



## The Case for Active Transportation

European bicycling delegation offers lessons on regional mobility as US Congress begins discussion to reauthorize nation's Transportation Bill

"Active Transportation" is our collaborative campaign in Alameda County to secure \$50 million in bicycle and pedestrian funding when the US Congress reauthorizes the Surface Transportation Bill in 2010.

Sedentary lifestyles are taking a tremendous toll. One-half of the adults in Alameda County are overweight, and 68% of the children are not physically fit.

The three goals of *Active Transportation* are:

- **Build bicycle/pedestrian access to transit**, with an emphasis on the last mile of the so-called "on-ramps to transit."
- **Connect communities** (e.g., Iron Horse, East Bay Greenway).
- **Change behavior.**

Unfortunately, the rest of the US is not nearly as progressive as the East Bay and Congressional leaders have shown resistance to change. We need to draw upon global



European delegation during an Oakland City tour: (L-R) Niels Jensen, City of Copenhagen; Adelheid Byttebier, Brussels Regional Parliament; Geert-Pieter Wagenmakers, Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce; and Hans Voerknecht, Fietsberaad (Netherlands' bicycling ambassador).

examples to buttress our arguments.

Thanks to the **German Marshall Fund of the US** program to strengthen transatlantic cooperation, Oakland hosted four bicycling ambassadors on September 28-29. During a

whirlwind series of meetings and a tour, we were treated to a variety of novel ideas to increase the bicycle mode share in the East Bay.

Nearly 40% of all trips in both

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### Next Party **EBBC Bike Away from Work Happy Hour**

will take the place of our regular meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 5:30-7:30pm at the **Meridian International Sports Cafe**, 2050 University Avenue, Berkeley. Enjoy some Autumn cycling camaraderie amongst your fellow EBBC members! Meridian boasts secure on-site bike parking and 24 seasonal beers on tap. The Meridian was a popular hang out during the Tour de France. EBBC staff will be on hand to give you the latest updates on our advocacy work



and hear about bicycle issues in your neighborhood. Stop by on your way home from work and toast to the great riding this Fall is sure to bring!

**EBBC Office** at 3301 E12th St, Suite 143, Oakland, next to the Fruitvale Bike Station, served as a bicycle field trip staging area for **Cycles of Change** on September 8. EBBC looked after some 40 bicycles brought to the Fruitvale for **Arise High School** students to ride to the nearby **Peralta Hacienda Historical Park**. Throughout the day over 100 students visited the park. We now have a set of our Valet Bicycle Racks ready for the next group that needs temporary bicycle storage.

# Drive a Bike

## FREE Bike Safety Classes

**Traffic Skills**  
Learn how to share the road with cars on the busy streets of the East Bay. Adults 14+.

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

**Kids Bike Rodeos**  
Bicycling safety clinic taught at elementary and middle schools, Alameda County.

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**bike alameda** **ACTA**

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Copenhagen and Amsterdam are by bicycle. By comparison, Berkeley leads the East Bay with 5.7% commute-by-bicycle trips, and Fruitvale BART has 10% of passengers arrive by bicycle (SOURCE: *Am. Community Survey*, 2008; *BART Passenger Survey*, 2008).

The overall message to Congress and local planners was clearly phrased by one of the European delegation:

*“You can't change habits overnight. The cost-benefit ratio for investment in bicycling infrastructure shows an effective policy needs stamina and endurance to succeed.”*

-Hans Voerknecht

Let's face it, there are still many gaps in our local bikeway networks. The vision of *“a nation of travelers with new opportunities to walk or ride a bicycle as part of their everyday life”* was only published by the National Bicycling and Walking Study in 1994. The first Federal funding for bicycling and walking was initiated in 1991. It took almost a decade before we began to see bicycle facilities

throughout the East Bay. With only about 10 years of implementation and promotion of bicycle policy, bicycle use in the US has lagged behind countries that began a widespread projects in the early 1970s.

