

## COMPLETE STREETS ACT **AB 1358 Proposes to make Routine Accommodation a Statewide Policy for Circulation Elements in every General Plan**

The idea that every road should be a good road for bicyclists is a key component of the Routine Accommodation policy adopted by the Bay Area's Metropolitan Transportation Commission in 2006. For the past several years, the EBBC has worked hard on the campaign to guarantee that bicyclists would be routinely accommodated in all transportation projects.

Now, the California Bicycle Coalition (CBC) has enlisted Assemblyman Mark Leno to sponsor AB 1358 and call for bicyclists' support from throughout California.

The Complete Streets Act of 2007 will ensure that the transportation plans of California communities meet the needs of all users of the roadway including pedestrians, bicyclists, users of public transit, motorists, children, the elderly, and the disabled.

By encouraging good planning for all modes of travel, AB 1358 will make our roads safer and more convenient places for Californians who choose to walk, ride a bike, or take transit. Safer roads enable more people to gain the health benefits of choosing an active form of

## **Bike Security Compromised by "Parking Payment Station" Replacement of Meters**



*A single Parking Payment Station (above and inset) can replace up to twelve traditional meters. Without the meter head on the post, a U-lock is worthless and bicyclists are left without the most convenient and widespread form of bike parking. The devices are proliferating throughout the East Bay and few cities routinely consider their impact on bicycle security. See "Bike Security" on p. 5.*

transportation, and benefit everyone by reducing traffic congestion, auto-related air pollution, and the production of climate-changing greenhouse gases.

### **SUMMARY**

AB 1358 requires the legislative body of a city or county, upon revision of the circulation element of their general plan, to

identify how the jurisdiction will provide for the routine accommodation of all users of the roadway including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, individuals with disabilities, seniors, and users of public transportation.

The bill also directs the Office of Planning  
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### **NEXT MEETING**

begins on Tuesday, March 20 with a Board Meeting at 7pm, followed by the **General Membership Meeting** at 7:30pm at the Rockridge Branch of the Oakland Public Library, 5366 College Ave at Manila. Bike welcome inside.

The agenda will include an action item on **AB1358**. As well, we will feature presentations on **Bike to Work month** from both Nancy Cuneo, BTW Coordinator for CoCoCo (511ContraCosta.org), and Dave Campbell, BTW Coordinator for Alameda Co (EBBC.org). This will be a great opportunity to share ideas for events and energizer stations throughout both counties. Incentives to attract new bike commuters are discussed inside this issue. A potential new EBBC web tool will also be demonstrated by Eric McCaughrin.

At 8:30pm our special **guest speaker** will be Oakland's new Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Manager, **Jason Patton** (510-238-7049, jpatton@oaklandnet.com). The City of Oakland is updating its Bicycle Master Plan and is seeking your input. Improving bicycle safety and access supports the City's efforts to become more environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable. Scheduled for completion in fall 2007, the updated plan contains specific projects and policies to increase bicycling throughout Oakland. Learn more about Oakland's vision for a bicycle-friendly city. Get involved and contribute your ideas. For additional information, visit [www.oaklandpw.com/bicycling/bikeplan.htm](http://www.oaklandpw.com/bicycling/bikeplan.htm)



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and Research to amend guidelines for the development of general plan circulation elements so that the building and operation of local transportation facilities safely and conveniently accommodate everyone, regardless of their mode of travel.

For purposes of AB 1358, "routine accommodation" means that, in the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, or operation of highways and other transportation infrastructure, local agencies fully consider and accommodate all users of the highway as needed to provide for reasonably safe and convenient travel.

The Act would take effect beginning on January 1, 2009.

#### The Complete Streets Movement

There is a growing "Complete Streets" coalition of advocates for motorists, bicyclists, children, seniors, and the disabled who understand that accommodating various modes of travel will ease transportation congestion.

The League of American Bicyclists' Complete Streets campaign came within a few votes in the US Senate of becoming a federal policy in the SAFTEA-LU legislation passed

in 2005. Surely California is more progressive than the nation's State senators!

Streets that provide travel choices give people the option to avoid traffic jams and increase the overall capacity of the transportation network. In Portland, Oregon, a complete streets approach has resulted in a 74 percent increase in bicycle commuting in the 1990's.

#### Widespread Benefits from Complete Streets

> Encourage Healthy Physical Activity - Complete streets encourage physical activity. Public health experts are encouraging walking and bicycling as a response to the obesity epidemic. Complete streets can help.

