



EBBC Joins 4th Bore Coalition Lawsuit

Proposed mega project fails to address BART's bicycle blackout or other access and safety issues

Despite "transit first" policies in Oakland, Berkeley and San Francisco, the State's highway juggernaut seeks to ram additional highway lanes through the hills without regard for transit.

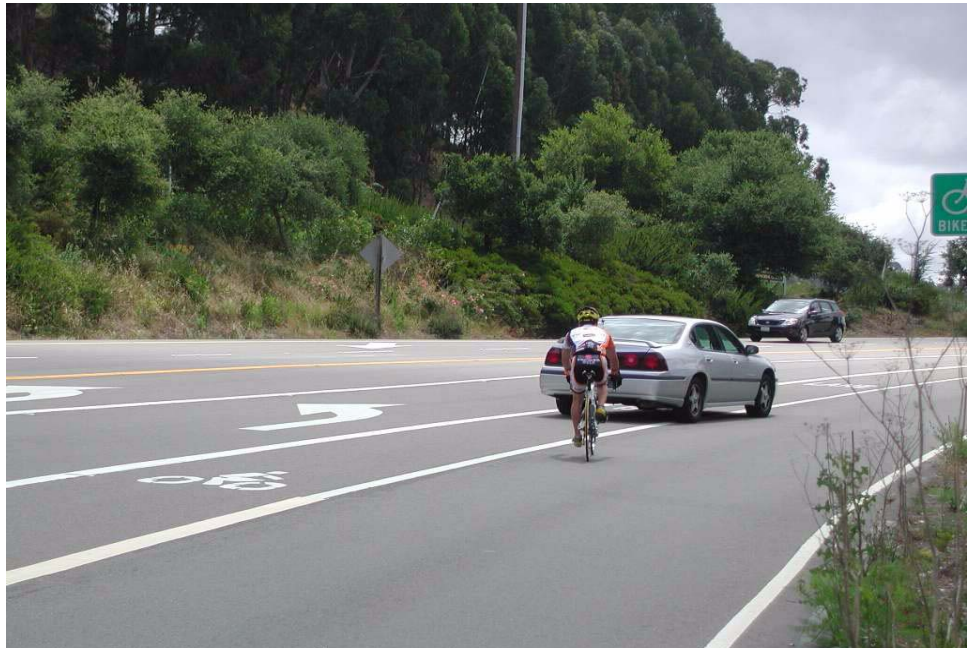
Bicyclists have been rebuffed from any access improvements, yet can expect added traffic and safety issues--along with more noise and pollution.

Even motorists have little to gain from the proposal to enhance car travel in the off-peak direction only.

The City of Oakland is filing its own lawsuit to address the numerous impacts from the proposed project.

The 4th Bore Coalition now consists of five organizations: North Hills Phoenix Association (NHPA); Rockridge Community Planning Council (RCPC); Parkwoods Community Association; Claremont-Elmwood Neighborhood Association (CENA); and EBBC. The Sierra Club Foundation will help process donations

On October 16, EBBC's Board of Directors voted to offer \$2500 in support to hire Antonio Rossmann and Stuart M. Flashman to litigate against the approval



Existing conditions for bicyclists approaching the popular Tunnel Road-Skyline Boulevard Regional Bikeway from Berkeley are bad enough without the addition of more traffic due to the addition of a 4th Caldecott Bore. Photo by Howard Matis, 4th Bore Coalition.

of the Caldecott 4th Bore as presently proposed. We call on our members to earmark an additional \$2500 in the coming months. Both attorney's are among the most capable legal minds in the Bay Area and have a solid record of defending environmental causes against Caltrans.

Joining the 4th Bore Coalition's lawsuit was not a step taken lightly. No other recourse was available for us to gain acknowledgement in the overall project plan to enhance mobility--not just high-

way capacity--in the Caldecott Corridor.

Already, we have gained Caltrans' attention as they have extended the filing period and invited litigants to negotiate possible project mitigations.

Cost-effective solutions to increase transit capacity and relieve congestion involve increased BART train frequency and Bus Only lanes. Secure bike parking at transit

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Next Meeting EBBC's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20 at the Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Avenue at Manila in Oakland. Bikes welcome inside (after hours), please use the elevator.

