



## BIKEWAYS NOW OPEN ON 4 OF 7 STATE TOLL BRIDGES IN EAST BAY!

The long-awaited Benicia-Martinez Bridge Path celebration was attended by hundreds of bicyclists and dignitaries from both sides of the Carquinez Strait on August 29, 2009.

The East Bay Bicycle Coalition challenged both Benicia and Martinez to become platinum-level Bicycle Friendly Communities!

Read what attendees had to say about the path:

**Darren Malendes**, of Benicia, works in Martinez and says, *"I think the new bike/ped path on the Benicia-Martinez Bridge is awesome. It's been a long time coming and it's going to reunite both cities and it's also going to raise awareness for people about exercise, their health and getting outdoors more. It's going to be one of my goals to start bicycling to work across the bridge."*

**Bijan Sartipi**, Director of Caltrans District 4, said, *"In the years to come, non-motorized traffic will play an increasingly important role in Bay Area transportation. Caltrans will encourage and promote non-motorized transportation and will work to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists*



*Robert Raburn, EBBC Exec Dir, acknowledges the late EBBC founder, Alexander Zuckermann, whose tenacious bridge advocacy led to a requirement in the voter-approved bridge toll Increase (1988) that all new State Toll Bridges accommodate bicyclists. - Photo by Andrew Sawadisavi*

*whenever and wherever we can in a safe manner. This pathway is a symbol of Caltrans' commitment to Bay Area bicyclists and pedestrians."*

**Robin Anderson**, of Benicia who worked in Walnut Creek years ago, says, *"I used to use the*

*Caltrans shuttle across the Benicia-Martinez Bridge. When Caltrans stopped that service, I started using the new Zampa bike/ped pathway to get to work. But I've always been waiting for this*

*"Benicia-Martinez" continued p.2*

### 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. At 8:30pm our guest speakers will lead an examination of the **"Geospatial Revolution and Bicycling."** Our plans include how we can create a digital map-based discussion of various bikeways, document and report hazards to bicyclists, create layers depicting injury crashes involving bicyclists, generate local area maps for our Safe Routes to Schools programs, and siphon off online searches to suggest commuter and recreational bicycle routes. MTC's BikeMapper has yet to appeal to the masses (or even cartographic geeks) and this meeting is an opportunity to **brainstorm** ways to create truly interactive bicycle mapping that



relies on your input and benefits everybody. Of course, EBBC is looking for potential revenue sources that will enable us to fund an ongoing digital map program (we have spent about \$100,000 to publish our two maps over the past several years).

**EBBC Office** at 3301 E12th St, Suite 143, Oakland, next to the Fruitvale Bike Station.

*Lucky gal! Carol Strickland won a beautiful vintage Bridgestone commuter bike by joining EBBC at the Art & Soul Festival.*

# Drive a Bike

## FREE Bike Safety Classes

### Traffic Skills

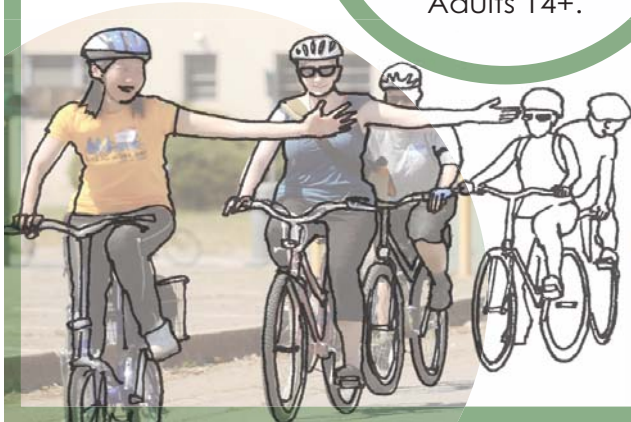
Learn how to share the road with cars on the busy streets of the East Bay. Adults 14+.

### Family Cycling Clinics

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## Demand High for Safe Routes to Transit

In 2004 the voters approved a \$1 bridge toll increase (Regional Measure 2) that included EBBC's Safe Routes to Transit (SR2T) program. The program premise is to reduce congestion on the bridges by facilitating bicycling and walking to transit.

We are now in the 3rd round of program funding application review and the response is overwhelming!

