

June 19 Dinner Meeting

EBBC to Honor Dr. Yehuda Sherman, Bicycling Advocate

When Dr. Yehuda Sherman first joined EBBC's BART advisory committee in 1990, the bicycle parking at BART stations resembled something from a medieval torture chamber. BART bike parking is better now thanks to his efforts.

Until retiring as EBBC Secretary in 2006, Yehuda represented bicyclists' interests before BART and a number of other public bodies in Contra Costa County and in the region (Caltrans and the MTC).

Yehuda's suggestion in 1997 that the EBBC conduct regular "feasibility study" rides to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge led the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) to call on Caltrans to provide a public access bikeway on the bridge.

Yehuda could always be counted on to attend important meetings and make an impassioned appeal for improved bicycle access and safety. His transcriptions of EBBC



Dr. Yehuda Sherman (above, left) in a 1999 EBBC file photo.

affairs could be bound into a thick book.

Yehuda recently turned 76 and, sadly, can no longer ride a bicycle.

EBBC will honor Yehuda at a dinner preceding the June 19 meeting (see below). Please RSVP by June 17 to Robert Raburn (510-530-3444, robertraburn@ebbc.org).

NEXT MEETING

JUNE 19, 7:30 PM

The June meeting will be something special – a dinner party honoring the years of service that Dr. Yehuda Sherman has given to the EBBC. The event will be held at the Europa Hof Brau at 64 Moraga Way in Orinda, within walking distance of the Orinda BART station (south side of freeway). The evening will begin with a no-host bar at 7:00 p.m., and you can purchase a reasonably priced dinner beginning at 7:30. A map and restaurant menu are available at: www.europahofbrau.com. (Garden burgers and salads are also available.)

An abbreviated General Membership meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. The agenda will include: decisions on the contract to produce the EBBC's revised "West of the Hills" map, a report on a marketing proposal, updates on state legislation, and a proposed Alameda County bicycle ordinance.

Please RSVP by June 17 for the dinner meeting in Orinda to Robert Raburn (510-530-3444; robertraburn@ebbc.org).

View from the Saddle

Will the 2009 Regional Transportation Plan Bring Equality and Happiness?

You can never be too prepared—especially when it comes to renewing the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The last RTP, adopted in 2005, set detailed goals for spending through 2030. Our previous campaign to fund bicycle projects identified in the Regional Bicycle Plan (2001) met loads of opposition. We heard complaints that the economy was doing poorly and that “this is a bad time” to fund implementation of the bicycle plan. Out of well over \$1 billion in needs identified in the bicycle plan, cyclists only won \$200 million in funding.

With less than 20% of the needs funded, it is no surprise that bikeway gaps continue to exist in our commute routes. Even priority bikeways and bicycle parking proj-

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ects near transit stations must scramble for scarce funds.

Over the past several months, the EBBC has joined transit, pedestrian, and land use advocates to outline our vision for the 2009 RTP—a 25-year, \$100+ billion blueprint for how transportation funds will be spent by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in the nine-county Bay Area. Our good friends at the Transportation and Land Use Coalition (TALC) are coordinating the campaign to develop a broad platform.

The regional Bicycle/Pedestrian programs represent small but crucial cogs in the Bay Area’s mobility needs. Although bicyclists and pedestrians represent some 20% of the Bay Area’s roadway injuries, remedying this disproportionate safety risk is not reflected in current transportation spending.

Over the coming months we will ask you to help us support draft bike/ped platform planks. Now, however, I ask for your help in defining a vision that can inspire support. Before we embark on a “nuts and

bolts” planning process, I want to share two recent presentations with you that have influenced my own views.

A presentation to transit officials on May 30 in Oakland’s City Hall by Enrique Peñalosa, the charismatic former mayor of Bogotá, Columbia, made strong impressions on many fortunate attendees. As mayor, Peñalosa captured international attention for creating a remarkable turnaround in Bogotá’s transportation scene. From chaotic roadways with never-ending demands for widening and outward expansion, Peñalosa created an acclaimed bus rapid transit system and built bikeways and paths. Amazingly, he did it without a huge investment of cash.