Our relatively meager successes hold promise that sustained investments in bicycle facilities will bring tremendous mode shifts, as seen in Europe. After all, the only bicycle infrastructure at Fruitvale BART is a Bike Station. However, promotion of a bicycle culture among the disparate Alameda and Oakland residents has manifest itself as steady growth in the bicycle mode split. It is easy to imagine European-level growth in bicycling if Fruitvale BART was safely accessible!

Finally, you get what you pay for. In Amsterdam, the investment in bicycling and walking is about \$39/yr/resident. In the US we only spend about \$1.50/yr/resident.

Visit [www.acta2022.org](http://www.acta2022.org) for *Active Transportation* info.

### Lead and they shall follow 43% increase in bicycle commuting nationally since 2000

Last Bike to Work Day, the East Bay witnessed a 45% increase in bicycling over the previous year. Since 2000, bicycling has more than tripled in the East Bay.

In Berkeley, the bicycling mode share approaches 15% on Bike to Work Day. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2008 American Community Survey (ACS), released on September 28, 0.55 percent of American workers use a bicycle as their primary means of getting to work. This is up 14-percent since 2007, 36-percent from the first ACS in 2005, and 43-percent since the 2000 Census.

You can look up detailed information for hundreds of communities and all of the states using the American Fact Finder

- Dave Campbell



## SHORT REPORTS

**VOLUNTEER** - EBBC had a great season of events in 2009 and we especially appreciate the large number of volunteers who made the events both productive and enjoyable! Visit [www.ebbc.org](http://www.ebbc.org) for details on the events in the coming month:

### SAT & SUN Oct 24-25 40th

#### Anniversary at Alameda Bicycle

In a move to counter the Governor's budget cuts, owner Gene Oh proposes to contribute \$10,000 in gross profits to local schools.

### SAT Oct 24 **Bike Swap at Sports Basement**

Swap or donate bikes to Cycles of Change. Proceeds benefit EBBC and Cycles of Change

### THU Nov 12 **BART to Livermore**

Of course it should have been built already in lieu of the massive expansion of the I-580 freeway. The first of three meetings is slated for 6:30pm to 9:30pm at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave, Livermore. For info on the meeting or pending EIR, contact Bob Vinn, Livermore Engineer, (510) 528-5765.

**BAY TRAIL CLOSURE** - A recently opened portion of the Bay Trail in Oakland, between High Street and 66th Ave has been closed for a construction project until November 2010! EBBC has received numerous complaints from commuters who have no alternative bikeway. A detour is needed and EBBC is investigating possible permit enforcement action with the Bay Conservation and Development Commission to reopen the path Stay tuned!

**EAST COUNTY** - eBART may not get the full funding it needs to go forward and vital programs like Transportation for Livable Communities is threatened to have their funding cut indefinitely. EBBC and joined forces with TransForm and Greenbelt Alliance to lobby against funding cuts. We want to see eBART succeed and create transit-oriented housing with bicycle and pedestrian-

friendly streets. For info, contact Chris Schildt, TransForm Community Planner, (510) 740-3150x305.

**STATE PARK CLOSURES** - The Governor made the California State Parks and the Department of Finance go back to the table and find one-time savings to "reduce" the budget impacts this year. The result will be:

- **Reduced on-going maintenance**
- **Reduced hours and/or days of operations at most State Parks**
- **Reduced expenditures on seasonal staff.**

Examples of service reductions from the press release:

- **Some facilities will close week-days and be open on weekends and holidays**
- **Portions of a unit may be closed, such as a back loop of a campground.**

The budget cut for State Parks for next year is already pegged at \$22.2 million. That \$22.2 million is made up of the continuance of this year's cut of \$14.2 million and another \$8 million.

The bottom line is check the web site of any state park you plan on visiting to make sure it will be open that day, especially for week-day rides.

**BRIDGE RIDERS** - Please share with us your experiences either riding directly across the four existing State Toll Bridges open to bikes, or your experiences with indirect access on transit with your bike on any of the 7 State Toll Bridges. EBBC intends to publish the results before the 2010 Bike to Work Day. Contact Dave Campbell, BTWD Program Director, [dcampbel@lmi.net](mailto:dcampbel@lmi.net).

