**GROUNDBREAKING IN SAN LEANDRO**

✿ Long-awaited Bay Trail Bridge  
✿ “Oakland Airport Connector with broad public support.”  
✿ Proposal to name bridge after the “Father of the Bay Trail,” Bill Lockyer, CA State Treasurer  
✿ Dedication by May 2010

Life doesn’t get any better than to spend an afternoon at Oyster Bay Regional Shoreline in San Leandro. Soon, this sterling park will be connected with Oakland’s Martin Luther King Jr Regional Shoreline via a new Bay Trail bridge over the San Leandro Slough.

The new 350 foot-long bridge will offer a critical commuter link to the Oakland International Airport, Oakland’s Edgewater Business Park, and San Leandro’s Davis Street workplaces.

The bridge closes a gap in the 13-miles of Bay Trail from Hayward’s bike/ped Mitigation Bridge over SR 92, to Oakland’s Fruitvale Ave. Alameda’s Bay Farm Island residents will also benefit from the expanded bikeway network that connects with the Ron Cowan Parkway.

EBBC’s involvement began in 1999 when the complex project was initially proposed to touch down on properties owned by East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), the Port of Oakland, and the City of San Leandro. We pushed for safe connections on Doolittle Dr and the then-proposed Airport Dr (now Ron Cowan Parkway). Both roads now have bikeways.

Collaborative funding from 11 sources contributed to the $3.6m bridge and path extension through the Airport. The City of San Leandro deserves applause for their leadership in project planning and contributions to construction and on-going maintenance.

Supportive comments were heard among the groundbreaking attendees to name the bridge after **Bill Lockyer**, who authored enabling legislation in 1988 for the Bay Trail while serving as a State Senator from Hayward.

The bridge should be ready by Bike to Work Day in 2010. We eagerly await the dedication!

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**Next Party** You’re invited to EBBC’s Membership Appreciation Party, from 6:30-8:30 on Wednesday, August 26 hosted by Alameda County Commuter of the Year, Laura McCamy, 5514 Doyle St, Emeryville.

**Next Meeting** EBBC’s next General Membership Meeting begins at 7:30pm on Tuesday, Sept 15 at the Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Avenue in Oakland.

**Correction from last month:** If you visit and join on your birthday, we’ll buy you a locally-made ice cream!
Green Market Day

Bicycle Theme

The San Leandro Downtown Farmers’ Market has partnered with the East Bay Bicycle Coalition to bring you free bike checks, low cost repairs, and flat repair workshops on August 12th.

Enter to Win Bike Related Prizes!
Bike to the market for a prize!

Flat Repair Workshops:
6pm (30-40 min)
7pm (30-40 min)

Bring old bikes and old bike parts and donate to Cycles of Change.

4pm - 8pm
Wednesday
August 12

For more information please contact your Market Manager
1.800.949.FARM WWW.PCFMA.COM
Parrott St. & E. 14th St.

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Drive a Bike

FREE bike safety classes

...it’s back to school, gas prices are still high, and it’s a good time to GET ROLLING

Road I Classes
Learn how to share the road with cars on the busy streets of the East Bay. Adults 14 years and older.

Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda, Hayward, Fremont, San Leandro, Dublin, Richmond and Pleasanton

Family Cycling Clinics
Parents and kids learn how to ride together. All ages.

Oakland, San Lorenzo

Kids Bike Rodeos
Taught at elementary and middle schools throughout Alameda County. If your school is interested in having EBBC’s team of youth cycling instructors put on a bicycling safety clinic, contact Dave Campbell at:
safety@ebbc.org

www.ebbc.org/safety

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VOLUNTEER - EBBC has an easy online way for you to sign-up to volunteer at the many events in 2009. Visit www.ebbc.org and click “volunteer.” Below are the events in the coming month:


SAT & SUN Aug 15 & 16 Oakland Art and Soul  Valet Bike Parking, Advocacy, Bike Prize, Membership sign-up and renewal.

SUN Aug 30 Telegraph Last Sundays Fest, Berkeley  Valet Bike Parking, Advocacy, Membership sign-up and renewal.