“The design criteria should be equality and happiness,” said Peñalosa. As he showed slides of newly paved and landscaped paths through poor neighborhoods Peñalosa said, “we need to walk, ride bikes, be with other people, and not feel inferior.” He emphasized sidewalks as the most important public spaces and received rousing applause by noting that shopping

malls cannot be a substitute for public space in the streets.

Another example of a shift in the dominant transportation paradigm occurred when the governor’s newest appointee to the powerful California Transportation Commission, Carl Guardino, spoke May 24 to a joint session of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA). Guardino heads the Silicon Valley Leadership Council—he belies his love for cycling with a LiveStrong bracelet that dangles below the cuff of a tailored jacket. I’ve ridden with Guardino in the Oakland hills and worked with him to support Senator Torlakson’s 2004 campaign to penalize repeat DUI offenders.

As Guardino arrived, I was concluding comments about our disproportionate share of the RTP largess, following other allied speakers. The large audience of officials was anxious to hear Guardino, and, just as importantly, share their local requests to the CTC with him.

Certainly most of the large crowd of assembled officials knew about Bike to Work Day, held the previous week, but Guardino surprised them by mentioning that over fifty Silicon Valley CEOs commuted by bicycle during May. I was thrilled when many elected officials included some form of “bicycling” in their project wish lists.

Many of you have heard me say that bicyclists are drawn from all strata of society (we’re everybody and everywhere). Together, Peñalosa, Guardino, and the “50 CEOs” demonstrate the power of leaders who promote sane and equitable transportation principles. Let’s encourage other leaders to follow suit, and make our streets public places of happiness rather than fear.

—Robert Raburn

RTP Timeline

June – December 2007

“Visioning.” This includes initial public outreach, policies to be considered, specific investments to add to the RTP, performance evaluation, and a November regional summit.

January – September 2008

“Financials and Technical Analysis.” Phase 2 public outreach, completing the vision and financials, identifying a financially constrained subset of the RTP vision, technical modeling work, and preparation of the draft 2009 RTP.

October 2008 – February 2009

“The Plan.” Includes release of the draft plan for review and comment, public hearings, certifying the EIR, and adopting the final plan.

There will be many opportunities for groups, agencies, and individuals to provide input between now and final adoption of the RTP in February 2009.

Opportunities can be found on MTC’s website at www.mtc.ca.gov. You can also help develop and promote TALC’s advocacy platform: contact Marta Lindsey, RTP Coordinator, at 510-740-3150.

EBBC Members Get Discounts at Supporting Retailers

Present your valid EBBC membership card (clip mailing label on back cover) to obtain discounts at participating retailers. **The newsletter mailing label must indicate your “Current” membership to qualify.** Discount offers vary from 5-25% on parts, bikes, and/or accessories, depending on the level of participation by the retailer. Visit www.ebbc.org for the list of shops and further details.

Proposed Oakland Bus Stop Would Remove Curbside Parking, Benefit Bicyclists

Curbside parking would be removed from the area of a proposed AC Transit Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) station at Telegraph Ave. and 31st Street in Oakland (*photo at right*).

Without curbside parking, bicyclists would benefit from additional room on the popular arterial.

The EBBC is reviewing the BRT Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the entire Telegraph/International/E14th Street corridor (Berkeley-San Leandro).

Add your input to our formal comments at the June 19 EBBC meeting. For DEIR public hearing dates, visit www.ebbc.org. For more info on BRT, download a copy of the BRT DEIR at www.actransit.org or contact TALC's Joel Ramos (510-740-3109).



