



## “Twenty in Ten: Strengthening America’s Energy Security” in the State of the Union Address, Jan. 23, 2007 - LAB Response

When President Bush outlined his commitment to “cutting-edge technologies” that will move America toward his goal of a 20 percent reduction in gas consumption in 10 years, he forgot that one of the most energy-efficient, congestion-reducing vehicles in the world is sitting in the garages of most American families already: the bicycle.

“The best way to zero out carbon dioxide emissions is not to make them in the first place. We’re not suggesting everyone give up their car or truck and start bicycling 30 miles to work each day,” says Andy Clarke, executive director of the League of American Bicyclists. “But the reality is that more than one-quarter of all U.S. trips are one mile or less, and right now most of those trips are made by car. If each resident of a typical American community of 100,000 replaced a car trip with a bike trip just once a month, localities such as [Concord and Hayward, CA] would cut carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions by 3,764 tons of per year\*. That’s rapid progress.”

Modest investments in encouraging bicycle use pay great dividends.

Between 1990 and 2000, the number of bicycle commuters in San Francisco dou-

## Emeryville’s New Bike Boulevards



*Thanks to an active BPAC, responsive staff, and supportive elected officials, Emeryville is the latest city to adopt bike boulevard designs for shared roadways. Bicyclists are guided by purple directional signs that match the signs in Berkeley. Large on-street markings warn motorists and give bicyclists comfort. In Berkeley, chalk markings often transform “BLVD” to “BeLoVeD.” Photos courtesy of Peter Schultze-Allen, City of Emeryville.*

bled, and the number of bicyclists riding in Portland, Ore., has increased four-fold since the early 1990s after the city striped bike lanes, provided bike parking and implemented education and promotional programs.

o Thanks to progressive transportation policies in Boulder, Colo., there has been little



increase in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) since 1989 – in stark contrast to the inexorable rise in VMT in the Denver region as a whole.

o A recent comparison of more than 20 cities by the League of American Bicyclists revealed that communities that tend to be

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**NEXT MEETING** EBBC’s next General Membership Meeting begins at 7:30pm Tuesday, February 20 in Room 171 at the **MTC MetroCenter**, 101 Eighth Street opposite Lake Merritt BART. Bike welcome inside.

At 8:30pm our special guest speaker, Dave Ellison, Recruitment Coordinator for the AIDS/Lifecycle Ride [delison@aidslifecycle.org](mailto:delison@aidslifecycle.org) (415) 581-7087, will share information about the ride (including a short, cool, inspiring video). The ride is important to its beneficiaries both for its tremendous fundraising accomplishments and as a highly effective AIV/AIDS education and prevention tool. Guaranteed to be a fun and informative presentation.

**AIDS/Lifecycle 6** is a 7-day, 545-mile fundraising cycling event from San Francisco to Los Angeles June 3-9, 2007 (<http://www.aidslifecycle.org/>). With 2000+ riders and a support crew of 450, it will raise over \$9 million dollars for the beneficiaries and producers, which are the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the HIV/AIDS services of the L. A. Gay & Lesbian Center.

Participants from 38 states and 8 countries rode or crewed in last year’s event. Many are first-time riders, and while enthusiastic about the cause, they often join the event to improve their health and fitness. Riders range from 18 to 74 years in age and must train for several months and raise a minimum of \$2500 each.





Amtrak California Cars now feature exterior signs that indicate the bike-rack capacity of each car. Regular riders on the Capital trains often secure more bikes inside using bungee cords.



Join the planning to help our 2007 celebration capture public attention!

**CALL FOR EVENTS** - Let us know about events you may be planning as part of Bike-to-Work Day (May 17, 2007) or during the month of May (or late April) in order to get the event info listed on our County BTWD Poster. This year, we will have much more space on the BTWD Posters to list county-specific information. The posters are distributed in the thousands throughout the county and we really want to promote your events.

If you haven't started yet or are not sure what you want to do this year, please call Dave Campbell, our Vice-chair.

For each event, simply send us the following information: Event Name, Location, Website (if there is one), and a good graphic if you have one.