At 7:00pm the EBBC Board of Directors invite all interested members to the **Annual Meeting** to elect EBBC's 2008 officers and 11 Board Members. Board agenda items will include approving plans for the Holiday Party and the January Retreat. The EBBC's **General Membership Meeting** will follow at 7:30pm.

At 8:30pm we'll dim the lights to review the latest in bicycle lighting and reflector technology. Bring your favorite lights and reflectors for a comparison.

New Office at 3301 E12th St, Suite 143, Oakland. EBBC is taking a big step to increase our visibility and recognition as a transportation advocacy leader in the East Bay. Our new Fruitvale Village office is immediately adjacent to the Fruitvale BART BikeStation.

Fruitvale's dense population, Hispanic population, and widely acclaimed Transit Village design give EBBC both opportunities and challenges. Plus, the location is convenient to Alameda and Cycles of Change programs.

Since the office celebration on October 28 during Día de Los Muertos, we have already seen two new advances at Fruitvale BART: arrival of CityCarShare and installation of an accessible fare gate.



The only **good lock** is the one you use correctly. Here a U-lock secures frame, rear wheel, and removable front wheel to an immovable metal object (not a tree or bolted sign post).

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stops has been demonstrated to be the most cost-effective means of creating a mode shift to transit and bicycles.

Since 1999, EBBC has taken a very deliberate approach to assess bicyclists' access and safety needs in the Caldecott Corridor.

Starting with tours of the existing 3rd Bore fresh air duct, through our successful campaign to justify using bridge tolls for Safe Routes to Transit, EBBC can point to lengthy solicitation of input. We have spoken at length with transportation professionals, recreational riders, and bicycle commuters about their needs in the Caldecott Corridor.

Our 16-pages of assembled comments on the Caldecott Improvement Project Environmental Impact Report were largely dismissed in the response Caltrans published in August 2007.

A summary of EBBC goals in the Caldecott Corridor were submitted to the 4th Bore Coalition organizations and attorneys:

End BART's bicycle blackout. The discriminatory prohibition of bicycles--but not luggage or strollers--on BART during travel in peak commute directions is a major deterrent for CoCoCo's East of the Hills morning bicycle commuters. A PM blackout restricts afternoon travel from Alameda Co.

Fully fund SR2T. Already, thousands of bicyclists travel in the Caldecott Corridor aboard BART each day. Safe Routes to Transit projects could provide indirect bicycle access and parking needs throughout Caldecott Corridor stations and greatly increase ridership. Regionwide, the MTC estimates that 2.1 millions trips can be shifted to bicycling and walking.

Rebuild the Landvale Bridge, removed during 3rd bore construction, to reconnect Lake Temescal and Montclair with the Oakland and Berkeley neighborhoods north of SR 24.

Study Direct Bicycle Access. Develop a feasibility study for low-cost, direct bicycle access in the over 15-ft wide 3rd bore fresh air duct. Oakland to Orinda is about 12 miles via Tunnel Rd, Grizzly Peak, Fish Ranch and SR 24 shoulder, but only about 5 miles via the tunnel. and

Fully mitigate the project's impacts on traffic and bicycle safety, plus noise and air quality in the Oakland/Berkeley area.

All the above points were raised in EBBC and BFBC comments on the Draft EIR and

Prevent Bike Theft & Recover Stolen Bikes

EBBC's new online stolen bike "hot sheet" offers tools for recovery and tips to keep your bike from being stolen! Visit www.ebbc.org.

You can keep your good bike in your bedroom and only take an old beater out for rides. Or, you can do your best to lock your bike securely, and get EBBC to help when you try to recover your bike if it is stolen. Here is a quick overview:

PREVENT THEFT

- Use BikeStations or e-Lockers

An added benefit of guarded facilities or e-Lockers is that you can leave valuables on your parked bike.

- **Use a U-lock** to secure frame, rear wheel, and removable front wheel to an immovable metal object. Remember that even the best lock may only protect the part it is locked to, so use your U-lock or a separate cable to secure your wheels along with the frame. Beware that locking just the frame is inadequate.

RECOVER STOLEN BIKES

- **Record** vital information (serial number, make, model, color, description for bike, wheels), and take a photo of your bike. Put a copy of this info in your wallet, and keep a copy at home. Get a printable form at www.ebbc.org.