**BIKE-FRIENDLY BUSINESSES** - You can nominate an East Bay business that caters to bicyclists, with parking, showers/lockers, and overall promotion. EBBC will shine a spotlight on model businesses as we ramp-up activities for 2010 Bike to Work Day. Contact Dave Campbell,

BTWD Program Director, [dcampbel@lmi.net](mailto:dcampbel@lmi.net).

**ALBANY** - EBBC has collaborated with Albany Strollers & Rollers to write extensive comments on the transportation impacts of a Trader Joes market proposed to be located on San Pablo Ave in University Village. The project will draw traffic from I-80 that will degrade bicycle safety on Berkeley's Gilman St and hinder implementation of the bikeway on Albany's Buchanan Street. If the project moves forward, it will need to address bicycle access both to the market and throughout the surrounding area. Contact: Amber Curl, Albany Associate Planner, (510) 528-5765.

**NEWARK JR HIGH** - EBBC has helped secure funds to start a bike club and now we need your help. At least one adult volunteer is needed each week and more are welcome to help with teaching bike repair, building a shop environment, or simply transporting donations from local bike shops to the Newark bike club. If you can help, please contact Wynn Kageyama, [davitusrider@yahoo.com](mailto:davitusrider@yahoo.com).

**SAN LEANDRO BICYCLE PLAN** - With receipt of Transportation Development Act Article 3 Funds

**RICHMOND BICYCLE PLAN** - Thanks to the tenacious activities of the Richmond BPAC, the City was awarded \$100,000 in State Transportation Development Act Article 3 funds to prepare a bicycle plan. Richmond residents and workers are invited to the meeting we've all been waiting for! Please plan to be at this crucial study, scoping and planning session for the citywide bicycle plan at 5:00pm on Oct 19th, at Richmond City Hall, 450 Civic Center, 2nd floor, Pt. Molate Room.

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**Please renew in advance to keep your EBBC membership current**

Check your address label



## ~~Back~~ Bike to school - New bike lockers available for Oakland students

Instilling good transportation habits is what our education should be offering. However, all too often, bicycling to school is discouraged.

Students at Edna Brewer Middle School are fortunate to now have secure chain-link storage lockers for their bikes. We can thank Vice Principal **Cliff Hong** and Glenview neighborhood activist **Hugh Morrison** for conspiring to secure funding to make the school bicycle-friendly. Cycles of Change will begin an after-school skills and adventure program at Edna Brewer this Fall.

The individual lockers represent a departure from the bike cages that are seen at schools like Alameda's Lincoln Middle School or Oakland's Roosevelt Middle School, where Cycles of Change began their program in 1998. To find out more visit [www.cyclesofchange.org](http://www.cyclesofchange.org).

## US bicycle funding nearly lost

The federal Transportation bill has gone through a rough summer. The \$\$\$ billions in the current six-year SAFETEA-LU transportation act expired on September 30. Both the Senate and the House passed stop-gap appropriation measures to extend funding for three months.

On July 30, Senators **Tom Coburn** (OK) and **John McCain** (AZ) singled out bicycle-pedestrian programs as unnecessary.

We're pleased that the motion failed (59 to 39) after CA Senator **Barbara Boxer** gave a passionate speech! 



*Evelyn Larsen was the lucky winner of EBBC's commuter bike prize at the September 12 Solano Stroll.*

## EBBC MEMBERS GET DISCOUNTS AT 50 AFFILIATED SHOPS

**Alameda Bicycle** 1522 Park St, Alameda (incl. Fruitvale & Berkeley **Bike Stations**)  
**Alamo 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** 537 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** 20515 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 & The Bikery, 2285 International Blvd, Oakland **NEW**  
**Danville Bike** 175 Hartz Ave, Danville  
**Dublin Cyclery** 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 Cyclery** 7214 San Ramon Blvd, Dublin & 2752 First St, Livermore  
**Manifesto Bicycles** 421 40th St, Oakland  
**Mike's Bikes** 2161 University Ave, Berkeley