Bike Month Rides to Legislative Success

The following news from the California Bicycle Coalition (CBC) in Sacramento is indeed cause for optimism. The Complete Streets Act of 2007 led the way. Celebrate the victory described by CBC Lobbyist Justin Fanslau below, then visit either ebbc.org or calbike.org for details and send support letters to your legislators as we prepare for floor votes in both the State Assembly and the Senate.
—Robert Raburn

Bicycle-related legislation took another step in the right direction today [May 31]. I am pleased to announce that all of your bills have moved off the Appropriations Committee. I spoke with Assembly Appropriations Chairman Leno last night about the importance of all the bicycle legislation and he assured me that he was working as hard as he could to ensure his caucus agreed. Today they demonstrated their support by moving your bills.

The Assembly committee faced a large agenda of close to 600 bills with significant costs to the State. The committee narrowed the 600 down to 8% of the total cost of those proposed

bills. It is worth noting that while many groups had to make tough decisions about which bills they wanted to be included in the 8%, we did not. All of our bills moved out.

Below is a brief rundown of the vote counts today (*See roll call key below. ed.*):

- **AB 57** (Soto) Safe Routes to School (A Roll Call Vote)
- **AB 163** (Mendoza) State Buildings and bike facilities (B Roll Call Vote)
- **AB 534** (Smythe) Bicycle Transportation Account (C Roll Call Vote)
- **AB 1358** (Leno) Complete Streets Act of 2007 (B Roll Call Vote)
- **AB 1472** (Leno) Healthy Place Act of 2008 (B Roll Call Vote)
- **SB 748** (Corbett) Bond Implementation, SLP (Aye-9 No-6)

Roll Call Vote Key

A Roll Call = Total support by committee.

B Roll Call = Party line voting (Democrats – Aye, Republicans – No)

C Roll Call - Democrats voted Aye, one Republican voted No. The remaining Republicans did not vote.

Other successes

In addition to the above listed bills there were several bond implementation bills that moved out of the committee. Tuesday, June 5, the CBC will hold a legislative committee conference call meeting to review these bills. I have been circulating the CBC-adopted bond implementation position paper and working with several offices in the Senate to ensure bond money is used to enhance bicycle accommodations.

We have also made giant strides with the Speaker's office in finding ways to connect bicycling in his plan to reduce greenhouse gases.

—Justin Fanslau

BAC Calendar

Compiled by John Ruzek

Alameda County June 14, July 12, 5:30 p.m. 426 17th Street, Suite 100, Oakland. Refer to <http://www.acta2002.com/meetings.html> for info. **Staff:** Rochelle Wheeler (510-267-6121, RWheeler@actia2022.com).

Albany Traffic & Safety Committee June 21, July 26. City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue. **Staff:** Aleneida Andrino (510-528-5759, AChavez@albanyca.org). **EBBC Rep:** Committee member Nick Pilch, nicky@mindspring.com.

BART June 4, Aug 6, 6 p.m. MTC, 101 8th Street, Oakland. Bimonthly, first Mondays. **Staff:** Laura Timothy (510-464-6446); **Co-chairs:** Joe Carroll, Joe-the7thCarroll@lmi.ne; 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 Transportation Commission June 21, 7 p.m. North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue. **Staff:** Phil Hillier, 510-981-7010, PHillier@ci.berkeley.ca.us. **Chair:** Sarah Syed. **EBBC Rep:** Eric McCaughrin, 510-652-9968 emccaughrin@yahoo.com.

Brentwood June 26, Aug 23, 4 p.m. Engineering Department, 120 Oak Street. **Staff:** Steve Kersevan, 925-516-5420, SKersevan@ci.brentwood.ca.us. **Chair:** David Stoeffler, EBBC Rep., dstoeffler@sbcglobal.net.

California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) June 14, Aug 9, 10:00 - 3:00 p.m. Bimonthly meetings at Department of Transportation, Conference Room 2116, 1120 N Street, Sacramento. 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 July 10, Oct 9, 1:30 p.m. 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, JulianCarroll@dot.ca.gov). **Chair:** Sean Co, MTC (510-217-5748, sco@mtc.ca.ca.gov). **EBBC Rep:** Robert Raburn (510-530-3444, RobertRaburn@ebbc.org).