SUN Sept 13 Solano Stroll, Berkeley & Albany  The East Bay’s biggest event will offer Valet Bike Parking at two locations by Albany Strollers & Rollers and EBBC, Advocacy, Membership sign-up and renewal.

CONTRA COSTA PLAN - “Underwhelming” is how EBBC Board member Bruce “Ole” Ohlson describes the draft Countywide Bicycle Pedestrian Plan (CBPP). EBBC’s comments on the draft focused on the following four broad requests:

• Identify Safe Routes to Transit (SR2T). Funds to implement projects that make it easy to ride to nearby transit stations cannot be allocated unless the projects are first included in the plan.

• Include more on-street bikeways. The draft plan often relies on off-road paths rather than on-street bike-ways. We like paths, but they cost 10X to build, often don’t serve important destinations, and are not open 24 hours/day.

• Include maps of bike crashes. Crash data offer important visual guides for locations that demand safety countermeasures. Such maps could even be made available on-line and updated annually.

• Offer countywide guidance for bike-route signage.

STATE PARK CLOSURES - EBBC had supported a $15 Vehicle License Fee increase dedicated for State Parks Operation that was unacceptable to the Governor. After the Legislature chopped funding for California’s state parks, the Governor used his veto power on 7/28/09 to cut $6.2 million deeper for a total of $14.2 million in reduced park funding. These cuts will mean that over 100 of California’s 280 state parks will close. The Governor had originally proposed completely eliminating state funding for the parks. These closures will constrain low-cost recreational opportunities for lower and middle-class families and decimate nearby businesses that rely on the parks for customers. Bicycle access in Mt Diablo and Benica parks remain at risk, but we will not know EXACTLY what the extent of the closures will be for a few weeks.

OAKLAND FRUITVALE AVE - On July 21, 2009 the Council approved the $2.6m plan--less bike lanes--and the Public Works Committee report that “directed staff to provide a future report with more specific information for the area between Foothill and International on possible alternatives to improve the safety and biking in that area.” The simple solution on this peculiar 3-lane section of road is to return the centerline to the center of the road!

BERKELEY - Your help needed with annual City maintenance of Bicycle Pavement Markings. Your observation skills are needed to report any pavement markings that are worn, damaged or otherwise appear to need an update. Please email Eric Anderson, Berkeley’s Bike/Ped Planner at eanderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us, to identify if bike lane markings, Bike Boulevard pavement legends, bike stencils, etc that could use refreshing. Please describe the exact location, direction, and specific marking.

BERKELEY RACKS - The City of Berkeley has funding for installation of new bike racks around the City. Installation will start first with an existing and long overdue backlog of racks, around Sept. 1st (yes, 2009), but new funding will be available when that backlog is filled. The City seeks your help identifying locations for more new racks. Send your suggested rack locations to Eric Anderson, eanderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us.

OAKLAND - The path near Laney College under I-880 is closed for 4 years while Caltrans replaces the overhead freeway that crosses 5th Ave and the Estuary Channel. EBBC and Waterfront Action worked hard during the planning for this construction to ensure that a signed detour route be marked. We also received $1m that is being held for future access improvements in the area.

SAN PABLO DAM ROAD/I-80 - EBBC’s goals for the proposed reconstruction of the I-80 interchange will make Amador St fully accessible for bicyclists from San Pablo Dam Road and provide bike lanes over the freeway. The Interchange Project Public Meeting will be held Wed, August 19, 2009, 6–8 pm at Maple Hall in San Pablo.

RICHMOND - Our main comment on the Point Molate Mixed-Use Tribal Destination Resort and Casino DEIS/DEIR calls for provision of Bay Trail connections between the project site and the community.

PLEASANTON - You have one more opportunity to review the draft Pleasanton Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan at the Parks & Recreation Commission on August 27, 2009 before the plan moves for adoption by the City Council in September.

Please renew in advance to keep your EBBC membership current.

Check your address label
Be one of the first to walk or bike across the Benicia-Martinez Bridge.