- **Mark** your drivers license number on the bike frame and on some parts with an engraver at our Fruitvale Village office. Put your name and contact info inside the handlebar or frame tubes. Put an EBBC (or other bike coalition) sticker on your bike.

- **Report** a stolen bike with full descriptive information and photos to the police. Post vital information and photos (but not the full serial number or your driver license number) at www.ebbc.org

SHORT REPORTS

TRANSPORTATION 2035 - The joint ABAG/MTC planning forum on October 28 was attended by 800 Bay Area transportation wonks. They heard that equitable pricing and focused growth strategies can divert auto trips to 2.1 new million bike/pedestrian trips and 700,000 new transit trips. EBBC's valet bike parking inside the Marriott hotel had great visibility and was acknowledged by the MTC Chair.

GO GREENBELT! - EBBC joins Greenbelt Alliance in promoting that the annual week-long tour around the Bay emphasize, "Protect Bicycle Habitat & Preserve Open Space." The tentative dates for the 2008 Go Greenbelt! are contemplated to shift to September 14 to 20. We seek input from our affiliated recreational clubs regarding potential date conflicts. Plus, we encourage local club membership to join in supporting this worthy cause by pledging to support the many rest stops along the 500 mile tour route. Press conferences are being planned for each day as the distinctive rider Go Greenbelt! jerseys roll through "endangered bicycle habitat." Please contact either "BikeDave" Favello at davevelo@mac.com, or Robert Raburn at 510-533-RIDE (7433).

CITYCARSHARE - The first CarShare pod to be located next to a BikeStation opened November 1st at Fruitvale BART. It offers an alternative to exclusive car ownership, and a transportation option of particular interest to those who drive only infrequently, or only occasionally need a second car. Many Alameda riders who have discovered the free guarded parking at BikeStation can now take advantage of yet another transportation option. The pod is visible from the EBBC office window, drop by to say hello!

ALAMEDA'S FERNSIDE BikeAlameda is helping orchestrate public involvement to improve the access to the bike bridge to Bay Farm Island from Fernside. On November 1 the City held a well-attended public meeting about the project resulting from recommendations that BikeAlameda made in 2005. The basic idea is to get bicyclists going to the bike bridge safely over to the east side of the Fernside Street, then replace the inadequate sidewalk approach with a multiuse path. The project is funded through the State Bicycle Transportation Account and Measure B

Funds with construction to start in the summer of 2008. For information contact BikeAlameda or call Philip Lee or Ed Sommerauer, City of Alameda, at (510) 749-5840.

GHOST BIKE - Elena Castañeda (55) was needlessly killed by a truck while riding through the dangerous Oakland intersection of San Pablo Ave at West and Isabella Streets. Since the tragic morning of August 9, 2007, EBBC's Ghost Bike had called attention to the communal loss of beautiful Elena and San Pablo Avenue's need for bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements. EBBC moved the Ghost Bike to become the focus of the Oakland Museum of California's lively annual *Días de los Muertos*, (Days of the Dead) Community Celebration on October 21. Thousands attended. An *ofrenda* (alter) to Elena is included in the museum's Ancient Roots/Urban Expressions exhibit (not including the Ghost Bike) through Dec 2. For information, please visit www.museumca.org.

EAST COUNTY E-BART - Latest cost estimates for the 21-mile eBART extension are now in the BILLION dollar range. Some comparable DMU projects: 32-mile Austin Metrorail - \$60 million (opening 2008); 22-mile San Diego Sprinter - approx \$400 million (opening 2008); 34-mile NJT River LINE - \$1 billion (opened 2004) -The latter project required reconstruction of over 20 bridges and was controversial due to high cost (did not qualify for Federal grants). General rule of thumb in Germany is around \$2m/mile to refurbish old freight line for a DMU service, and less than \$1m to build a station. Of course, their stations don't have massive parking fortresses.

EL CERRITO'S OHLONE - The Ohlone Path will be disrupted by BART's seismic retrofit work beginning in 2008. EBBC and the City of El Cerrito seek to both plan for detours around the construction and design an improved replacement for the multiuse path to comfortably accommodate bicyclists, pedestrians and joggers. A public hearing is scheduled for 7pm on November 14 at the Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Please confirm with Melanie Mintz at mem@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or (510) 215-4339.

