The EBBBC has actively sought witnesses and urged DA Tom Orloff to prosecute and send a lasting message to racing motorists. Conspicuously marking the Tunnel Road and Skyline Blvd regional bikeway (one of EBBBC’s early accomplishments) from Rockridge BART can also heighten motorists’ awareness of bicyclists. Just like Sen. Torlakson’s bill that increased penalties for DUI, we can promote similar legislation next year that will severely penalize irresponsible driving on bikeways (e.g., suspended license, racing, exhibition of speed).

BRENTWOOD - SR 4 Bypass Authority is resisting an agreement with Caltrans to build the bridge for the Mokelumne Aqueduct Trail so that it can cross the new freeway that will shortly become Highway 4 (See: rideOn, Aug 2005). After a lengthy campaign promoting the bridge as a mitigation mandated by the EIR, we subsequently supported $1.5 million from the MTC’s regional bike funding for the project. Now it appears that the Authority may not accept the funds. More news will follow a Sept 13 meeting with the Bypass Authority (See: http://sr4bypass.org/).

PITTSBURG - EBBBC’s comments on the Railroad Avenue Area Specific Plan emphasize that bicyclists and pedestrians need to be accommodated on every major arterial street. Railroad Avenue connects the downtown shopping and residential districts with areas south of Highway 4 and thus warrants bike lanes from the river (Third Street) to the hills (Buchanan Road).

ACE TRAINS - A new midday train began round-trip operation on Aug 28 between Stockton and San Jose, serving East Bay bicyclists in Fremont, Pleasanton and Livermore. For schedules visit http://www.acerrail.com.

CAPITOL TRAINS - On August 28, the Capitol Corridor began an expanded schedule that includes 14 daily trains to/from San Jose and 32 weekday trains between Sacramento and Oakland. The increased service between Oakland and San Jose offers an option to the absurdly expensive proposed BART extension (See: http://www.ebbc.org/rail/sjx.html). All California Cars carry unboxed bikes. For schedules visit http://www.capitolcorridor.org/

DUBLIN - Bicycles Master Plan will be presented to the Parks Commission on Monday, September 18th. To receive a final draft, contact Ferd Del Rosario, Senior Civil Engineer, (925) 833-6637.

IRON HORSE TRAIL - Beverly Lane, EBRPD Director, reports on an Aug 23 ride during the CA Recreational Trails Committee (CRTC) meeting in Concord. Local CRTC member John Mercurio (jmercurio@astound.net) envisions extending the IHT north to connect with Waterfront Road and the bikeway on the Benicia-Martinez Bridge (2009 expected completion date). The project already has $1 million in mitigation funds from the Tosco refinery. According to John and Beverly, the next hurdle will be getting approval from the CoCoCo Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

EMERYVILLE CRESCENT - The Emeryville General Plan Update Committee voted unanimously to revisit the issue of continuing the Bay Trail Route adjacent to the Emeryville Crescent area, with a fence to protect the sensitive areas of the marsh. The new ped/bike path on the East Span is expected to attract people coming from Berkeley, Albany and points north. Unresolved is how the path will continue past the toll plaza. Councilmembers Ken Bukowski and John Fricke are taking a proactive stance on completing this gap in the Bay Trail.

CARFREE DAY - Inconvenient Truth? Convenient Commute! Oakland’s 3rd Annual CarFree Day is Friday, September 22: Please join us in front of Oakland City Hall for a Transportation and Smart Growth Fair from 11AM-2PM featuring noontime speakers like UC Prof Elizabeth Deakin.

SAN JOSE - The city’s out-of-control Redevelopment Agency is proposing to purchase the downtown Greyhound Bus site — near the proposed BART extension — for $6.8 million in order to build a 1,000-car parking facility.

MONTEREY - Monterey-Salinas Transit unveiled a new line 55 express bus to San Jose. It provides three round-trip bus runs per day. Public transit access to Monterey had previously been severed with the demise of the Amtrak Thruway bus. The line is funded by the VTA, Capitol Corridor Authority, and a Federal grant.