**Missing Link** 1988 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley  
**Montano Velo** 4266 Piedmont Ave, Oakland  
**The Pedaler** 3826 San Pablo Dam Rd., El Sobrante  
**Pegasus Bicycle Works** 415 Railroad Ave, Danville  
**Pioneer Bike Shop** 11 Rio Vista Avenue, Oakland  
**Pleasant Hill Cyclery** 1100-C Contra Costa Blvd, Pleasant Hill  
**Recycle Bicycle** 3121 Sacramento St, Berkeley **NEW MEMBERS!**  
**rideSFO** 1724 Mandela Pkwy, Oakland  
**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  
**Sports Basement** 1881 Ygnacio Valley Blvd, Walnut Creek **NEW MEMBER!**  
**Stone's Cyclery** 2320 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda  
**Tip Top Bike Shop** 4800-A Telegraph Avenue, Oakland  
**Traction Bikes** 1150 Contra Costa Blvd, Pleasant Hill  
**Velo Sport** 1615 University Ave, Berkeley  
**Wheels of Justice Cyclery** 2024 Mountain Blvd, Oakland  
**wheelgirl** 1400 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley  
**Witts Bicycle Shop** 22125 Mission Blvd, Hayward  
**wrenchscience** 1022 Murray St, Berkeley

*Present your EBBC membership card (clip mailing label on back cover) marked "Current" to obtain discount. Discounts vary.*

# Savlan

Name: Savlan Hauser  
Home: San Leandro

Occupation: Unlicensed Architect, Mariachi band member

**HOW DO YOU USE YOUR BICYCLE?**  
Commuting as well as during the workday between sites.

**WHY DO YOU RIDE?**  
Besides the environmental, cardiovascular, and economic advantages, I ride to experience road joy as opposed to road rage.

**HOW DO ACQUAINTANCES WHO DON'T RIDE VIEW YOU?**  
A bit nutty.

**WHAT BICYCLE IMPROVEMENT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SEE IN THE EAST BAY?**  
Real bike lanes on a complete network of streets outside of the reach of door swings.

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO RIDE IN THE EAST BAY?**  
Around Lake Merritt. I love to catch the Oakland skyline from across the water.

**IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT BICYCLING?**  
That constant underlying fear of unaware or impatient drivers.

**HOW MANY BICYCLES DO YOU OWN?**  
A 60's black Fuji 21 speed and a Phillips single speed delivery bike which I miss, it is stationed in Mexico City.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A BICYCLIST?**  
10 years.

**WHY ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE EBBC?**  
Their work directly improves my safety on the road and the viability of bicycles as a means of transport in the bay area.



*Savlan has been a supervolunteer with EBBC this fall. In addition to being a green architect, she's also a talented graphic designer. Thanks to Savlan, we've got a great new ad for our Bicycle Safety Classes. Check out [www.savlan.net](http://www.savlan.net) to see more of her work.*



*Savlan (foreground) and friend riding in the Cicloton, México City.*

## ACTION ALERT - Save Climate Action Initiative Not Freeway Spending!

We are not out of the woods yet!

Last month we highlighted this critical campaign to salvage the regional **Transportation Climate Action Campaign** (\$400) approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) on April 22, 2009. The MTC adopted the plan as a component of their long-range "Transportation 2035 Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area."

We have recently been challenged to justify spending \$50 million on **Safe Routes to Transit** over the next five years. Our reply included a litany of needed bicycle parking and access improvements at Fruitvale BART; Stations along the East Bay Greenway (Coliseum, San Leandro, Bay Fair, & Hayward); MacArthur BART; 19th St BART; Downtown Berkeley BART; Pleasant Hill BART and Dublin/Pleasanton BART.

The discussion will continue up to a decision by the MTC on November 21. If you have not already taken action, please do so now!

<http://transformca.org/take-action/metro-politan-transportation-commission-back-pedaling-climate-act-now>



## BART receives funding for bicycle plan

The last bicycle access study by BART was completed in 2002--before eLockers, stair-channels, Safe Routes to Transit funding, Routine Accommodation policy, Transit Oriented Design land-use, and Bike-Space car modifications.