ALBANY'S OHLONE - The Albany Strollers and Rollers appreciated seeing the Ohlone Greenway lit up by newly installed fixtures. "It is simply fantastic," said Preston Jordan. The project resulted from a combined Albany/El Cerrito grant application. It

was the largest award (almost a million dollars) of any of the grant applications submitted to the Safe Routes to Transit fund derived from the \$1 bridge toll increase. SR2T was the brainchild of the East Bay Bicycle Coalition.

HOLIDAY PARTY - Details for the early December festival will be posted at www.ebbc.org and announced at the Nov. 20 meeting. Rumor has it that EBBC's own "Team Disco" will be unveiled on the dance floor. The party will be free to all current EBBC members. Renew now at a generous level to help build our expanding influence on behalf of bicyclists.

OAKLAND PARKING KIOSKS - The pressure from EBBC and Walk Oakland Bike Oakland (WOBO) resulted in an agreement that the bike program staff would be able to select the best-situated meters to disable and leave in as interim bike parking until a more permanent solution could be devised, and funded. One problem is that there has been a lack of compliance on the part of the city staff removing meters. Apparently less than 50% of the meters marked by the bike program staff are actually being left in place. For more information see: <http://www.oaklandpw.com/Page127.aspx#racks> and contact WOBO's Mark Dieter at slimysalamanders@yahoo.com for suggestions on contacting elected officials.

BICYCLE SUNDAY - The phenomenon in Bogotá (See: Oct 2007 *rideOn*) is spreading and we urge routes like Niles Canyon to follow suit. On October 7, a 2.1 kilometer section of Santiago Chile's principal thoroughfare - commonly known as the Alameda - was closed to cars so that walkers, cyclists, skateboarders and rollerbladers can have the street to themselves. Mexico City's new mayor also adopted Bicycle Sunday.

CARQUINEZ SCENIC DRIVE has long been closed to car traffic between Crockett and Martinez. Now plans are underway by Contra Costa County Public Works and EBRPD to make bicycle access improvements. The design calls for a 10-12 ft wide paved bike path, with bridges to span the parts where the hillside has slid. Half of the estimated \$4 million cost is currently budgeted, but the remainder will likely be on the Nov 2008 ballot as part of EBRPD's Measure AA bond renewal. The present route may require portage following wet weather.

BAC CALENDAR

Compiled by: John Ruzek

John is struggling with a health issue that will not allow him to continue contributing the BAC Calendar in 2008. He inaugurated this invaluable appeal for grassroots involvement in 1994 while serving as Vice Chair. We wish him the best and acknowledge he will be impossible to replace.

Alameda County Nov 8, Dec 13, 5:30 pm, 1333 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland. Refer to <http://www.acta2002.com/meetings.html> or call staff to confirm next meeting. **Staff:** Rochelle Wheeler, 510-267-6121, RWheeler@acita2022.com.

Albany Traffic & Safety Committee Nov 29, City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, For the December meeting check the city's website: albanyca.org. **Staff:** Aleida Andrino, AChavez@albanyca.org 510-528-5759. **EBBC Rep:** Committee member Nick Pilch, nicky@mindspring.com, 510-525-3405.

BART Dec 3, Feb 4, 6 pm MTC, 101 8th Street, Oakland. Bimonthly, first Mondays. **Staff:** Laura Timothy, 510-464-6446; **Co-Chairs** Joe Carroll, Joe-the7thCarroll@lmi.net, Dave Favello, 925-939-9462, DaveVelo@mac.com, - County representatives: Alameda - Mike Jones mjcal@hotmail.com; Contra Costa - Dave Favello, Craig Hagelin 925-937-7610, Chagelin@astound.net.

Berkeley Nov 15, Dec 20, 7 pm, Transportation Commission, North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue. **Staff:** Phil Hillier, PHillier@ci.berkeley.ca.us, 510-981-7010, **Chair:** Sarah Syed, ssyed@sonic.net, 510-827-7483. **EBBC Rep:** Eric McCaughrin, emccaughrin@yahoo.com, 510-652-9968.

Brentwood Nov 28, Dec 27, 4 pm, Engineering Department, 120 Oak Street. **Staff:** Steve Kersevan, 925-516-5420, SKersevan@ci.brentwood.ca.us, **Chair:** **EBBC Rep:** David Stoeffler dstoeffler@sbcglobal.net.