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

Danville Parks Commission June 13, July 11, 7 p.m. Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front Street. **Staff:** Marcia Sommers (925-314-3313, MSomers@ci.danville.ca.us).

Dublin The Citywide Bicycle Master Plan has not yet been reviewed by the City Council. Interested cyclists should contact Ferd del Rosario (925-833-6637, Ferd.delRosario@ci.Dublin.ca.us) to find out when it will be on the calendar.

East Bay Regional Park District (Park Advisory Committee) June 25, Sept 24, 7:30 p.m. Board Room, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. **Staff:** Ro Aguilar (510-635-0138 x2006, RAguilar@ebparks.org). **PAC Chair:** Mary Ann Gaebe, JimGaebe@comcast.net.

El Cerrito Cyclists living in El Cerrito who are interested in the pending Circulation Plan for Bicyclists, Pedestrians and Disabled Individuals or in establishing a Bicycle Advisory Committee should contact John Ruzek (925-939-5181, John_Ruzek@yahoo.com), who is helping establish a BAC. For other bicycle-related questions, contact Melanie Mintz, Department of Public Works (510-215-4339, mmintz@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us).

Emeryville June 4, July 2, 5:30 p.m. 1333 Park Ave **Staff:** Peter Schultze-Allen (510-596-3728, PSchultze-allen@ci.emeryville.ca.us). **Chair:** Bryce Nesbitt (510-540-8421, bryce2@obviously.com).

Fremont June 20, July 18, 7:00 p.m. Niles Room, 39550 Liberty Street (call to confirm). **Staff:** Rene Dalton (510-494-4535, RDalton@ci.fremont.ca.us). **Chair:** Michael Joss, 510-284-9908, michaeljoss@sbcglobal.net. **EBBC Rep:** Michael Graff, Michael.Graff@pobox.com.

Lafayette June 27, 6:30 p.m. 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Room 240. **Staff:** Leah Greenblat (925-299-3229, LGreenblat@ci.lafayette.ca.us). **Chair:** Bart Carr (925-299-1664, Bart_Carr@yahoo.com). **EBBC Rep:** Yehuda Sherman (925-284-5363, YehudaSherman@aol.com).

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

Oakland June 21, July 19, 5:30 p.m. City Hall, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland. See www.oaklandpw.com/bicycling/bpac.htm for location and details. **Staff:** Jennifer Stanley (510-238-3983, bikeped@oaklandnet.com). **Chair:** Paul Russell (paulbikegeek@gmail.com); **Vice-chair:** Mark Dieter (slimysalamanders@yahoo.com).

Pittsburg Community Advisory Committee June 6, Aug 1, 7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers, 65 Civic Ave. **Staff:** Paul Reinder (925-252-4822, PReinders@ci.Pittsburg.ca.us). **EBBC Rep:** "Ole" Ohlson (925-439-5848, BruceOleOhlson@hotmail.com).

SHORT REPORTS

CLASS I PATH – NOT! – If you crash as a result of a peculiar street design or poorly maintained road, you would have an opportunity to claim that the jurisdiction is liable for your injuries. But if you crash while commuting on a poorly-maintained Class I path, you will not have any legal recourse. In a tragic loss for California bicyclists, a recent California Appellate Court judgment granted the City of Los Angeles "absolute immunity" from lawsuit over the design or condition of the Los Angeles River bike path. Despite Caltrans guidelines for path construction, the court chose to consider the popular commuter bikeway like "any unpaved road which provides access to fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, riding, ..." (CA Streets & Hwys Code §831.4) and deny that the City is liable for a hazard that injured David Prokop.

The legal defense in Prokop v. Los Angeles was largely funded by members of the California Association of Bicycling Organizations (CABO). (See *Short Reports*, p. 5)

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Pleasant Trails Committee June 25, July 23, 6:30 p.m. Council conference room, 200 Old Bernal Avenue. **Staff:** Fan Ventura (925-931-5348, FVentura@ci.pleasanton.ca.us). Contact Senior Planner Janice Stern (925-931-5606) about the Circulation Element of the General Plan or establishing a BAC.