> Improve Air Quality - It has never been more important to improve our air quality and complete streets are a key strategy for doing that. Our communities are facing asthma epidemics as well as other related illnesses. The evidence that global warming is happening is now undeniable.

> Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions - By enacting AB 32 in 2006, California can be a world leader in the reduction of greenhouse gases emissions. Complete streets offer communities a tool to meet the standards set in this landmark law.

> Short Trips are a Major Source of Fuel

Consumption and Pollution - More than half of commute trips, and three out of four shopping trips are less than five miles in length. These short trips are the most polluting and least efficient in terms of fuel consumption, but many could be made by bicycling and walking. Complete streets allow this to happen.

> Planning Cuts Costs - Building complete streets makes fiscal sense. Integrating sidewalks, bike lanes, transit amenities, and safe crossings into the initial design of a project is more cost-effective than making costly retrofits later.

According to former Caltrans Director Jeff Morales, "By fully considering the needs of all non-motorized travelers (pedestrians, bicyclists, and persons with disabilities) early in the life of a project, the costs associated with including facilities for these travelers are minimized."

#### Communities Leading the Way

State, regional, and local agencies across California are adopting complete streets ordinances, policies, and design guidelines. Some examples include:

> Caltrans Deputy Directive 64

> Metropolitan Transportation Commission Resolution 3765

> San Francisco Transit First city ordinance

> Sacramento Transportation Authority local sales tax ordinance

> San Diego Association of Governments local transportation sales tax ordinance

> Santa Barbara General Plan Circulation Element

> City of San Diego Street Design Manual

#### Compete Streets = Common Sense

Providing community residents with options that get them out of their cars is a proven strategy for improving communities, reducing air pollution, and generating local business. Livable cities and complete streets don't happen by accident - they must be planned and implemented. AB 1358 will help local governments give their residents better and healthier lives by talking about accommodating all users of the roadway before it is built.

**Please lend your support.** Numerical and financial strength matter! To make the Complete Streets campaign a success, the California Bicycle Coalition (CBC) needs for each of us to write to our State elected officials in support of AB 1358. Furthermore, the CBC needs your contributions to finance the Complete Streets campaign.

For more information about the campaign and how to get involved visit the CBC at: [www.calbike.org](http://www.calbike.org)

## BIKE TO WORK DAY INCENTIVES TO INCLUDE PRIZES, STREET SKILLS TRAINING, AND INNOVATIVE CASH FOR BICYCLE COMMUTING PROGRAM



Contra Costa County will select 10 lucky novice bike commuters who will receive free Street Skills training and cash rewards for each mile that they ride. The commuting incentive program is the brainchild of 511 Contra Costa, the coordinators of Bike to Work Day in CoCoCo. You can learn more at [www.511ContraCosta.org](http://www.511ContraCosta.org).

There are plenty of other incentives to help entice residents in **both CoCoCo and Alameda Co** to try bicycling by joining thousands of East Bay bicyclists who will be riding to work on **Bike to Work Day, May 17**. Visit [www.511.org](http://www.511.org)

Street Skills training is one of the best ways for either novice bike commuters, lycra clad roadies, or fat-tire riders to gain confidence in riding to work, school, or for other utility trips. Plus it's fun! League-certified instructors will offer classes in CoCoCo on Apr 21 and 22 (see details at [www.511ContraCosta.org](http://www.511ContraCosta.org) or call Matt Wood, 925-407-0355). In addition to BikeAlameda's Street Skills classes listed on page 6, the EBBC will offer Alameda Co residents classes on Apr-May dates to be announced on [www.ebbc.org](http://www.ebbc.org).

**Win a BART-friendly Breezer Zag 8 Folding Bike.** Quick thinking BART advocates worked to encourage BART to contribute funds and coordinate with Joe Breeze to make at least four folding bikes available as BTW prizes for 2007.

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## SHORT REPORTS

**AWWWW** - On Feb 11, EBBC Director Bike-Dave Favello volunteered at the annual Trips for Kids fundraiser that filled San Rafael's Broken Drum Brewery with illustrious bicycling luminaries from Marin County and beyond. The grand raffle prize was a new Jamis mountain bike valued at over \$1000. BikeDave won the bike! When he heard a dissappointed sixth-grade student exclaim how badly she wanted to win the bike, BikeDave gave her the bike!