California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) Dec 6, Feb 1, 10:00 - 3:00 pm, Meetings held bimonthly in Sacramento at DOT, Conference Room 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, dehhub@igc.org.

Caltrans District 4 Jan 8, Apr 8, 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:** Sean Co, MTC, sco@mtc.ca.ca.gov, 510-217-5748 **EBBC Rep** Robert Raburn, (510) 530-3444 RobertRaburn@ebbc.org.

Contra Costa County Bicycle Advisory Committee Dec 11, 5 pm **Staff:** Steve Kowalewski, 925-313-2225; **Chair:** John Ruzek, 925-939-5181, John_Ruzek@yahoo.com.

Danville Parks Commission Nov 14, Dec 12, 7 pm Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front Street, **Staff:** Marcia Sommers, MSomers@ci.danville.ca.us, 925-314-3313.

Dublin - Dublin's Citywide Bicycle Master

Plan was approved in 2007. Contact EBBC to help form an ongoing BAC. **Staff:** Ferd del Rosario, at 925-833-6637, Ferd.delRosario@ci.Dublin.ca.us.

East Bay Regional Park District (Park Advisory Committee) Nov 26, Jan 28, 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, JimGaebe@comcast.net.

El Cerrito Bicyclists who reviewed the Circulation Plan for Bicyclists and live in El

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EBBC MEMBERS GET DISCOUNTS AT AFFILIATED SHOPS

- Alameda Cycle 1522 Park St, Alameda
- Bay Area Bikes 2424 Webster St, Oakland
- Bent Spoke 6124 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland
- Bicycle Garage 4673 Thornton Ave, Fremont
- Bikes 4 Life 1344 Sunset Dr., Antioch
- Cal Bicycles 2053 First St., Livermore
- California Pedaler 495 Hartz Ave, Danville
- Castro Cyclery 20515 Stanton Ave, Castro Valley
- Cycle City 1433 High St., Alameda
- Cycle Sports 3530 Grand Ave, Oakland
- **Cycle Path** 22510 Foothill Blvd, Hayward (*new member*)
- **Cycle Path** 337 Main St, Pleasanton (*new member*)
- 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
- Pioneer Bike Shop, 11 Rio Vista Avenue, Oakland
- 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
- Tip Top Bike Shop, 4800-A Telegraph Avenue, Oakland
- Velo Sport 1650 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley
- Wheels of Justice Cyclery 2024 Mountain Blvd, Oakland
- wheelgirl 1714 Fourth Street, Sore C, Berkeley
- 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.

Concord Naval Weapons Station

Save Mt Diablo has been leading the coalition-building efforts to influence development plans for the upland portion of the former military base. Some proposals have sought to expand Concord's population by 25% while retaining very little open space.

Save Mt Diablo reported, "our efforts were successful," following the Oct 9 City Council Meeting. Over the past several weeks we asked supporters to contact the City of Concord and its Community Advisory Commission about the Reuse Plan for the 5,100-acre Concord Naval Weapons Station. We also asked advocates to attend two meetings, urging the City to add environmental alternatives to the plans that will be studied.

The Commission voted 18-2 to include two open space alternatives, one with 72% open space and one with 81%, and the City Council voted 3-1 to do so. Now an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared. Stay tuned as this process will take some time and we'll need your help again in the future; the real choices will come in the future.

EBBC's platform calls for a sustainable Concord Naval Weapons Station redevelopment with good access to the existing North Concord BART Station.

The former CNWS should offer existing and future Concord residents transportation options that are healthy and reduce greenhouse emissions. The plans must include both internal and external connections via on-street bikeways with bike lanes. Off-road multiuse paths, while welcome, are costly to build and maintain, and can only meet a portion of the non-motorized transportation needs. Prioritization of bicycle and pedestrian projects should acknowledge existing programs like Safe Routes to Transit, Safe Routes to Schools and connections to the Delta Trails network.

Focus on Pleasanton

James Van Dyke shares the dissatisfaction that many of us feel when accommodation of bicyclists is denied by local government. He has taken a proactive approach and formed PTown-BikeAdvocates.

This busy individual has been electronically strategizing with EBBC for almost a year and recently met us during a Transportation Fair at the Hacienda Business Park where EBBC had a table. The following is a report from James.