EBBC's campaign over the past two years in support of a BART Bicycle Plan helped convince Caltrans and the MTC to award the \$225,000 grant. As in the Netherlands where 35-percent of all rail users arrive at the station on bicycle, the bicycle can be the primary feeder mode to BART.



Look for **Vidas** as a regular feature on [www.ebbc.org](http://www.ebbc.org).

## Minutes

of the Board & General Membership Meetings on Sept 15, 2009. Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Ave

Draft for Approval

**Board members present:** - Ole Ohlson, Rick Rickard, Bill Pinkham, Tom Ayres, Dave Campbell (Chair), Craig Hagelin, Steve Ardrey, Leo Dubose, Mary Norton;  
Staff: Robert Raburn, Carrie Harvilla

### EBBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### **Approval of July Minutes:**

July Board Meeting - APPROVED

July General Meeting - APPROVED

#### **Treasurer's report** – Rick Rickard

No major changes to report since last meeting. We still need to collect for Bike to Work Day from several towns and bike shops.

#### **Membership report** – Carrie Harvilla

Currently ~2500 members, not counting those in the grace period or recently expired (household memberships are counted as 2 members each). We will be doing phone calling next Wednesday (Sept. 23) at volunteer night at the EBBC. ~40 people came to the membership appreciation night last month.

#### **Holiday party** – Dave Campbell

Several locations are being considered. Sunday evening, Dec. 13, is a likely date, or Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Expenses for shop ambassador program** – Robert

Derek Liecny wants to be able to send brochures to the shop ambassadors to take to the shops. The cost will be up to \$200/year. Motion for mailing and printing: APPROVED

#### **Board nomination committee** for November Annual Meeting - Robert

A number of new super-volunteers give us the opportunity to get new people on the Board. Dave Campbell plans to step down from the Board (continuing instead as staff). Tom, Rick and Leo agree to help with nomination committee.

#### **General meeting location/time for 2010**

The Rockridge Library room may not be available next year on Tuesdays, so we need to consider changing the night, or the location. Majority of Board prefer to stay here and change the date, rather than moving elsewhere to preserve the date. Robert suggests using 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays. More information will be obtained.

#### **Valet bike parking racks** - Robert

We had offered to buy back racks from BART, they have offered instead to make them available for our use. They are stored

at Fruitvale Village, can be used there, possibly elsewhere.

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Introductions (n=31)

#### **Climate action funding for SR2S and SR2T at risk** – Robert Raburn

MTC pledged \$1 billion for bike/ped projects, but now they intend to cut funding to a small fraction of that, at least for the next 5 years, with a focus on a freeway performance initiative instead. We urge people to let the MTC and others know about our support for bike/ped funding. People to contact: Scott Haggerty (Supervisor) and Tom Bates (Berkeley mayor) in Alameda County, and Federal Glover (Supervisor) and Amy Worth (Orinda mayor) in Contra Costa County.

Motion to support the Climate action campaign as adopted in the 2035 Plan – APPROVED.

#### **Whole Foods proposal** on San Pablo in Albany places Buchanan Bikeway at risk – Robert Raburn

The EIR failed to note plans for extending the bikeway down from Marin via Buchanan to the Bay Trail. The intersection crossings at Pierce and Taylor need to be considered. Motion to support a letter of support: APPROVED.

#### **CoCo County Bicycle Pedestrian Plan**

Ole Ohlson – Progress has not been encouraging. Changes to the county bike map have been put off for 4 years, the next update of the plan.

Robert Raburn – We suggested signage consistent with the work Jason Patton has done in Oakland, and that crash data be made available. Our suggestion that paths on the bike plan be available 24 hours a day was denied, as was support for SR2S and SR2T projects. There is some hope for having a county bicycle coordinator named, and about including some additional bike routes that we have suggested.

#### **Other matters** – Robert Raburn

Richmond formed a bicycle pedestrian advisory committee, and have succeeded in getting elements in the general plan for the bikeway. About half of the 33 cities in the East Bay have BPACs. Working on a master bicycle plan is a good start for such a committee that can stay active after a plan is created, in order to keep track of progress.