ASHBY BART - Check out http://ashbybart.blogspot.com for daily trials and tribulations for those “stupid enough” to park a bike at Ashby BART. “BART police quickly called back to let me know that since August 1 they have two reported bike crimes at Ashby/Arroyo BART (one bike stolen on August 8; and one rear wheel stolen on August 23). In actuality, though, there were a total of at least 13 partial thefts (including just one that BART knows about), plus the one total theft that BART knows about. As the management-types say, you can’t manage what you don’t measure. And BART clearly doesn’t have anything like reliable data on bike crimes at Ashby station. Perhaps that explains why BART has done so little to improve security.”
BAC Calendar
Compiled by: John Ruzek

Alameda County Sept 7, Oct 12, 5:30 pm, 426 17th Street, Suite 100, Oakland. Refer to www.acting2002.com/MEETINGS/meetings.html or call staff to confirm next meeting. Staff: Rochelle Wheel, 510-267-6121, RWheel@acting2002.com.

Albany Traffic & Safety Committee Sept 28, Oct 26, City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Staff: Cherry Chacian, (510) 528-5759, CChacian@albanyca.org. EBBC Rep: Nick Pilch, nicky@mindspring.com.

BART Oct 2, Dec 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@7thCarroll@lmi.net, Dave Favello, 925-939-9462, DaveVelo@mac.com. - County representatives: Alameda - Eric McCaughrin EMcCaughrin@yahoo.com; Contra Costa - Dave Favello, Craig Hagelin 925-937-7610, Chagelin@astound.net.

Berkeley Sept 22, Oct 23, 4 pm, 2118 Milvia St., 3rd floor, Staff: Heath Maddox, 510-981-7062, HMaddox@ci.berkeley.ca.us; Chair: Sarah Syed; EBBC Rep: Dave Campbell 510-540-5971 DCampbel@lmi.net.

Brentwood Oct 22, Dec 26, 4 pm, City Hall 120 Oak Street. Staff: Steve Kersevan, 510-516-5420, SKeversvan@ci.brentwood.ca.us; Chair: EBBC Rep: David Stoelfler dstoefler@sbcglobal.net.

California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) Oct 5, Dec 7, 10:00 - 3:00 pm, Meetings held bimonthly in Sacramento at Department of Transportation, Conference Rm 2116, 1120 N Street. CBAC addresses bicycle issues regarding Caltrans facilities, standards and legislation of statewide significance. Staff: Ken McGuire, Caltrans, 916-653-2750, Ken_McGuire@dot.ca.gov; Chair: Alan Wachtel, CABO, 650-494-1750, Wachtel@aol.com; BABC rep: Deb Hubsmith, 415-454-7430, debhub@igc.org.

Caltrans District 4 Oct 10, 1:30 pm, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland (Call Chair to confirm). Meets quarterly to review state highway projects that impact bicycle facilities. Staff: Julian Carroll, 510-286-5598, Julian Carroll@dot.ca.gov; Chair: Doug Johnson, MTC, 510-464-7846, DJohnson@mtc.ca.gov; EBBC Rep Robert Raburn, 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.

Danville Parks Commission Sept 13, Oct 11, 7 pm Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front Street, Staff: Tai Williams, 925-314-3313, TWilliams@ci.danville.ca.us. Chair: Vacant.

Dublin Meeting held in May on Citywide Bicycle Master Plan, Dublin Library Community Room. Contact staff for next meeting. Staff: Fred del Rosario, 925-833-6637, Ferd.delRosario@ci.Dublin.ca.us.

East Bay Regional Park District (Park Advisory Committee) Sep 25, Oct 23, 7:30 pm, Board Room, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland 94605 Staff: Ro Aguilar, 510-635-0138 x2006, RAguilar@ebparks.org. Chair: Mary Ann Gaebe, JGaebe@comcast.net.

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Emeryville Sept 7, Oct 12, 5:30 pm, 1333 Park Street, Staff: Julian Carroll, 510-286-5598, Julian Carroll@dot.ca.gov; Chair: Vacant.

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Act Now! Urge Governor to Sign AB 2444

Thanks to the EBBC’s help, AB 2444 (Klehs-San Leandro) passed the Legislature! But getting the Governor to sign AB 2444 remains our biggest challenge, so we need your help now more than ever.

Passage of AB 2444 would mean millions of dollars for bicycle safety improvements in the Bay Area, everything from new bikeways to bike lockers. But the Governor will not sign the bill unless he sees overwhelming support from the Bay Area for AB 2444! Overall, AB 2444 would raise up to 60 million dollars each year — half to fund air and water quality improvements and half to fund transportation projects decided on by each county, including bicycle and pedestrian safety and public transit operations.