Here is a list of events currently in the

planning stages (to help spark your imagination):

- Oakland Pancake Breakfast and Lunchtime Event
- Bike Day at the Farmer's Market (Berkeley)
- Hidden Gems of Berkeley Bike Ride
- Kids Bike Rodeo (San Pablo Park)
- Oakland Museum Bike Trippers Tour
- Bicycle Safety Classes (LAB Road I)
- Novice Bike Rides with Clubs
- Bicycle Film Festival
- Workplace Commuter Challenge
- Pedal Pools with Elected Officials

**CALL FOR ENERGIZER STATIONS-** For Energizer Stations this year, we're asking everyone to submit an Application Form (available online at [ebbc.org/btwd](http://ebbc.org/btwd)) that will allow us to better serve you and to be a little more strategic with our Energizer Stations this year. Please fill this out and send it back to Dave Campbell, our Vice-chair at [dcampbel@lmi.net](mailto:dcampbel@lmi.net).

**Deadlines:** You have until April 12 for the Energizer Station information. For Event information your deadline is Feb 20 to get your event listed on the County BTWD Poster.

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more bicycle-friendly have four times the level of bicycle commuting and significantly higher levels of physical activity than those that have done little to encourage bicycling.

At the federal level, the Bush administration and Congress can immediately kick-start efforts to promote bicycle use in place of the shortest, most polluting and damaging car trips by:

- o Funding the \$6.2-million Conserve by Bicycling program authorized by the 2005 Energy Policy Act; this program would study the effectiveness of different education and encouragement programs in replacing car trips with bike trips.

- o Extending the commuter tax subsidies enjoyed by drivers and transit users to bicyclists.

- o Ensuring state departments of transportation quickly and fully implement the Safe Routes to School program established in 2005 to increase bicycling and walking to school and reduce the congestion, pollution and energy use caused by the huge number of very short car trips to and from schools.

State and local governments also can actively contribute to the 20 percent reduction in gasoline usage called for by the President by:

- o Creating bicycling networks of striped on-street bike lanes and multi-use trails

- o Adopting Complete Streets policies to ensure every new and improved road accommodates bicyclists

- o Setting a measurable target to increase bicycle use

- o Educating bicyclists and motorists to share the road.

For more information, contact Andy Clarke, 202/822-1333 office, 571/213-5422 cell or Elizabeth Preston, 202/822-1333.

The League of American Bicyclists is the national organization of bicyclists founded in 1880 to promote and protect the rights of bicyclists.

*\* The data, released in a May 2001 study by the League of American Bicyclists, came from the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Energy, and Federal Highways Administration's National Personal Transportation Survey. Some 20 pounds of CO2 are emitted per gallon of gasoline used for driving a motor vehicle, according to the EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality.*

## SHORT REPORTS

**CONGRESSMAN OBERSTAR** - The avid cycling Representative from Minnesota, James Oberstar, was selected to chair the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. In a recent action, Oberstar added "bike lockers" to the list of airport projects eligible for funding from a \$3.5 billion FAA fund. He was compelled by the news about 70-year old Paul Casperson who locked his bike at the Minneapolis airport, but returned to find that overzealous airport security had removed the bike by cutting the frame into pieces.

**HIGHWAY \$\$\$** - Passage of Prop 1B will lead to the expenditure of an unprecedented \$20 billion in bonds on transportation. Particularly ominous is the \$4.5 billion Corridor Mobility Improvement Program (CMIP), which will lavish money on any Eisenhower-era highway widening project that "improves the connectivity of the state highway system between rural, suburban, and urban areas." Furthermore, the Governor proposes an urgency act to appropriate \$523 million in the remaining months of this fiscal year for the CMIP. Add lanes first, ask questions later. Such spending to promote sprawl and increased driving clashes with the MTC's Smart Growth policies, the [California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006](#) and Federal goals to combat global warming. The EBBC will join many other groups in raising these issues as we focus our efforts to control the damage that such projects typically mean for those who bicycle, walk, or take transit.

**COMPLETE STREETS** - Together with the California Bicycle Coalition (CBC), the EBBC has identified a two-prong approach to make policy changes that will guarantee that all transportation projects enhance bicycle access and safety on a routine basis. The first step is the CBC's efforts to strengthen the language in Caltrans' Deputy Directive-64, adopted in 2001, to insure that state highway projects "provide for," rather than merely "consider," the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians. By the time you read this, we should also have a legislative sponsor for our Complete Streets bill to amend the codes for Circulation Elements of General Plans with "Routine Accommodation" language similar to the policy we successfully passed in the Bay Area's MTC in 2006. Visit: [www.calbike.org](http://www.calbike.org).