On Saturday, August 29, the new pedestrian/bicycle path on the Benicia-Martinez Bridge will officially open, and the public is invited to join in the celebration. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a ribbon-cutting in Martinez, followed by the main opening ceremony and a bicycle rodeo in Benicia. Coffee and pastries will be provided.

Please RSVP via the online Evite invitation or phone MTC/BATA Public Information at 510/817-5757. For more details on the event, directions, and how to RSVP, visit MTC's Web site at www.mtc.ca.gov.

- MTC/BATA Public Information

EBBC DIRECTIONS

Join the Grizzly Peak Cyclists for a short ride from North Concord BART to Martinez and the official opening of the bike path. The route continues to Benicia and Vallejo, and returns via the Zampa Bridge bike path. Details:

http://www.grizzlypeakcyclists.org/rides/rides.August.html

Another option is to take the Amtrak Capitol #720 arriving at 8:09 in Martinez and then ride 1-mile east on Marina Vista to the signed bridge path to Benicia.

Directions for the connecting route between Benicia and Vallejo are posted at www.ebbc.org. The Crockett to Martinez return route follows the car-free Carquinez Scenic Drive.

Bicycle Rentals now at Jack London Square!

Need a bike or two for visiting family or friends? Perhaps you could use a bike for just a couple of hours while in Oakland ($10 for 2-hours). Now you have an option as Bay Area Bikes (510-836-2311) has opened a new rental store opposite Barnes & Noble in Jack London Square.

In acknowledgment of the generous contributions to EBBC during BTWD by Clay Wagers, we have loaned Bay Area Bikes eight beautiful museum-quality prints by the late Linda Svendsen, author of Bicycle: Around the World (L: Kizhi Island, Russia).

EBBC MEMBERS GET DISCOUNTS AT 50 AFFILIATED SHOPS

Alameda Bicycle 1522 Park St, Alameda (incl. Fruitvale & Berkeley Bike Stations) Alano Bicycles 1483 Danville Blvd
Bay Area Bikes 2424 Webster St, & rentals at Jack London Square, Oakland NEW
The Bent Spoke 6124 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland
Bicycle Garage 5006 Mowry Ave, Fremont Bicycles! Pleasanton 357 Main St. Bikes 4 Life 1344 Sunset Dr., Antioch
Brentwood Bike Company 7750 Brentwood Blvd. – Suite C B. Spoke Tailor Temescal Farmers’ Market Cal Bicycles 2053 First St., Livermore California Pedaler 495 Hartz Ave, Danville Castro Valley Cyclery 2015 Stanton Ave Crank2 5480-9 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton Cycle City 1433 High St., Alameda Cycle Sports 3530 Grand Ave, Oakland Cycle Path 337 Main St, Pleasanton Cycles of Change APC Bike Shop, 650 W. Ranger Ave, Alameda & 2285 International Blvd, Oakland NEW Danville Bike 175 Hartz Ave, Danville Dublin Cycery 7001 Dublin Blvd, Dublin Eden Bicycles 3318 Village Dr, Castro Valley Hank & Frank Bicycles 3377 Mount Diablo Blvd, Lafayette Hank & Frank Bicycles 6030 College Ave, Oakland Hayward Bicycles 22420 Foothill Blvd, Hayward Left Coast Cyclery 2928 Domingo Ave, Berkeley Livermore Cycery 7214 San Ramon Blvd, Dublin & 2752 First St, Livermore Manifesto Bicycles 421 40th St, Oakland Mike’s Bikes 2161 University Ave, Berkeley


Visit http://www.ebbc.org/shop for details. Present your EBBC membership card (clip mailing label on back cover) marked “Current” to obtain discount. Discounts vary.
Michael

Name: Michael Gregory
Home: San Leandro
Occupation: City Councilmember & Administrator, American Red Cross Blood Services

HOW DO YOU USE YOUR BICYCLE?
I mountain bike the Lake Chabot Loop each Sunday (meet at Sabino’s, 8:00 am) & do errands around town. I have a BART bike locker, and will commute more sans auto since I am asking the same of others.