The Bay Area needs this bill. Transit service remains inadequate for many areas and fares continue to escalate. Meanwhile, motor vehicles together create the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions and the primary source of air and water quality problems in the region.

A.B. 2444 helps the region to address both of these challenges, giving the Bay Area the option to raise up to $30 million a year for the nine Bay Area county Congestion Management Agencies to better manage traffic congestion, including public transit capital and operations and pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements. These flexible funds are raised locally and will be spent locally. A.B. 2444 also allows up to $30 million a year to be raised for the Bay Area Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to mitigate and prevent the air and water impacts of motor vehicles.

CALL!
Call the Governor’s office at 916-445-2841. Press 1 for English. Then press 2 to voice an opinion on legislation. Then press 0 to speak to someone in the Governor’s office. Tell the staffer your name and which organization, if any, you represent. What to say: “I want the Governor to sign AB 2444. AB 2444 lets the Bay Area solve our own transportation and environmental challenges.”

WRITE!
Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger State Capitol Building Sacramento, CA 95814 Fax: 916-445-4633 Email form at http://www.gov-mail.ca.gov.

No Comment...

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measure, the High Speed Rail project was postponed indefinitely by the Legislature. The LA-SF high speed rail line would provide far more transportation benefit to the Central Valley than SR99 improvements.

High-speed rail would also provide greater mobility to the I580 and Trivalley areas. However, the Alameda County CMA has other ideas — it proposes dedicating bond funding to massive improvements to the I580 corridor, in order to speed trucks (and diesel exhaust) straight to the Port of Oakland.

The $1 billion “disaster response” transit earmark in the bond measure is also rather curious. Senator Perata has been pushing for a Water Transit Ferry plan for the Bay Area. Thus far, ridership numbers and costs have been shown to be quite uneconomic. So now, the project has been re-branded as a backup-plan in the event BART and major bridges fail in the next earthquake. According to published reports (especially a March 8, 2006 story in the East Bay Express), the main beneficiary of the Water Transit plan is Alameda developer Ron Cowan. He owns a ferry service to San Francisco from a Bay Farm Island business park and has been one of Perata’s largest campaign contributors in recent years.

-Eric McCaughrin

Governor Schwarzenegger and Senator Perata at the signing ceremony outside the Caldecott Tunnel
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of July 18, 2006.
Submitted by: Ian MacDonald

June minutes passed out due to delayed newsletter. Motion to adopt approved.

Membership: Database entries of newest 100 or so members since April were delayed until waylaid forms were discovered in June. Following discussion, the EBBC elected to provide all such members with a full year of membership through June 2007 and offer our apologies for not promptly sending newsletters.

Treasurer Rick Rickard reported that income from membership dues looks strong; especially this early in the year (usually end-of-year donations give us a boost). Revenues exceed expenses. Rick also distributed a chart showing EBBC revenue by event and income from the sale of maps and T-shirts.

Announcements: A member, Dennis, announced his missing bicycle was returned. Positively ID’d by Police Dept. who noted engrave CDL # on bike. Bill Pinkam said that Richmond has just begun to consider making jurisdictions liable for pathways throughout state similar to other public thoroughfares. Earlier Carrol and Farnham decisions deemed Class I bicycle facilities to be “trails” that are immune to liability claims. Caldecott Tunnel exemplifies the “add a lane mentality” of the spending priority. TALC is leaning toward neutrality. Caldecott Tunnel exemplifies the “routine accommodation” language into Prop 42 transportation funding. Ole moved that we remain neutral on Prop 1A as well as SB 1611, AB 1324 and AB 2465 (see above) and Board approved.

Transportation Bond Report: Prop 1B, the 19.9 billions transportation bond. EBBC previously voted to oppose as the projects do more harm than good for bicyclists and transit users. TALC is leaning toward neutrality. Caldecott Tunnel exemplifies the “add a lane mentality” of the spending proposal. If the Transportation Bond passes, we want to make sure bike/ped issues are addressed.

TALC meeting July 19 in SF to discuss State Initiatives and Legislation.