**GO GREENBELT!** is a 7-day bike tour of the Bay Area (June 3-9) limited to 70 riders that raises thousands of dollars to support the work of Greenbelt Alliance to protect local open space. This 18th annual tour will visit many areas that the EBBC regards as "endangered bicycling habitat." You can sponsor BikeDave Favello or any EBBC rider by visiting [www.greenbelt.org](http://www.greenbelt.org). Please click on "Sponsor a Rider" and enter "EBBC" for the first name.

**PITTSBURG'S GREENBELT THREAT**- Homebuilder Albert Seeno posted signs along Highway 4 that castigate the advocacy efforts of the EBBC's environmental and labor allies in eastern CoCoCo. Greenbelt Alliance spokeswoman Christina Wong was quoted in "Signs along Highway 4 raise tensions," in the *Contra Costa Times* (1/30/07): "These signs are a ham-fisted smear campaign. Seeno is exploiting people's frustration with traffic while he's proposing to add thousands of cars to Highway 4."

**PITTSBURG** Traffic Commissioner Ohlson (AKA EBBC Director Bruce "Ole" Ohlson) recently wrote to the Pittsburg's Planning Director, Melissa Ayres, to remind her of inconsistencies between a number of planned Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) and the Pittsburg General Plan. Ms Ayres replied, "I am glad we were able to resolve 99% of your concerns to your satisfaction as they related to the draft CIP program and its consistency with the General Plan. With respect to CIP project ST-3, we will take another look at it and site conditions to see if that portion of Harbor Street can be striped (on existing street ROW) for the

class II bike lane proposed in the General Plan for this location...."

**UNSUNG EBBC HEROS** - Raines Cohen, computer guru to EBBC and founder of BMUG in 1970s, has generously hosted the EBBC database on his server running continuously since 1998. On Feb 3, 2007 Raines reported, "the database server is down for good after 33,000 hours of service on the latest CPU." Thanks to Raines, Dave Campbell and others the data were transferred and a new server generated your March newsletter mailing labels.

**OAKLAND** - Miss the EBBC's March 20 meeting? You still have an opportunity to attend an Open House presentation on the Bicycle Master Plan and share your input on Thursday, April 5, 2007, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, at Grand Ave. Bring your bike inside.

**COLISEUM BART TO BAY TRAIL** - The first meeting to discuss this important connection for recreation and commuting (Edgewater Business Park, Hegenberger, Oakland Airport) took place on Sept 10, 2002. Advocates turned to Alameda County for an option to Oakland's San Leandro Blvd, described as "the street from hell," and the 66th Ave overcrossing of I-880 that represents a "meatgrinder." Alameda County Public Works has recently made the draft Negative Declaration and Initial Study available for download at <http://www.acgov.org/pwa/>.

**NEW BAY TRAIL MAPS** replace those last printed in 2003 and include an additional 40 miles of trail. The set of six maps feature over 270 miles of completed trail and showcase attractions in all nine Bay Area counties. Recreation sites are displayed in full-color and different segments of the trail are distinguished to help plan hikes, bike rides, and family excursions. The set is priced at \$15.00 plus tax and shipping. To order or find out more about the Bay Trail Project, a nonprofit organization administered by ABAG, visit [www.baytrail.org](http://www.baytrail.org) or call 510-464-7900.

**PROKOP APPEAL UPDATE** - In 2006, the EBBC contributed \$500 to appeal the current court precedent that undermines the liability protection to people injured on Bike Paths. Municipi-

palities such as the City of Los Angeles are hiding from their responsibility to build and maintain safe Bike Paths by claiming such transportation facilities are immune from liability, like unpaved trails opened for recreation. The California Association of Bicycling Organizations (CABO), the California Bicycle Coalition (CBC), and the national League of American Bicyclists (LAB) have rallied to promote the appeal of Prokop v. City of Los Angeles. Please mark your contributions to each advocacy organization in support of the Prokop appeal. Oral arguments are scheduled for February 28. Information is available at: [www.cabobike.org/Prokop.htm](http://www.cabobike.org/Prokop.htm).