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

University of California at Berkeley Call staff for meeting details. **Staff:** Alicia Arellano (510-643-4949, alicia_a@berkeley.edu). **Chair:** Karl Hans (KHans@uclink4.Berkeley.edu; **EBBC Rep:** open.

Walnut Creek June 13, July 11, 7:00 p.m. Third Floor Conf. Room, City Hall, 1666 N. Main. June 13 meeting includes consideration of Walnut Creek's new Bicycle Master Plan. **Staff:** John Hall, Community Development (925-943-5899 x 206, Hall@walnut-creek.org). **Chair:** Gary Locke (925-288-2499, Gary.Locke@shawgrp.com). **EBBC Rep:** Dave Favello, DaveVelo@mac.com.

West Contra Costa County Bicycling interests are being addressed by an *ad hoc* BAC that will soon contribute revisions to the Countywide Bicycle Pedestrian Plan in West County. Cyclists wishing to participate should contact Robert Raburn (510-530-3444, RobertRaburn@ebbc.org) or **Staff** (510-215-3042, JohnR@ci.sanpablo.ca.us) for further information.

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In 2005 the EBBC contributed \$500 to the CABO defense. More information, including the judgment, is available on ebbc.org.

DELTA TRAIL – The proposed Delta Trail, which the EBBC helped Senator Torlakson get approved in 2006, will connect to the Bay Trail at Martinez and extend into the Delta. Preliminary path alignments are identified as far as Bethel Island. It is important that these routes be included in local General Plans so that they can be eligible for funding in the East Bay Regional Park District's bond measure expenditure plan proposed for the November 2008 ballot. Please contact EBBC Director Bruce "Ole" Ohlson (925-439-5848) to learn more about urging the City of Pittsburg to adopt the Delta Trail path alignment from Willow Creek to the 8th Street Linear Park, along with other connecting bikeway segments.

OAKLAND HEADLESS METERS – The threat of bike-unfriendly parking kiosks replacing parking meters was first covered in the March 2007 *rideOn*. On June 2 the Oakland City Council was to decide whether to place bike-parking-friendly conditions on the proposed kiosk installation. The EBBC's letter to the Council appealed for parking meter posts to not be removed until a suitable retrofit could be identified. Please visit www.ebbc.org to review the bicycle parking solutions we recommended and see what action has been taken by the City Council.

MACARTHUR MAZE COLLAPSE – West Oakland bicyclists were affected when the eastbound bike lane on West Grand Ave was summarily removed to provide extra (unnecessary) room for maze traffic detours. You can add replacing the bike lane to the exorbitant emergency spending. Oakland's already overworked bike/ped staff had to come up with temporary bicycle access designs, then quickly get West Grand back to its original condition.

MT. DIABLO – Alameda Diablo, a private road, passes through the private, unincorporated development of Diablo near the South Gate approach to Mt Diablo. Many bicyclists prefer Alameda Diablo's wide, smooth pavement to the hazardous potholes lurking on Mt. Diablo Scenic Drive just beyond Athenian School, but using Alameda Diablo entails trespassing on a short, unpaved trail. Cyclists are urged to use Mt Diablo Scenic Drive for access to South Gate and not trespass on Alameda Diablo.

Please join EBBC's campaign to get Mt. Diablo Scenic Drive repaved: write to Co-CoCo Supervisor Chair, Mary N. Piepho (fax: 925-820-6627 or email: dist3@bos.cc-county.us).



At the Richmond Greenway dedication on May 16, EBBC Director Bill Pinkham resembles the Pied Piper clad in screaming green. For more on the event, see www.ebbc.org/?q=blog.

—Photo by Bruce Beyaert, Trails for Richmond Action Committee

Prop 1B, Caldecott 4th Bore:

Here's More Information About 'What You Can Do'

In the May-June Sierra Club *Yodeler's* "What You Can Do" column ("Can there be light for people without cars at the end of the Caldecott Tunnel fourth bore?"), important information was, unfortunately, deleted from my original submission.