Support CABO - David Prokop Appeal — discussion of Prokop vs LA injury case and CABO-led appeal. Issue is to make jurisdictions liable for pathways throughout state similar to other public thoroughfares. Earlier Carrol and Farnham decisions deemed Class I bicycle facilities to be “trails” that are immune to liability claims. The EBBC has fought these decisions since 1999. CABO needs $60k. Motions approved to both support the Prokop Appeal “to treat Class I multi-use paths like roadways” and to contribute $500 to CABO legal effort.

Caldecott 4th Bore – EBBC helped build coalition of cities, neighborhood groups, schools and health officials in identifying deficiencies in the draft EIR. Dave C predicts lawsuits (i.e. Berkeley, Oakland). And that EBBC should consider joining future legal challenge.

Given the email catastrophe during the comment phase, Dave F noted that “a number of public comments were lost – nobody knows how many.” Raburn still compiling draft EIR comments. Comment deadline delayed until 7/31.

Alameda County Parade Permit Report: Robert reported on discussions with County Supervisors and Sheriff. EBBC characterizes the 1000s of annual organized rides with 10 or more rider as having legal entitlement to the roads in Alameda County. Permits are only needed for events that require traffic control or road closure (i.e., races). Issue arises from opposition to bicyclists by rural residents on Mines Road (south of Livermore in Alameda County) and subsequent demand by Sheriff for the 37th Annual Mt Hamilton Challenge that starts in Santa Clara to pay for a parade permit and CHP services for the Mines Rd portion of the ride.

Rick proposed there be no August board meeting as we must have a September meeting to be compliant with the by-laws. Next EBBC meeting August 15, 7:30pm, but next board meeting September 19, 7:00pm.

WANTED: The EBBC is seeking a motivated volunteer to assist in layout and graphic design of the monthly rideOn newsletter. Candidate should be comfortable using desktop publishing software, and have excellent writing skills. A background in graphic arts and publishing is also a plus. This position is a great opportunity for someone who wants to become involved in EBBC’s campaigns and outreach. Time commitment would be approximately 1-2 days per month, except for the month of December (when no newsletter is printed). For more information, please contact Eric McCaughrin (emccaughrin@yahoo.com, 510-981-1079).
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Lafayette Quarterly mtgs. check website, www.ci.lafayette.ca.us, or call staff for date. Staff: Leah Greenblat, LGPLenblat@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 information.

Oakland Sept 21, Oct 19, 5:30 pm at Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, see www.oaklandpw.com/bicycling/bpac.htm for room number and other information. Staff: Jennifer Stanley 510-238-3983, bikeped@oaklandnet.com, Chair: Heath Maddox, HMaddox@ci.berkeley.ca.us; Vice-chair: Paul Russell, PRussell@excite.com.

Pittsburg Community Advisory Committee Sept 6, Oct 4, 7:00 pm, City Council Chambers, 65 Civic Ave EBBC Rep: Oleä Ohlson, BruceOleOhlson@hotmail.com, (925) 439-5848, Staff: Paul Reinders, Preinders@ci.Pittsburg.ca.us, 925-252-4822.

Pleasanton Trails Committee Oct 23, 6:30 pm, council conference room, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Staff: Fan Ventura, FVentura@ci.pleasanton.ca.us, (925) 931-5348, For establishment of a BAC, contact Pleasanton’s Senior Planner, Janice Stern (925-931-5606) about the Circulation Element of the General Plan.

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

UC Berkeley Call Staff for date & time of next meeting. Chair Karl Hans, KHans@uclink4.Berkeley.edu; EBBC Rep: Rachel Hiatt 510-325-6665 RHiatt@uclink.berkeley.edu, Staff Alicia Arellano, Alicia_a@berkeley.edu, 510-643-4949.

Walnut Creek Sept 13, Oct 11 7:30 pm, 3rd Floor conf. Room, City Hall, 1666 N. Main. Staff: Mike Vecchio, Community Development, 925-943-5899 x 216; Vecchio@walnut-creek.org, Chair Gary Locke 925-288-2499, Gary.Locke@shawgrp.com EBBC Rep: Dave Favello, DaveVelo@aol.com.

West Contra Costa County Bicycling interests are being addressed by an ad hoc BAC. Contact Robert Raburn at 510-530-3444, RobertRaburn@ebbc.org, for further information.