**CLIMATE CHANGE** - Following on a visit from Al Gore in November 2006 hosted by the Air District, four major agencies in charge of Bay Area transportation, land use and pollution reduction are jointly soliciting ideas on what leadership changes are needed and what policy actions can be taken to halt global warming (see next item). Already, subscribers to EBBC-talk have shared that the "status quo" must change to make certain that roads provide adequate room for bicyclists and that secure bike parking become commonplace at popular destinations. Now is the time to question the "sacred cow" roadway design principles that mandate wide lanes, foster curb-side parking, and prioritize auto travel with Level of Service measures that ignore other road users. Without overturning these institutional barriers to bicycle access and safety, numerous "gaps" in the bikeway network will continue to hinder many from becoming everyday bicyclists.

**CLIMATE CHANGE WORKSHOP** - A Joint Policy Committee (MTC, ABAG, BAAQMD, and BCDC) is developing a set of initiatives which the Bay Area, acting collectively as a region, can undertake to deal with the issues of climate change and global warming. To receive ideas from the public and stakeholders, the JPC will be holding a workshop from 9:00am to noon on Friday, Feb 16, 2007 at the MTC MetroCenter, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland.

**MARTINEZ** - Of the 33 incorporated cities in the East Bay, Martinez stands out for promoting their 2 annual Martinez Celebrates Cycling on Feb 10, 2007. Locals and visitors participate in the Alhambra Valley Tour, watch exciting racing, and visit the booths of supportive businesses. Thanks to on-street bikeways and shoreline trails, Martinez is also convenient to visit without a car and the EBBC's valet bike parking is popular. Plus up to 44 Amtrak trains stop in Martinez each day, a dividend from Prop 116 passed by the voters in 1990 with EBBC support.

**N. RICHMOND WORKSHOP** - The Shoreline Coalition will host many groups seeking access in the General Plan from 3-6pm, Feb 22, 2007 at the North Richmond Senior Center, 515 Silver Ave, Richmond. For more information contact Rich Walkling at (415) 693-3000 ext 109 or [rpw@n-h-i.org](mailto:rpw@n-h-i.org).

**BERKELEY BIKE BLVDs** - Berkeley's bike boulevards and some local home-grown bike advocates are famous! Clarence Eckerson Jr. produced a documentary film (see: "streetfilms" on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)). For bicyclists wondering how the Bike Boulevards differ from a shared-lane bike route (designated in CA as Class III), the answer is not just the on-street markings, but the diversion of traffic at one or more intersections. With lower traffic, most of the stop signs can be removed or replaced with traffic circles to facilitate through bicycle travel while still controlling cross traffic. Our experience to date, is that a network of Bike Boulevards is most appropriate for grid pattern streets, where the bike boulevards can offer parallel routes to nearby arterials.

Berkeley bicyclists (organized by BFBC), elected officials, and staff are to be commended for the rapid genesis from a plan in the late 1990s to the implementation of a network of 7 crosstown routes.

**EAST BAY FERRY** - The ongoing environmental evaluation by the Water Transportation Authority (WTA) of four potential East Bay ferry terminals--Buchanan, Gilman, and two University Ave sites--should be allowed to proceed to completion, including sites in Albany. "To do otherwise is just plain stupid," said "Bike" Dave Favello.

In 2002 the EBBC endorsed expanded ferry service with the conditions that the service is friendly to the environment, to bicyclists, and to the Bay Trail. We emphasized that new ferries include on-board bicycle storage, bicycle parking at terminals, plus bicycle and pedestrian access across freeway and rail barriers near the shoreline. In Nov 2004, voters approved **Regional Measure 2** to reduce bridge congestion by funding WTA.

**SAFE ROUTES TO TRANSIT** grant program is pleased to announce its second Call for Projects with \$4 million available. Funded through **Regional Measure 2**, the \$20 million Safe Routes to Transit Program is jointly coordinated between the EBBC and the Transportation and Land Use Coalition. SR2T funds ped/bike projects that reduce congestion on Bay Area bridge corridors by improving access and safety for bicyclists and pedestrians to and from regional transit stations. Encourage your jurisdiction to submit an applications by 3pm. on Monday, April 3.