**PARK ST. TRIANGLE** presents a foreboding challenge for Alameda bicyclists traveling to Oakland. It is also part of the I-880 Operational & Safety Improvements STIP Project that has just been approved by the ACTAC for \$10,000,000 in STIP Augmentation from Prop 1A. That gives it \$16,500,000 total in the STIP. Bike advocates and Bay Trail promoters from both sides of the Estuary applauded a presentation of the Triangle's proposed bikeway components by Wlad Wlasowski, acting Oakland assistant public works director, at the Feb 21 meeting of Waterfront Action. Inland portions of the project along 23<sup>rd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Avenues over I-880 and the railroad remain undefined.

**BIKEALAMEDA** reports they're working with Catellus (Alameda Landing) and the Transportation Commission on the details of the upcoming Estuary Water Shuttle (approx 2008-2009). They will also watchdog the grant process for the city's feasibility study of Estuary Crossing long-term options.

**CONCORD** Mayor Mark Peterson has challenged every Concord resident to run, walk or roll 100 miles in 2007. It's easier than you think. The key is to run, walk or roll a little every day. Make it a family adventure! Teachers and business owners can enroll classrooms and employee groups in the competition. Everyone who reaches the 100 mile goal will receive a special members-only T-shirt. <http://www.ci.concord.ca.us/100mileclub/index.htm#ride>

**CONCORD** will host an informational "Get the

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## BAC Calendar

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**Alameda County** Mar 8, Apr 12, 5:30 pm, 426 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100, Oakland. Refer to <http://www.acta2002.com/meetings.html> or call staff to confirm next meeting. **Staff:** Rochelle Wheeler, 510-267-6121, [RWheeler@acita2002.com](mailto:RWheeler@acita2002.com).

**Albany Traffic & Safety Committee** Mar 22, Apr 26, City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, **Staff:** Aleneida Andriano, (510) 528-5759, [AChavez@albanyca.org](mailto:AChavez@albanyca.org). **EBBC Rep:** Committee member Nick Pilch, [nicky@mindspring.com](mailto:nicky@mindspring.com).

**BART** Apr 9, June 4, 6 pm MTC, 101 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland. Bimonthly, first Mondays. **Staff:** Laura Timothy, 510-464-6446; Co-Chairs Joe Carroll, [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@ebbc.org](mailto:EMcCaughrin@ebbc.org); Contra Costa - Dave Favello, Craig Hagelein 925-937-7610, [Chagelin@astound.net](mailto:Chagelin@astound.net).

**Berkeley** Mar 7, Apr 4, 4 pm, 1947 Center Street, 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** Apr 26, June 26, 4 pm, Engineering Department, 120 Oak Street. Call staff to verify meeting time. **Staff:** Steve Kersevan, 925-516-5420, [SKersevan@ci.brentwood.ca.us](mailto:SKersevan@ci.brentwood.ca.us), Chair: **EBBC Rep:** David Stoeffler [dstoefler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dstoefler@sbcglobal.net).

**California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC)** Apr 12, June 14, 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** Apr 10, July 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](mailto:Julian_Carroll@dot.ca.gov); **Chair:** Sean Co, MTC, 510-217-5748, [sco@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:sco@mtc.ca.gov); **EBBC Rep** Robert Raburn, (510) 530-3444 [\[ertraburn@ebbc.org\]\(mailto:ertraburn@ebbc.org\).](mailto:rob-</a></p>
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**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** Mar 14, Apr 11, 7 pm Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front Street, **Staff:** Marcia Sommers, [MSomers@ci.danville.ca.us](mailto:MSomers@ci.danville.ca.us), 925-314-3313.

**Dublin** Dublin's Citywide Bicycle Master Plan will be reviewed by the City Council on either Mar 6 or Mar 20 at 7 pm at the City Hall, at 100 Civic Plaza. Interested cyclists should call Ferd Del Rosario at (925) 833-6637 or contact him at [ferd.delrosario@ci.dublin.ca.us](mailto:ferd.delrosario@ci.dublin.ca.us). Ferd Del Rosario

should know when it will be presented to both bodies.

**East Bay Regional Park District** (Park Advisory Committee) Mar 2, Apr 23, 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).

**El Cerrito** Mar 13 6:30 pm, El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, Public Workshop, review of the Circulation Plan for Bicyclists, Pedestrians and Disabled Individualists, **Staff:** Melanie Mintz, Department of Public Works, 510-215-4339, [mmintz@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:mmintz@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us).

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### DISCOUNT BIKE SHOPS

- Alameda Cycle 1522 Park St, Alameda
- Bay Area Bikes 2424 Webster St, Oakland **new location**
- 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 1615 University, Berkeley **new location**
- 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.