The Sierra Club was not yet aware of efforts to include performance measures in Prop 1B bond implementation legislation, or that SB 748 (Corbett) qualifies bicycle projects for \$1 billion in Prop 1B's State-Local Partnership Program.

Take these suggested actions

- Support efforts to withdraw and revise the inadequate Caldecott 4th Bore study. Join a statewide appeal that the Proposition 1B Transportation Bond projects include performance measures to deliver better transportation results and a cleaner environment especially clean air.
- Write to Assembly Member Fabian Núñez, Speaker of the Assembly (fax: 916-319-2146) and Senator Don Perata, Senate President pro Tempore (fax: 916-327-1997).

DUBLIN CANYON – A concerned bicyclist reported to us last month that the temporary repaving lane markers on Dublin Canyon Road did not seem to include bike lanes. When we called the Alameda County Public Works Department's project engineer, we found out that not only will the bike lanes be replaced, but the drains have been

These two legislative leaders are reducing the overwhelming number of Prop 1B project implementation bills.

In your letters, please support SB 748 (Corbett) and suggest that each Prop 1B project (i.e., the Caldecott 4th bore) be evaluated using specific criteria such as the following:

- Compare the estimated air pollution and vehicle emissions associated with each project's first 20 years, including greenhouse gases, with the emissions resulting from adopting a no-action alternative.
- Freeway projects must show that they will reduce surface street congestion.
- Access to freeways must not impede the flow of surface street traffic, or that of bicyclists, pedestrians, seniors, public transit, and children attending school.
- Consistent with City and County General Plans, all Prop 1B projects must be reviewed by the Caltrans Bike/Ped Coordinator.

—Robert Raburn

moved to provide a functionally wider bike lane. EBBC Director Rick Rickard, who originally advocated that the road provide room for bicyclists, rode the smooth, new surface while I-580 was backed up almost to Castro Valley at the start of the Memorial Day weekend. He reported "a great descent into Dublin/ Pleasanton—much faster than the folks on 580!"

(See Short Reports on p. 8)

Minutes

May 15, 2007

Submitted by Tom Ayers

Minutes of the May 15, 2007, EBBC Board Meeting - held at home of Raines Cohen & Betsy Morris, 2220 Sacramento St., Unit N, Berkeley, CA - Commenced at 7:05 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Rick said everything balances now since the Cycles of Change entry is corrected. Will reclassify Oakland Carpentier dinner as a donation instead of an expense. All but one check has been received.

Net income of \$4,300 (\$5,300 after \$1k Carpentier dinner adjustment). We'll also get \$6k for BTW day, and \$3,800 from ACTIA for Street Skills classes.

Recent expenditures: Street Skills materials (\$171.37) previously approved as part of events for BTW Day, T-Shirts (\$987.23) 144 shirts - dark green/black on white. Women's Motion carried unanimously. And BTW AlaCo expenses - Dave said we got bigger tote bags - \$1800 extra; 511 was expected to do employer mailing, but we only received the database. Still a valuable benefit, but meant an extra \$800 expense for BTW Day poster, brochure, class.

West. Roughly \$2,500 extra. \$6k from ACTIA and \$6k BABC income. Final report coming in June.

Membership report: Mary reported difficulty accessing info due to server problems, but for an 18-month period Mary said we send an average of 1200+ mailers each month. Membership database hosting: digitalforest.com -- Eric, Robert and Mary aren't able to remotely access Berkeley Bike Station computer. Need host service that specializes in Filemaker Pro and one that isn't being used for Internet surfing. Rick moved that we just change - no long-term commitment. Dave Favello amended that it be a 6-month commitment max - Seconded and passed unanimously. Dave will contact Berkeley Bike Station and coordinate the move to new server.

West of the Hills Map - paper or plastic? Robert met w/Derek and said a couple of advantages for paper would be 1) paper wears out, and 2) it is less expensive. Also plastic is not so environmentally acceptable. Consensus was that the initial run (5k) should be paper. Perhaps a few additional maps in the final 15k run could be plastic, but group leaned toward paper.