## BAC Calendar

Compiled by: John Ruzek

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

**Albany Traffic & Safety Committee** Feb 22, Mar 22, City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, (Call Staff to confirm the Nov 30 meeting date.) **Staff:** Aleneida Andrino, (510) 528-5759, [AChavez@albanyca.org](mailto:AChavez@albanyca.org). **EBBC Rep:** Committee member Nick Pilch, [nicky@mindspring.com](mailto:nicky@mindspring.com).

**BART** Feb 5, April 2, 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@yahoo.com](mailto:EMcCaughrin@yahoo.com); Contra Costa - Dave Favello, Craig Hagelein 925-937-7610, [Chagelin@astound.net](mailto:Chagelin@astound.net).

**Berkeley** Feb 7, Mar 7, 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 [DCampbel@lmi.net](mailto:DCampbel@lmi.net).

**Brentwood** Feb 22, April 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 [dstoeffler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dstoeffler@sbcglobal.net).

**California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC)** Feb 8, April 12, 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 Hubsmit, 415-454-7430, [debhub@igc.org](mailto:debhub@igc.org).

**Caltrans District 4** April 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, 510-464-7846, [SCo@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:SCo@mtc.ca.gov); **EBBC**

Rep Robert Raburn, (510) 530-3444 [RobertRaburn@ebbc.org](mailto:RobertRaburn@ebbc.org).

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

**Danville Parks Commission** Feb 14, Mar 14, 7 pm Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front Street, **Staff:** Tai Williams, 925-314-3313, [TWilliams@ci.danville.ca.us](mailto:TWilliams@ci.danville.ca.us). **Chair:** open.

**Dublin** Dublin's Citywide Bicycle Master Plan will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on either Feb 13 or Feb 27, and by the City Council on either Mar 6 or Mar 20. Both the Planning Commission and City

Council meetings begin 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) Feb 26, Mar 26, 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** The city does not currently have a Bicycle Advisory Committee. For

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### DISCOUNT BIKE SHOPS

- Alameda Cycle 1522 Park St, Alameda
- Bay Area Bikes 2424 Webster St, Oakland **new location in 2007**
- Bicycle Garage 4673 Thornton Ave, Fremont
- Bikes 4 Life 1344 Sunset Dr., Antioch
- Cal Bicycles 2053 First St., Livermore
- California Pedaler 495 Hartz Ave, Danville
- Castro Cyclery 20515 Stanton Ave, Castro Valley
- Cycle City 1433 High St., Alameda
- Cycle Sports 3530 Grand Ave, Oakland
- Danville Bike 115 Hartz Ave, Danville
- Dublin Cyclery, 7001 Dublin Blvd, Dublin
- Hank & Frank Bicycles 3377 Mount Diablo Blvd, Lafayette
- Hank & Frank Bicycles 6030 College Ave, Oakland
- Lamorinda Cyclery 232 Brookwood Rd, Orinda
- Left Coast Cyclery 2928 Domingo Ave, Berkeley
- Livermore Cyclery 7214 San Ramon Blvd, Dublin
- Livermore Cyclery 2752 First St, Livermore
- Mike's Bikes 2133 University Ave, Berkeley
- Mike's Bikes 1150 Contra Costa Blvd, Pleasant Hill
- Missing Link 1988 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley
- Montano Velo 4266 Piedmont Ave, Oakland
- The Pedaler 3826 San Pablo Dam Rd., El Sobrante
- Pegasus Bicycle Works 439 Railroad Ave, Danville
- Pleasant Hill Cyclery 1100-C Contra Costa Blvd, Pleasant Hill
- Real Bicycles 3506-B Old Santa Rita Rd, Pleasanton
- Robinson Wheelworks 1235 MacArthur Blvd, San Leandro
- San Leandro Cyclery 471 E 14th St, San Leandro
- Schwinn City 814 A St., Antioch
- Sharp Bicycle 969 Moraga Rd., Lafayette
- Solano Avenue Cyclery 1554 Solano Ave, Albany
- Stone's Cyclery 2320 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda
- Velo Sport 1650 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley
- Wheels of Justice Cyclery 2024 Mountain Blvd, Oakland
- Witts Bicycle Shop 22125 Mission Blvd, Hayward

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



## Progress Reported from 2006 - Six New Campaigns Adopted -EBBC 2007 Retreat

On Jan. 27, 2007 our annual retreat met in the MTC auditorium in Oakland for a busy day of planning. Most (9 of 11) of the 2007 EBBC board members were present, plus super volunteers Ron Bishop, Lucy Gigli, Ian McDonald, Pat Raburn, and Jon Spangler, and our ED, Robert Raburn. After introductions and a review of EBBC history, most of the day (aside from a Vietnamese lunch) was devoted to the EBBC campaigns – reviewing progress on our 7 campaigns from 2006, and discussing proposed additional campaigns for 2007.