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Facts" Open House on the Community Reuse Plan for the Concord Naval Weapons Station (CNWS) on Saturday, March 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Concord Senior Center, 2727 Parkside Circle. Join bicyclists in promoting bikeways and Safe Routes to Transit in the plan. Visit [www.concordreuseproject.org](http://www.concordreuseproject.org) or contact Project Director Michael Wright (925) 671-3019.

**SAN LEANDRO** – The Cherry City Cyclists will collaborate with the EBBC and newly elected Councilmember Michael J. Gregory to resurrect the Cherry City Festival, with Free Valet Bike Parking, on Saturday, June 9. Councilmember Gregory noted *“bicycles are a short and long term solution to congestion and pollution”* and reminds us of San Leandro’s commitment to reduce greenhouse emissions by 25% citywide by 2020.

**ALBANY** – The Bay Area Water Transit Authority will conduct a public scoping meeting in Albany to provide opportunities for comments on the environmental review of proposed water transit service between Berkeley/Albany and San Francisco. A Berkeley meeting was held on Mar 8. The Albany meeting will be from 6:30-8:30pm on March 15, 2007 at the Albany Public Library, 1247 Marin Avenue. For info visit [www.water-transit.org](http://www.water-transit.org).

**EMERYVILLE** – A breath of fresh air is coming from this city by the bay. New city manager, Patrick O’Keeffe seeks to make Emeryville an inviting place for new residents and families. *“The question is how to integrate those residents into the city and the political process, and meet their expectations for quality of life projects—which is shorthand for a deficiency of park space and pedestrian and bike routes,”* according to the Oakland Tribune on 2/14/07.

**BIKESTATION PALO ALTO** reopened in February at the Caltrain station after a being closed since November 2004 for renovations to the historic depot. It is now open 24/7 and features security for 96 bicycles using light, easy-to-use double-tier racks enabling cyclists of any height or strength to use them. Each rack can accommodate a bike lock for added security. The Bicycle Transportation Account funding also included the installation of twelve e-Lockers, located in the High Street and Bryant Street Parking Garages. For information you can ride over the Dumbarton Bridge or visit [www.bikestation.org](http://www.bikestation.org).

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We don’t mind that cities wish to charge for on-street parking. After all, the courts in permitting metered parking have found that road “use” means “travel” and that parking, which could be prohibited altogether to insure travel, can be regulated by charging a fee. (See: John Jakle and Keith Sculle, *Lots of Parking*, Univ Virginia, 2004, p.39.)

**Parking Payment Stations** have many virtues: they accept credit cards, violators are easy to spot using digital maps of parking areas, and rates can be adjusted for time, day, or special events. Rather than giving away public space for auto storage—often usurping space needed to close gaps in planned bicycle networks—metered parking gives motorists the option to appreciate the value of land or choose to forsake on-street storage.

If only all jurisdictions would simultaneously replace the lost bike parking when installing new meters, bicycle security would not suffer.

**One simple solution** implemented by Heath Maddox, Berkeley’s Bicycle Transportation Planner, **is seen in the image at right**. It consists of a welded ring to support the bike on a tube that slips over, and is secured to, the parking meter pole.

More disturbing actions are afoot in Oakland, depicted in the cover photo. A recent report to the City Council asking for authorization to install pay stations did not address the loss of 5,000 bike-friendly meter posts, nor acknowledge Oakland’s acclaimed City-Racks bicycle parking program.

**TIPS FOR BIKE SECURITY**

Every effort to deter the theft and parting out of bikes needs to be taken. Use multiple security systems (locks, eyes, ID marking). The excellent 2/14/07 Bay Area Guardian, vol.40, #20 article, “Chasing My Stolen Bicycle,” by Justin Jouvenal focused on the perpetrators of the problem, but was ambivalent about solutions and unfortunately gave undue exposure to various registration schemes that are ineffective. Your own recording of serial numbers/bike descriptions (including photo) is a good substitute for formal registration.

**Mark Your Bike** - Engrave personal identification (e.g., CDL # ) in a conspicuous place on your bike. That’s right, deface the top tube. Then engrave as many valuable components as possible. Why?

- > Thieves follow a path of least resistance and tend to seek unmarked frames and parts.
- > Cops love to encounter suspects in posses-



sion of stolen property.