Earth Day Events - did fairly well signing up members in Oakland: 30 +/-.

June 9 Events - Cherry Festival in San Leandro: Steve Ardrey available to cover. Temescal Street Fair: this part of Oakland is a major segment of our membership so we don't want to miss it. Robert, Craig, Rick, Bill available - hours will be committed.

Board meeting ended 7:35pm. General membership meeting started immediately in the common room at 2220 Sacramento.

Attendance: Dick Anderson, Dave Campbell, Raines Cohen, Dave Favello, Craig Hagelin, Zach Kaplan, Ian McDonald, Betsy Morris, Mary Norton, Ole Ohlson, Ricardo Pedevilla, Bill Pinkham, Pat Raburn, Robert Raburn, Rick Rickard, Brian Toy.

After attendee introductions made, Bill reported Richmond Greenway will be open tomorrow. Lots of involvement of kids.

Minutes from April 17 meeting approved.

Bike to Work Day - Dave Campbell said we'll have prizes and 59 energizer stations will be open. Oakland started BTWD in 1994. Alameda County has 70 teams. Must have 2 novice riders on each team to qualify. Lisa L bike commuter of the yr. Get coupons for burritos, T-shirts, stickers etc. Need to count stickers. Breezers handed out in each county. \$1,100 fully refurbished Fuji Esprit to be given away if bike parked or renew membership. Not as much collaboration from CoCoCo so we should pass out brochures as much as possible. Give Dave Campbell feedback on what was liked/disliked (tote bag etc) so we can plan for next yr.

Pedal Power May 1 & 2: Tom Ayers, Sabrina Merlo, Jennifer Stanley & Robert Raburn attended...1st day training, heard from bill sponsors. 3' passing distance bill did not pass. Good lesson that sponsors should have tested the waters first. Pushed Complete Streets. Top 3 bills - 1358 (Comp Sts), Bicycle Transportation Account bill (funding to \$1 mil/mo from current \$5 mil/yr, which ends this yr) and Safe Routes to School bill. All others laudable but these are big-ticket items. Write letters for each bill to YOUR rep! Opportunity to plug biking. Need a big stack of letters to get behind bill. Check ebbc.org.

Prop 1B Bond implementation - Ellen Corbett (San Leandro) Sponsor - SB 748. Perata & Nuñez are charged w/whittling down 60 bills. SB 748 somewhat of an olive branch. Idea behind this is we'd have funds sufficient for local jurisdictions to mitigate some big-ticket items such as bike bridges. Doesn't mean we'll get the \$1B, but we're eligible. Rick motioned we should write letter to urge adoption of bill. EDF and CBC deserve credit for their efforts. See Robert's article in *Yodeler*. The majority of projects will be barriers to bicycling.

Alameda County parade permit - Comes up again for Canyon Classic from Patterson to Mt. Hamilton (June 9). Alameda County Sheriff called last week to demand permit. Robert spoke at length to ride organizer (member of Modesto Rotary Club). Suggested they urge riders to abide by vehicle code and no need for traffic control. Check ebbc.org for position. Devil Mtn Double spent lots of \$\$\$ to get permit (incl CHP) but Pedalera did not. There's a bicycle event ordinance to replace parade ordinance - though this ordinance is almost as onerous. (Any event w/over 50 riders requires two of three notifications of all residents on route (residential mailing, newspaper ads and/or postings on roadway). EBBC will fight it. Write your supervisor (Keith Carson, Alice Lai Bitker, Gail Steele, Nate Miley, Scott Hagerty (Mines Rd). County Counsel realizes there are limits - said not possible to make ordinance more stringent. State law governs.

RTP (Regional Transportation Plan) Goals - \$200 mil to fund. We asked for \$1 Bil. 1) Fully funded network of bike/ped projects. 2) Routine Accommodation. 3) Collect data for all transportation trips. 4) Educate re: traffic safety to encompass walking & biking. Taking these goals to TALC to weave into their platform - motion made by Dave to approve 4 items - approved unanimously.