**THE 7 CAMPAIGNS FROM 2006** are listed at our website, and progress reports have been made throughout the year in our newsletters as well as through our email list and at the website. All of those campaigns can be considered as on-going:

- **Bay Bridge West Span** – SFBC has succeeded in getting approval for a west span access study, which should help move the process along.
- **Richmond San Rafael Bridge** access – Talks with Caltrans are continuing.
- **Caldecott Tunnel / Highway 24 Crossing** – EBBC comments on the EIR urge access (both direct – riding through the mountain, and indirect – more bus and/or BART support) and mitigation for the traffic impact. We promote two low-cost direct access options (using either the existing fresh air duct or the new emergency construction walkway). *MOTION APPROVED* to continue our current policy on this issue.
- **Alameda-Oakland Connection** – Thanks to the hard work by Bike Alameda, there will be a water shuttle beginning in 2008 (with 1 year of funding guaranteed so far), a coalition of supporting groups is growing, and the city of Alameda is seeking funds for a feasibility study for a long-term solution.
- **Military Ocean Terminal** shoreline access – Senate Bill 1024, signed by the governor, promotes cyclist access through the terminal area north of Concord (if all

goes well), but more complicated issues loom with respect to a very large upland area to be opened for development (see BRAC discussion below).

- **Routine Accommodation** of bicycles in all transportation projects – Following MTC policy approval, a draft Routine Accommodation checklist for all projects that depend on regional funds is now being reviewed. Planning staff will be required to fill out the checklist for each project, and bike/ped advisory committees will be able to review the results and comment.
- **West County Plan and BAC** – Unfortunately, the focus for the near term will be on revising the countywide bike plan rather than getting BACs involved. EBBC will try to stay involved in the process.

**THE 6 NEW CAMPAIGNS** were proposed and discussed, and the board *approved a motion* to adopt these in 2007 (in addition to the existing campaigns). In brief:

- Support and work with CBC regarding **Complete Streets** legislation and the Deputy Directive DD-64. Both of these efforts are consistent with EBBC's focus on routine accommodation – to make sure that bicycle access is required rather than just considered for new projects (particularly projects funded by the new Prop 1B bond measure). Jon Spangler noted that cities in Alameda County are involved in reviewing greenhouse emissions (see [www.iclei.org](http://www.iclei.org)), and that this may be one means for us to connect with local governments on bicycle access issues.
- **Based Realignment and Closure** (BRAC) in Concord and West Alameda where large areas are about to be transformed for development, promising relatively huge population surges. Concord must conduct their planning process in a very short time (less than 18 months), and each city will likely turn the work over to a single developer. This could offer exciting opportunities for sensible development with excellent bicycle, pedestrian, and transit facilities, but it could also be a disaster. EBBC hopes to join with allies such as TALC, Greenbelt Alliance, and others in efforts to contribute to the planning process for each community.
- **Regional Transportation Plan** – MTC is working on a new funding plan for 2009,

to replace the last plan (passed in 2004, with \$200 million provided for the bicycle master plan out of over \$1 billion in identified needs). The RTP will focus on land use and transit development. TALC wants to start working on the 2009 plan, so this is a good time for EBBC to get involved in order to represent cycling interests.