> Recovered property can be readily returned to the owner.

**Other tips to deter theft**

- > Park near lot attendants or other “eyes,” or better yet use attended BikeStation parking.
- > Always lock through your frame and at least one wheel as illustrated in the photo. Note that thieves seeking valuable components may cut a frame tube leaving the U-lock intact.
- > Use multiple locks or co-lock with other bikes when possible.
- > Take your bike inside offices, stores, and homes.

**Help EBBC advocate for bike security**

Join the EBBC in lobbying for additional BikeLink eLockers at transit stops, car share pods, and popular destinations (200 are slated for BART installation by November, but the Alameda County BPAC and the Oakland BPAC have recently turned down requests to fund additional eLocker installations as they prioritized scarce funds for other bicycle projects).

Let’s not stop with a few racks or lockers. We need local and BART police to take bicycle theft seriously. An occasional sting would engage the boys in blue. In fact, we could start by getting the police to loan engravers to mark your ID on your bike frame and parts. Neighborhood watch programs once loaned engravers to residents. There is no reason to not

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## Minutes

of the General Membership Meeting on February 20, 2007.  
MTC MetroCenter, Oakland

EBBC Board members present: Craig, Dave F, Dave C, Rick, Steve, Tom, Leo, Bill

Approval of 1/19 minutes - APPROVED

**Membership and database report** - Robert reported that renewals are steadily coming in; also about 15 new members from recent Martinez cycling event. Database server crashed after 9 years of continuous operation.

**Treasurers report** -Rick provided reports for 2006 and 12/06.

**Ashby Interchange Plan Review** - Dave C. The interchange at I-80 and Ashby in Berkeley will be totally redone, at a project cost of about \$35 million. Former proposal had a bike/ped path (from Shellmound to Bay Trail) with multiple at-grade crossings of the roundabout. Newer option, at our urging, eliminates those at-grade crossings of freeway on-ramps, and has one bridge instead (adds \$3 million to project cost). On west side, one at-grade crossing will involve a 4-way stop on frontage road. Motion for letter of support for this new proposal - APPROVED

**EBBC contribution oversight** -Motion to contribute \$100 to Urban Ecology (who are working on the East Bay Greenway project) - APPROVED

**San Leandro Cherry Festival**, Saturday June 9 - Festival is being resurrected after stopping about 7 years ago. New city council member Michael Gregory has invited EBBC to participate. Robert notes San Leandro has passed a measure to drop global warming contribution, so promising area for building ties. Steve and Dave C. volunteer to work on this. Festival organized by Parks & Rec.

**T-shirts** - Past years include: One Less Car, with logo on front; It's My Lane Too, with art by Andy Singer (these sold out); I Lost 3500 Pounds, Ask Me How?(green/yellow). Dave F thinks perhaps jerseys in future; also suggests Pass with Care as from Chico Velo shirts, and POLITE cyclist; Steve suggests a shirt based on bike blvd emblem; Bill suggests something based on graphic from RideOn about Pedal Power and gasoline costs. Motion to make shirts with Pass with Care on back, EBBC logo on front - APPROVED.

**Routine Accommodation update** - Dave C. - MTC staff is recommending that the RA checklist be used at end of process to decide what projects to fund, rather than at start of process. Motion to write letter to MTC to disapprove of this recommendation, rather to incorporate from the beginning of the process - APPROVED.

**Thunderhead Alliance** is looking for someone to work on developing bicycle-access benchmarks for Oakland (among 50 top U.S. cities). Robert will work to recruit Oakland volunteers to work on this.

**National Bike Summit** - Nobody from the board will attend the National Bike Summit in DC (March this year).

Discussion of the CCTA's update of the Action Plans for Routes of Regional Importance was deferred.

**Bike to Work Day** - Dave C. notes there will be more associated events this year, with a March 4 deadline to get them listed on posters. Nancy Cuneo from CoCoCo will be at the March meeting to talk about their efforts for BTWD.

At the urging of **BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force** advocates, it is likely that BART will donate at least \$2000 to become a BTWD sponsor, with the money to be used to buy folding bikes (which can be taken on BART even during rush-hour periods) that will be given as prizes in connection with BTWD.

**rideOn Editor** - Jon Spangler showed a mock-up of 3 critical pages of the newsletter for our review. Robert notes we need \$200 for software for Jon (Quark).