WHY DO YOU RIDE?
It’s the right thing to do; it’s green, lowers my carbon footprint and stress

HOW DO ACQUAINTANCES WHO DON’T RIDE VIEW YOU?
I’m pleased to learn that some are starting to ride around town more often. Cool happens.

WHAT BICYCLE IMPROVEMENT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SEE IN THE EAST BAY?
1. The East Bay Greenway getting built between Hayward & Oakland
2. SR2S (Safe Routes to Schools) in all San Leandro schools
3. more Class II bike lanes, freshen existing ones
4. more valet bike parking
5. more respectful bicyclist behavior
6. kids on ‘fixies’ wearing helmets

WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO RIDE IN THE EAST BAY?
From Berkeley to San Leandro after work. Either Tunnel Road (plod) or Shepherd Canyon (frisky) to Skyline Gate, then weave through Redwood & Anthony Chabot Parks. Glorious views & trails.

IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU DON’T LIKE ABOUT BICYCLING?
Road rash & bike shops with attitude.

HOW MANY BICYCLES DO YOU OWN?
Three: 2 mountain bikes and a tandem. I’m looking for a commute bike w/ internal hubs (gearing/generator).

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A BICYCLIST?
All of my life. The East Bay is perfect for year round road/off road cycling. After the first Earth Day I started commuting to Skyline High on a Schwinn Continental. I graduated early from high school, commuted to Laney College before transferring to UC Berkeley. The Schwinn was stolen at Laney. Next was a Bianchi, which took me through 2 years of Cal. I then transferred to a northern German university, lived 3 more years on a bike (cobblestones!). I did not own a car until age 23.

WHY ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE EBBC?
We have a serious auto addiction problem here in the Bay Area. I call it the ‘Bay Area Paradox’: we’re educated, affluent and progressive yet cannot relax our grip on the steering wheel. EBBC membership is part of the solution.


Safe Routes to Schools program represents a model for adoption in all communities

This past school year Cycles of Change, as part of the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Partnership, had the opportunity to train 8 physical education teachers and 1,401 middle school students from all 3 San Lorenzo Middle Schools of the San Lorenzo School District in our Bicycle Safety curriculum.

The focus of the program is two fold: to give physical education teachers the tools and skills they need to incorporate our curriculum into their regular school year programming on into the future, and to give young people the tools, skills and encouragement they need to leave the family car behind and get back out on the street walking and biking to school safely.

The curriculum is broken down into six 50-minute sessions. We start in the classroom with a kid-friendly traffic simulation presentation; then out to the yard to check over the bikes and go through drills; then out to a local intersection to practice turning and shoulder checks; then out on the road for two neighborhood rides.

If you would like to be a volunteer chaperone during the bike field trip days in San Lorenzo or would like to help the schools organize a bike drive please contact us at safecycles@cyclesofchange.org.

San Leandro, Alameda and San Lorenzo to enhance Safe Routes

Alameda County Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker has emphasized that “preventive health care” programs receive funds from the voter-approved Measure A. As a result, Nora Cody, Program Director for Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) Alameda County Partnership is looking to fill a ½ time FTE to establish SR2S in San Leandro, Alameda and unincorporated San Lorenzo Schools. You can contact Nora at Transform (510) 740-3150 x323.
Minutes of the Board & General Membership Meetings on July 21, 2009. Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Ave

Draft for Approval

Board members present: - Board members present: Steve Ardrey, Tom Ayres, Dave Campbell, Leo Dubose, Dave Favello, Craig Hagelin, Eric McCaughrin, Mary Norton, Ole Ohlson, Bill Pinkham, Rick Rickard

EBBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Treasurer’s report – Rick Rickard

Expenditures are divided into 4 categories: General operating, maps, Bike to Work Day, and Street Skills Classes. The last 2 of these are basically break-even categories, supported by grants; they are also difficult to track with Quickbooks because they involve multi-year activities. Our budget has grown, requiring more careful attention than in the past. Rick wants to set up a meeting on finances; Dave C, Rick, Robert Raburn, and Carrie Harvilla will take part, and Tom and Craig offer to attend as well.