Thirty-five bike/ped project applications were submitted, totaling \$14 million in requests, all competing for \$4.2 million in available funding. Seven out of the nine Bay Area counties submitted applications.

SR2T rewards innovative proposals. Some of the more interesting

applications include cool new ideas like a bike sharing program, bike parking kiosks, a counter-flow bike lane, "flex" lanes, bike access on transit corridors, bike/ped bridges and undercrossings.

We applaud that a number of the applications seek to address bicycle security by including e-lockers as part of their project grant proposal.

EBBC Chair Dave Campbell and Transform Transportation Program Manager Carli Paine are coordinating the program and working with a 15-person advisory committee to select projects for funding. Project awards will be made this December and announced in the January 2010 edition of *rideOn*.

- Dave Campbell



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*pathway to open. Unfortunately, I have now retired and moved to Martinez and now I'll use the new bike/ped pathway for recreation."*

**Ted Fisher**, of Walnut Creek *"I think the bike/ped path is fantastic. For years we fought with Caltrans with their tow trucks giving us rides across or waiting for the bus. Now I have the freedom to ride anytime 24/7-it's phenomenal. Now that I have the bike/ped bridge and can ride across, the Chamber of Commerce of Benicia is going to see a lot of my greenbacks."*

**Sherie Reineman**, of Albany said, *"I used to take the Arthur/Waterbird route regularly when commuting from Benicia to my office adjacent to Concord BART from 1992-1996. I had to hop a barrier at the end of the neighborhood into the section of road that went next to the 'dump' before turning into Waterbird Way. The CalTrans shuttle had a stop on Marina Vista right before (west) of the intersection for Waterbird Way."*

**Roy Quinn**, of Benicia says, *"There is no direct connection between the Iron Horse Trail and the new bike/ped path on the Benicia-Martinez Bridge and that can be a problem for commuters going to Contra Costa."*



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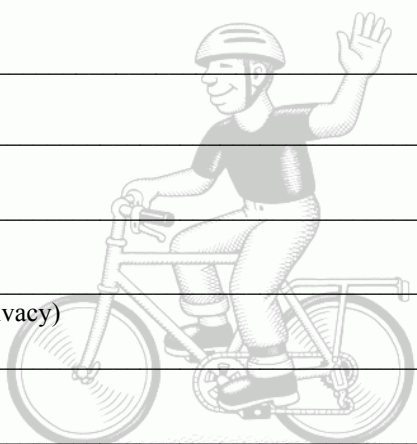
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# ACTION ALERT - Act Now To Save Millions in Funding for Bicycles

For over two years East Bay Bicycle Coalition joined organizations from throughout the Bay Area to lobby the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). We succeeded and the MTC adopted the "Transportation 2035 Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area" on April 22.

That plan, also known as the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), promised to jump-start the **Transportation Climate Action Campaign** (\$400 million) by implementing **Safe Routes to Schools** (SR2S) and **Safe Routes to Transit** (SR2T) programs (\$50 million each) during the initial five years of the RTP.

We now ask for you to help us ensure that the MTC abide by these agreements. Please visit the TransForm website and write to your two MTC Commissioners today (a Co Sup and a Mayor from your Co) today.

Dear Commissioners \_\_\_\_\_ (Alameda Co - Supervisor Scott Haggerty; Mayor Tom Bates; CoCoCo - Supervisor Federal Glover; Mayor Amy Worth).

When MTC adopted the 2009 RTP this spring, we applauded them for taking climate change seriously and recognizing its importance. Not only did they set ambi-

tious greenhouse gas reduction targets, but for the first time ever, included funding for a five-year Transportation Climate Action Campaign, including \$100 million worth of funding for the SR2S and SR2T programs.

Now, MTC is backpedaling on their commitment to climate. Instead of funding the Transportation Climate Action Campaign in the first five years of the life of the RTP, they're proposing to shift funding to freeway priorities and fund the Climate Campaign at just 17% of the level promised, threatening millions of dollars of bicycle funding through the SR2S and SR2T programs!

Join East Bay Bicycle Coalition and our partner TransForm in telling the MTC Commissioners to make good on their word and fully fund the Transportation Climate Action Campaign. **Take action at:**

<http://transformca.org/take-action/metropolitan-transportation-commission-backpedaling-climate-act-now>

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