The Miller-Sweeney Bridge, AKA Fruitvale Bridge, is slated to receive \$40

million for seismic retrofit. We hope to see bike lanes on this important link, to connect with the bike lanes on Fruitvale Ave. in Oakland, and continuing in Alameda.

### **Upcoming events**

The holiday party is being planned for early December, with details to come.

We will have a bicycle advisory committee workshop, to work towards having BPACs in every jurisdiction. Leo suggests we should try to get BPAC meeting dates on our website; Carrie offers to do this.

New brochures in English and Spanish are now available for our bike safety classes. Considerable effort is being made to publicize the classes. Classes will be offered through the fall at various locations in the EBBC area.

Carrie Harvilla: We have had tabling and bike parking at the Solano Stroll and the Crucible open house. Susan is helping organize the Tour de Oakland, a fundraiser for BORP. We have a volunteer night about once a month, open to everyone, free dinner, mainly working on member recruitment and retention. The next will be Wednesday Sept. 23, 5-8 pm, at EBBC (Fruitvale BART). There is a volunteer email list for all who are interested in hearing about events at which volunteers are needed. We need help to plan the holiday party.

#### **Bike ambassador program** – Derek Liecny

We have 15 bike ambassadors signed up. They will improve our relationships with local bike shops, talk to shop staff, make sure our brochures and maps are prominently displayed, get the shops involved in Bike to Work Day. We hope the stores will give an EBBC membership brochure to everyone who purchases a bike, and a flyer about our bike safety classes to everyone who comes to the stores. There are over 50 supporting shops that provide discounts to our members.

The newly updated West of the Hills map will be going to the printer next week.

#### **Guest presentation:** *Geospatial Revolution and Bicycling*

Peter Rathmann demonstrated various applications of mapping and GPS data, including everytrail.com, mapmyride.com, and Google streetview (which can be used to check prospective routes for conditions such as shoulder widths or potholes).

Brian Fulfrust, of the consulting firm Design, Community & Environment, talked about ideas for making broader use of data such as the EBBC maps, perhaps making the data widely available while seeking more user input.

- Secretary Tom Ayres

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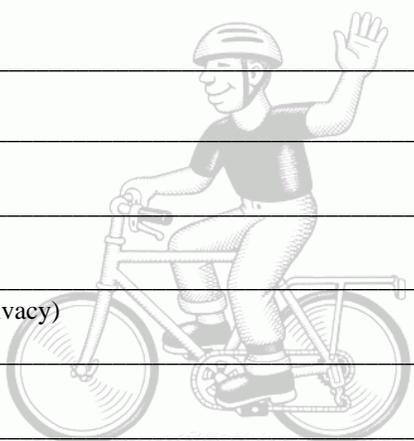
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# State legislative success, Governor signs all three bicycle bills!

The California Bicycle Coalition (CBC) sponsored one bill (AB 1464) and supported two other bills that were signed into law. It was especially gratifying to see the success of bills that will expand the bike-carrying capacity of AC Transit buses and make it legal to ride in “bicycle path crossings.”

## AB 1464 (Smyth), California Bicycle Routes of State or Regional Significance Act

Authorizes the California Department of Transportation, through its statewide bicycle planning process, to establish a process for identifying and promoting bicycle routes of state or regional significance. This bill was introduced in response to the popularity of the annual Tour of California bicycle race.

## AB 652 (Skinner-Berkeley), Bike racks on AC Transit buses

Increases to 40 inches the capacity of folding bike racks on the front of Alameda-Contra Costa Transit

District buses over 40 ft. in length and extends to 46 inches the distance from the front of the bus to the end of the handlebars of the front-most bicycle being carried. As a result, this bill would allow longer AC Transit buses to carry three bicycles instead of two.

## SB 734 (Lowenthal), Omnibus transportation bill

Adds definitions of “bicycle path” and “bicycle path crossing” to clarify the types of facilities that bicycles are permitted to use, and clarifies that state law does not prohibit bicycles from operating on sidewalks and crosswalks, where permitted by local ordinance. These provisions are identical to those contained in SB 432 (vetoed in 2008). This bill will remove the liability faced by bicyclists when they cross streets that interrupt a bicycle path.

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