Bus Rapid Transit DEIR - discussion postponed. Robert asked for help w/comments.

Long Wharf Lease: EBBC appeal to State Lands Commission (only a 3 person board!) re: Chevron Long Wharf - issue definitely not dead. Represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. We have Perata, Hancock, Richmond City Council, Supervisor John Gioia (CoCoCo), Bay Development Commission - need lots of individuals to pester State Lands Commission, asking "I want to be notified when next meeting is that includes discussion of issue." (See *Minutes*, page 8)

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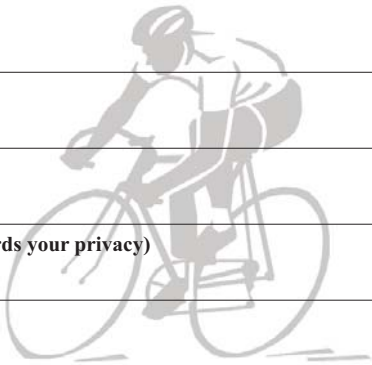
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May EBBC Minutes

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See www.ebbc.org, including a recent letter. We've been fighting for over 8 yrs. Also trac.org.

SR2T - in second cycle of funding applications - EBBC reviewing 25 applications in April (totaling \$11 million) - whittled down to 15 projects & \$9 million. 2nd list will be approved in June. The latest submissions are more spread out - i.e., not just Oakland & SF).

Dublin Canyon - restriped & repaved - traffic markers not in correct spots. Lots of development in West Dublin hills - concern that bike lanes could get eaten up. Robert told by County engineers that plan calls for 6' bike lanes. Grates have been replaced to under-curb.

Macarthur Maze update - bike parking at BART is jam-packed. Oakland restriped West Grand to add traffic lane (from bike lane) in just a couple of days due to the emergency. Robert suggested we request emergency funds be spent for inside BART bike parking (or additional

electronic lockers) and extension of bike lanes. Oakland got Federal emergency funds - but there was no mention whatsoever of how to get to BART on bike! Motion that BART go after funding for bike parking in paid fare areas and Oakland to replace AND extend per bike plan. 2 amendments - 1) public process and 2) putting bike lanes back in ASAP.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. for presentation by host Raines Cohen on his presentation on Cycling for Climate Preservation: Global Warming Prevention By Bike. Discussion ensued with ideas for participation & implementation.

Next EBBC General Membership Meeting June 19, 7:30pm - location TBD.

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BORP - Unlike most pledge rides, the Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program's annual Revolution, set for October 6, 2007, actually raises funds for human-powered adventure. But you don't have to ride 100 miles to make a contribution to a great Berkeley-based program that puts people with disabilities on bikes, trikes, tandems and handcycles. For example, you can learn

More Short Reports (from prior column) to ride a tandem and bring riding fun to a visually impaired rider. To learn more, please visit www.borp.org.

BIKEWAY DESIGN TRAINING - One of the EBBC's requests in the next Regional Transportation Plan is for the MTC to train local transportation staff in the best practices for bikeway design. The MTC's Bicycle and Pedestrian Training Workshop, held in Pleasanton May 22, was well received. Unfortunately, not all jurisdictions sent representatives. To review the presentations please visit: [ftp://ftp.abag.ca.gov/pub/mtc/planning/training/](http://ftp.abag.ca.gov/pub/mtc/planning/training/).

PLEASANTON - James Van Dyke has started an informal bike lane advocacy group that represents cyclists' traffic safety and planning concerns at city meetings. He is encouraged by city officials' positive and open approach, particularly by Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Deputy Director of Public Works Michael Tassano. Recently, freshly-striped bike lanes with "sharrow" designs appeared on Bernal Avenue. "The city takes seriously a concern for more transportation access," Van Dyke said. Find out more at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ptownbikeadvocates/>.

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