- **Measure AA** (East Bay Regional Park District) – The current Measure AA was passed in 1988 and provided \$225 million. The park district is considering a renewal measure for the 11/07 ballot. EBBC can work with EBRPD to ensure the expenditure plan addresses our needs, working together with the Bicycle Trails Council, Bay Trail and local communities.
- **CoCo Countywide Bicycle Plan** – This plan, drawn up about 3 years ago by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority, urges constructive planning regarding cycling but doesn't include any requirements nor specify more than a handful of streets as priority targets for improvement. The revision represents an opportunity for the EBBC to improve the new plan by building in routine accommodation principles and perhaps by insisting that "routes of regional importance" (as identified by CCTA) are important for cyclists as well. We expect greater public input and a stronger emphasis in West CoCoCo.
- **Parade Permits** in Alameda County – This problem came to the fore in 2006, and the annual Mount Hamilton Challenge was saved from a challenge by the county sheriff's office. Considerable effort may be needed to ensure that recreational cycling clubs can continue to hold their daily and weekly rides, as well as periodic or annual major events, without facing a prohibitively complex and costly permit process.

In other matters, briefly, the Board *approved a motion* to repeat the set of donations we made in 2006 to 19 of 21 organizations, boosting Greenbelt Alliance and Save Mt Diablo each from \$50 to \$100; review of the treasurer's reports was deferred to the next monthly meeting, and all EBBC members are urged to help with our numerous public events in 2007 – check [ebbc.org](http://ebbc.org) for details.

## Minutes

of the Board and General Membership Meetings on  
January 16, 2007. Rockridge Library, Oakland

**BOARD MEETING** started at 7:05.

**Annual Retreat** plans for Jan 27, 2007:

Plan is for attendee sign-in at 9:30 – meeting to start at 10am and will run thru 4pm. Lunch break at 1pm and Dave F will confirm nearby restaurant to accommodate 15 people +/-.

Robert said the main goal at the retreat is to decide upon the campaigns for 2007 and what to accomplish. Will also approve donations to 20-25 org's usually \$50-\$100 range.

Sample agenda: Donations, Campaigns, and Calendar of events for 2007.

Other suggestions – membership growth ideas, by-laws review, meeting attendance/participation.

**Newsletter Editor:** Robert asked Jon Spangler, a professional editor to provide quote. Dave Campbell did January. Mary is doing data (list) entry. Current deadline for submissions is last Friday of the month. Dave F suggests we do a trial period with Jon Spangler after we receive a quote. Consensus was to proceed along that route provided the quote is reasonable.

Meeting room for February – Dave Ellison will speak at Feb 20 meeting; Jason Patton, Oak's Program Mgr, for March (on Oakland's bike plan). Where to meet? MTC-room 171 was 1st choice, BCAT 2<sup>nd</sup> choice.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP** Meeting started at 7:30.

**Bike2Work Month:** Jennifer S announced Bike to Work Month, Monday/Tuesday CBC May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> - Pedal Power at State Capitol for cyclists to present show of force to legislators. Also, City of Oakland is looking for Bike Parking Racks – send Jennifer suggestions.

**Routine Accommodation:** Dave C described new policy that MTC has adopted for Bay Area and progress on a draft 10-question checklist. Final issue is process – how to review? BPACs can (should) review, then the project's sponsors provide feedback.

**2007 Legislation:** 3 items: Complete Streets, AB60 & Pennies for Potholes.

- **Complete Streets:** Transportation Bond threatens to create new barriers that do *not*

improve our access. CBC looking for sponsor of bill. Will also tie in w/Pedal Power to give bicycling constituents opportunity to take message to legislators in Sacramento.

- **AB60:** Controversial Safe Passing bill has organized opponents. Assemblyman Pedro Nava (Santa Barbara) wants to codify 3' passing range. Behooves us to work with him since he's chairman of the Transportation Committee.

- **Pennies for Potholes:** \$0.10/gal for local street & road improvements (no fwys, repair focus). There was a bill last year from the East Bay, with our support – which passed – but vetoed by governor.

Dave C requested motions on each bill. **Complete Streets** and **Pennies for Potholes** moved as proposed, support for **AB60** w/amendments (perhaps involving driver or bicyclist education). All 3 motions passed unanimously.

**State Budget spillover:** Robert R described that with extra tax \$ in, state law stipulates that extra is to go to transit. He is working w/Transportation & Land Use Coalition (TALC) to ensure that happens.

**Bike to Work Day:** May 17 – Dave C recommends that EBBC be the coordinator for Alameda County (BFBC did it last year). Presented logo (basically 2006's but different color), explained team bike challenge, and possible new marketing if funding is increased from \$6k. Dave C. wants to invite 511 CoCoCo to March meeting. Team Bike Challenge, Bike Commuter of the Year, Bike Safety Classes. Dave F moved that EBBC sponsor coordination for Alameda County. Passed unan.