The newsletter costs ~$1/copy, or $2500/month; the recent short (4-page) version cost only $1400. There is a discussion of re-evaluating these costs, such as by moving to a bimonthly newsletter if we can use our new software to prepare timely renewal reminder letters, and if we increase the use of phone calls and emails to urge renewals. Leo suggested we poll our members in order to determine how many read the newsletter.

Expenses

The talk by Jeff Mapes was approximately a break-even financially, thanks to sales of his books that paid for his airfare. Motion to accept the expense: APPROVED.

Motion to buy a new EBBC banner, for use when EBBC appears at 2 events simultaneously, $150: APPROVED.

Motion to buy a 2nd canopy: more information is needed on the cost, and whether we can get a canopy with our logo printed on it, and whether we can find anyone to donate all or part of the cost.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Future meetings

It may be difficult to use the Rockridge Library on Tuesday night in the future. We may need to move to another night of the week starting in 2010, unless we find another long-term home for our meetings, such as the new Berkeley Bike Station. The next general meeting will still be at Rockridge, Tuesday September 15.

2009 Contra Costa Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan – Robert Raburn

www.ccta.net/EN/main/bike/cbpp.html

EBBC is concerned that the CBPP is not a strong blueprint for progress. Public comments are due by August 5 – sent to bbeck@ccta.net, with copy to local jurisdiction.

Suggested comments:

1) Assure night access to paths for transportation needs, and/or parallel on-street routes that would be lit, secure

2) Support wayfinding signage for cyclists, consistent with the new signage in Oakland

3) Review crash data to identify problem areas, and make the data available in map form

4) Identify useful projects for Safe Routes to Transit funds

5) Make sure the plan is implemented, follow recommendations for improvements.

CEQA/LOS campaign – Robert Raburn

The California Environmental Quality Act is being amended help California reduce greenhouse gas emissions. CEQA now requires project evaluation for traffic congestion using complex traffic Level of Service (LOS) measurements and inaccurate traffic projections. The irony is that environmental analysis using capacity measures leads to the protection of road capacity and often prevents building bike lanes, especially in areas near transit stations that are projected for population increases; cities fear being sued if they exceed CEQA/LOS thresholds. The policy needs to be changed to ask whether projects would increase vehicle miles traveled (VMT) or encourage non-motorized travel rather than rely on LOS would be more bike and transit friendly. Contact Chris Calfee (916-653-5656, chris.calfee@resources.ca.gov) before August 20, 2009 to urge revision of the CEQA Transportation Guidelines.

[Look for a video report on CEQA/LOS by Streetsblog at:
http://sf.streetsblog.org/]

Upcoming events

EBBC will be at numerous events in August and beyond, tabling as well as bike parking. Volunteers are needed – see our website.

Next meeting: September 15 at the Rockridge Library at 7:30

- Secretary Tom Ayres
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annual membership form

Keep current! Send your tax-deductible donation to EBBC, PO Box 1736, Oakland, CA 94604
EBBC’s accounting methods assure that your early payment will extend our membership by a year.

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Phone/Fax

E-mail Address (EBBC guards your privacy)

Workplace/City

- Grassroots “Spokespeople” Wanted -

Membership Type

☐ Sustaining ($25)
☐ Household ($40)
☐ Half-century ($50)
☐ Century ($100)
☐ Introductory ($12)
☐ Living Lightly ($6)
☐ Endow ($______)

☐ New
☐ Renewal

☐ Never share my name with others
☐ Only share with EBBC affiliates

☐ Commuter  ☐ Utility  ☐ Recreation  ☐ Touring  ☐ Transit User  ☐ Other bicycling interests?
Richmond Reality Rides were started in March by Brian Drayton and Doria Robinson of Richmond Spokes. Their field visits have provided valuable information for the BPAC and city staff. They also have fun while “envisioning and co-creating a different, more sustainable future for Richmond.” To learn more, visit: http://richmondbpac.org/reality-ride3.htm