I know it's been a while since we've had a meeting, but don't let that fool you...important things are happening with PTown-BikeAdvocates behind the scenes.

We had a meeting with the mayor, which went well and a review is posted at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ptown-bikeadvocates/messages> tomorrow.

PTownBikeAdvocates activities include:

A Board of Directors has been established that includes Greg Dunn and Bill Rose. Greg is a past member of the city trails committee and avid cyclist, and Bill is active in many volunteer efforts including City Council meetings on cycling issues (some of you might have read his comments in the local papers about the need to complete the Iron Horse Trail when the issue came up before the City Council).

James invited these two individuals because of their experience in public service and understanding of our mission, and was pleased that they have accepted. The first BOD meeting has already been held, and a meeting with City leaders is planned as one of many kickoff steps. BOD terms will be one year, and at the end of the one-year period individuals who express an interest in serving on the Board can put their potential participation to a vote of actively participating members.

The mission statement has been updated (as of a couple weeks ago) by the Board: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ptown-bikeadvocates/>

The Board of Directors has since been working to identify specific and immediate goals that flow from our existing mission statement, such as completion of the Iron Horse Trail or Safe Routes to Schools programs (including on-street bike-ways).

Our mission of encouraging more bicyclists to use the outstanding EBBC hazards reporting site has born results (visit http://ebbc.org/hazard_reports and you'll see that prior to our founding few hazards were posted from the Tri-Valley area). We've now effectively expanded this function "over the ridge", to adjacent areas such as Livermore, Danville, San Ramon, unincorporated Alameda County and others).

Since our founding in April 2007 we're seeing a bounty of bicycling improvements in Pleasanton. While much remains to be done, the City has been making great strides and deserves our thanks. Here are five major examples of recent improvements:

- 1) Saint John St south of Arroyo Del Valle is now striped for bike lanes, and the once-dangerous uneven pavement at the storm grates has been repaired.
- 2) The west end of Vineyard (at Valley) has many lane improvements, and the nearby ped lane at Touriga is great!
- 3) Valley between Busch road and Santa Rita is now striped, which is a big improvement!
- 4) Stoneridge between Hopyard has undergone strong improvements
- 5) Valley between Santa Rita and Hopyard had bike lanes striped just a few months ago

- James Van Dyke

Minutes

of the General Membership Meeting on October 16, 2007.
Rockridge Library, Oakland

EBBC General Membership Meeting

started at 7:30.

Board members present:

Rick, Tom, Mary, Leo, Craig, Steve, Bike D., Bill, Eric, Leo

Announcements

- Bay Trail quarterly meeting recently - looking for more funds, and connector links to other trails

- EBBC contracted with MTC to offer valet bike parking (VBP) at Transportation 2035 event on Oct 26. EBBC hired Brian Toy as the VBP Site Supervisor.

- Mike Jones passed around a suggested new graphic look for rideOn, for later discussion

Membership committee - Leo

Committee met tonight before the general meeting. We set a goal of 2009 members by 2009. Actions to get there include: increased renewal mailings, ask each of us to get one new member by next month, work on a member survey. The committee will meet next month at 6:30 before board meeting.

EBBC's new office at Fruitvale BART

Grand opening October 28 on Día de los Muertos, with the adjacent BikeStation open 10-5. Address: Fruitvale Village, 3301 East 12th St, Suite 143, Oakland; 510-533-RIDE (7433); hours to be determined, likely M-F 10-5; mailing address will remain at PO Box 1736, Oakland 94604.

- We have desks (from CityCarShare), a display rack, two computers, a printer and fax (510-533-7432), and burglar alarm.

- We need to think about what items to offer. There is no intention to compete with shops. We are looking into periodicals, generator hubs, rain ponchos, bike utility trailers.

Caldecott 4th Bore Legal Action

Our needs have not been accepted by Caltrans. An important focus for us is the bicycle blackout on BART. Safe Routes to Transit has not been acknowledged in the

EIR.

In Oakland, the Landvale bridge was eliminated in 1960s. We need that to be replaced. Caltrans has told us it is outside the scope of the project. Traffic mitigation is needed on both sides of the tunnel, but Caltrans regards these as outside the scope, with assurance that there will be only small impacts.