**Safe Routes to Transit:** Dave C explained that the overall program calls for \$20 mil in SR2T spending from voter-approved RM-2 bridge toll. Deadline for proposals is April 3rd. EBBC & TALC charged with administering funding of projects in second cycle (\$4 million). We award innovative proposals. TALC's website (transcoalition.org) has all the information.

**Tour of CA:** We had a big say last year and lots of new members in one day by

tabling & parking bikes in Martinez. This year the Tour neither starts nor stops in Alameda or Contra Costa Counties but will pass thru Patterson Pass on Wednesday, Feb 21. Hope to table an event in San Jose & sell maps to the many East Bay attendees--if we're welcomed by SVBC. Few other options for participation – 1) stand out on Patterson Pass (not an exciting race segment) or 2) go over to SF for the prolog (but that event has nothing to do w/Ala. County).

**West of Hills Maps:** New volunteer – Brian Toy. Need to update gov't agencies' listings – websites & location of city halls. Mike J volunteered. Weekly Sat meetings at Raburn home.

**Mokelumne Aqueduct:** Background - SR4 Bypass severed the road that served as major route for cyclists. EIR mandated a bridge replacement. EBBC already helped get \$1.5 mil from MTC to go toward \$4 mil for bridge. Brentwood Traffic Engineer and Caltrans have assured Ole said bridge "will be built and trans authority will pay for it." Kudos and applause went to the tireless Ole for making the responsible parties accountable.

**Richmond Shoreline** Gen'l Plan Meeting: Jan 18 – very important meeting – call for volunteers. RR will get there by 7:30 for "elevator speech". Another issue is Carlson Blvd.

**Park Blvd** above Leimert lacks bicycle and pedestrian access. Prior to earthquake, EBBC had support for improvements to viaducts. *Send encouraging note of support to Councilmember Jean Quan* – Jennifer S said there's not even available right of way yet! Will have meeting at 5201 Park Blvd, on Saturday January 22, 2007, 9am to noon.

**Richmond:** Bill P that the Richmond Greenway not open yet but looks good so far. Richmond Annex Neighborhood supports Carlson Blvd bike lanes, but the actual lane configuration remains undetermined.

**Martinez Celebrates Cycling:** Feb 10 – wanted valet parking. Steve & Bill volunteered trailer/truck to haul racks and there was an overall enthusiasm for supporting the event.

Meeting's business portion ended at 8:45, and Robert's engaging slide show of Argentina began. Adjourn at 9:30.

-Submitted by Ian McDonald, on behalf of Thomas J. Ayres, EBBC Secretary

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**Livermore** (BAC being formed) Call Community Development Department,

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**Oakland** Feb 15 Mar 15, 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, PRussel@excite.com.

**Pittsburg Community Advisory Committee** Feb 7, Mar 7, 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** Feb 8, 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.

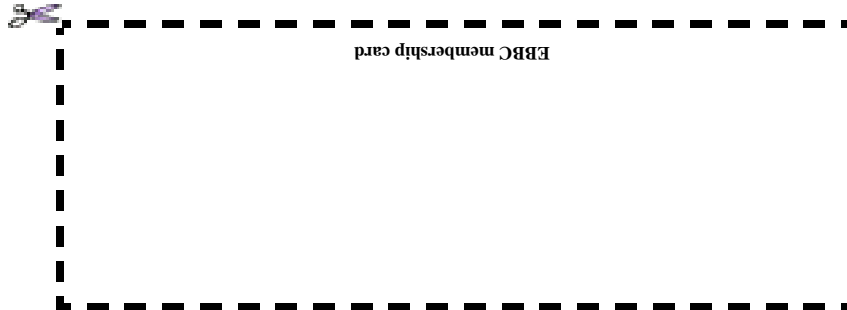
**Walnut Creek** Feb 14, Mar 14, 7:00 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor conf. Room, City Hall, 1666 N. Main. **Staff:** John Hall, Community Development, 925-943-5899 x 206; Hall@walnut-creek.org, **Chair** Gary Locke 925-288-2499, Gary.Locke@shawgrp.com **EBBC Rep:** Dave Favello, DaveVelo@aol.com.

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