**AIDS Lifecycle** - Dave Ellison, the Outreach Coordinator for the AIDS/Lifecycle [ALC] bike ride, gave a presentation about ALC. He noted that this event is expected to involve more than 2000 cyclists in June, many of whom are new to cycling; in the course of months of training rides and other lead-up events, the cyclists learn about safe cycling as well as about the benefits of cycling. However, they are unlikely to hear about EBBC or other bike advocacy and support groups. Dave and EBBC will have further discussions to explore ways to strengthen connections between the groups, such as perhaps getting our maps to the ALC training ride leaders (to help them plan their rides) and perhaps getting region-specific

information to ALC participants after the ride in June.

**NEXT MEETING:** March 19th at the Rockridge Library (board at 7, general at 7:30)

-Submitted by Thomas J. Ayres, EBBC Secretary

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include bike security in these neighborhood-level crime prevention programs.

We must send a message to the public that emphasizes the enormity of bicycle theft. An immediate goal is to loosen restrictions against bringing bikes inside offices and stores.

**Buy a stolen bike? Never!** Never buy a bike with a suspicious pedigree. Insist to see identification of the person who is offering the bike, inquire about how the bike was acquired, and check the serial number with the police.

## STREET SKILLS Offered by BikeAlameda

Not comfortable riding on the street? Think you know all there is to riding a bike? These 4-hour classes taught by Casey Wilson, LAB Certified Instructor, are for you! Select to attend either two short Thursday evening sessions (March 15 and 22), or one Sunday morning class (April 29). Graduates may also attend an on-street training session taught by Casey Larimore (May 6). Discounts for BikeAlameda members. Find out more at [www.bikealameda.org](http://www.bikealameda.org)

## Oak to 9th Progress

Following the Oakland City Council's approval last July of a 64-acre waterfront development project with 3,100 residential units to be built along the Estuary, 25,000 Oakland voters signed a referendum petition asking that this massive waterfront project with numerous policy and environmental effects be put on the ballot for a vote by the electorate. The City Attorney ordered the City Clerk to stop counting ballots. The EBBC seeks bicycle access and safety improvements to, and along, the waterfront and joined the costly lawsuit to overturn the City Attorney's ruling and restart the process. Recent court rulings are in our favor. Please contribute to "Oak to Ninth Referendum Committee," PO Box 20355, Oakland, CA 94620 or visit [www.ABetterOakToNinth.org](http://www.ABetterOakToNinth.org).

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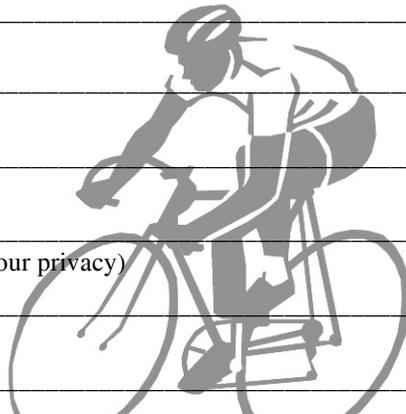
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**Emeryville** Mar 5, Apr 2, 5:30 pm, 1333 Park Ave **Staff:** Peter Schultze-Allen, 510-596-3728, *PSchultze-allen@ci.emeryville.ca.us*. **Chair:** Bryce Nesbitt, *bryce2@obviously.com* 510-540-8421.

**Fremont** Mar 21, Apr 18, 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** 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:** open.

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

**Oakland** Mar 15, Apr 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, *paulbikegeek@gmail.com*.

**Pittsburg Community Advisory Committee** Mar 7, Apr 4, 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.

**Pleasanton Trails Committee** Feb 26, Mar 26, 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.ca.us*.

**University of California at Berkeley** Mar 8, Apr 12, 2:30 pm, 2150 Kittredge, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, **Chair** Karl Hans, *KHans@uclink4.Berkeley.edu*; **EBBC Rep:** open. **Staff** Alicia Arellano, *alicia\_a@berkeley.edu*, 510-643-4949.

**Walnut Creek** Apr 11, 7:00 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor conf. Room, City Hall, 1666 N. Main. **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 must soon coalesce to revise the Countywide Bicycle Pedestrian Plan in West County. **Staff:** John Rudolph, *JohnR@ci.sanpablo.ca.us*, 510-215-3042. Contact Robert Raburn at 510-530-3444, *robertraburn@ebbc.org*, for information.

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