Our proposal for direct access - the 3rd bore fresh-air duct - was not studied. EIR says bike access was addressed and found too costly, but they did not consider the fresh-air duct proposal; they only considered the cost of enlarging the bore to include a bike lane.

Aileen Frankel, from the North Hills Phoenix Association (property owners in the Oakland firestorm area), addressed our meeting on behalf of the 4th Bore Coalition - Caltrans expects that blasting and digging for 2 years and contractor work probably 4 years. They have ignored calls for mitigation by various organizations. So coalition plans to sue Caltrans for inadequate environmental review. Hope to compel Caltrans to figure out how to get funds to meet these other needs. Funds are needed for the lawsuit. Stu Flashman and Antonio Rossman, environmental attorneys; need \$30-50k. Also lobbying City of Oakland to file a lawsuit.

She asks for \$5k from EBBC. Would be possible for individuals to make tax-deductible contribution to a Sierra Club Foundation - await details on this. 30 days to file a lawsuit - by Nov. 15 (assuming a previous 30-day deadline was extended)

Motion to support 4th Bore Coalition - **APPROVED**

Motion to donate \$2500 to 4th Bore Coalition legal effort, with pledge to try to raise another \$2500 later through members - **APPROVED**

BABC Regional Transportation Plan platform report - Robert

We have already adopted support for

TALC's platform. There will be a series of meetings with MTC Commissioners to urge adoption of BABC platform. Sabrina Merlo from BABC will be coordinating these meetings. **Motion** to support- **APPROVED**

Board/member responsibilities

Craig is stepping down from Chair position. Robert hopes for more representation from CoCoCo, people east of the hills. As for Chair, he suggests Dave Campbell. Could pass the task of preparing agenda to vice chair.

Board search committee (Robert, Rick, Craig) will suggest Nov nominations.

BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force report - Mike Jones

Oct 1 meeting considered stair ramps (not using the Berkeley design), bike e-lockers (lots of these going in), car retrofit for Bike Space on trains, what design plans for future replacement cars, parking at Oakland and other stations (no explanation of why no bike parking within the stations)

Bike Dave, BBATF Chair, notes that the non-operator cars will wear out soonest, so BART won't want to put money into retrofitting those for bikes; so the new replacement cars are an important focus for the future.

Short reports and actions

John Ruzek has long been contributing BAC Reports - but has had to resign. Robert suggests publishing BAC Reports on our event calendar rather than paper. Could get volunteers involved in this. Ruzek deserves acknowledgement for his generous efforts. Newsletter - Jon Spangler has indicated he would like to continue working on newsletter in 2008.

Minutes of 9/07 meeting: **APPROVED** with correction of a typo.

Director report: 26 new members at Out & About Rockridge. TDA funds in Contra Costa County: Every city in CoCoCo is eligible to submit a project for Transportation Development Act funds.

Next Meeting: Tues, 11/20 at Rockridge
-Submitted by Tom Ayres, EBBC Secretary

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Cerrito should contact EBBC for background in establishing a BAC. In the meantime for bicycle-related questions, please contact Melanie Mintz, Department of Public Works, 510-215-4339, mmintz@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

Emeryville Nov 5, Dec 3, 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.

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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:** vacant.

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

Oakland Nov 15, Dec 20, 5:30 pm at Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, see www.oaklandpw.com/bicycling/hpac.htm for room number and other information. **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 Commission Nov 8, Dec 6, 7:00 pm, City Council Chambers, 65 Civic Ave **EBBC Rep:** Ole Ohlson, BruceOleOhlson@hotmail.com, (925) 439-5848, **Staff:** Paul Reinders, PReinders@ci.Pittsburg.ca.us, 925-252-4822.

Pleasanton Trails Committee 6:30 pm, council conference room, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, **Staff:** Fan Ventura (Call Fan for November meeting date), 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 Ele-

ment 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 Chair Karl Hans, KHans@uclink4.Berkeley.edu; Call staff for date. **Staff** Alicia Arellano, alicia_a@berkeley.edu, 510-643-4949. **EBBC Rep:** open

Walnut Creek Nov 14, Dec 12, 7:00 pm, 3rd 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 contribute to revise the Countywide Bicycle Pedestrian Plan in West County. Cyclists wishing to participate in the process should contact EBBC and John Rudolph, **Staff,** JohnR@ci.sanpablo.ca.us, 510-215-3042 for further information.

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