



# Ride On



*Fulton Street received Berkeley's first protected bike lane this May.*

Photo: Joe Ferrara

## CONNECTING BERKELEY WITH PROTECTED BIKE LANES

What would it take for 90% of Berkeley residents to bike around town? According to a recent survey by the City of Berkeley, a network of protected bike lanes could do the trick. In addition to the 19% of residents who currently ride, a whopping 71% of residents surveyed said they would bike, but only if they could get around on low-stress bikeways. This fall, Berkeley will jump ahead of other East Bay cities as it charges forward with two new protected bike lane projects and the region's first protected intersection.

These new projects come fast on the heels of the city's first protected bike lane on Fulton Street (shown above). This groundbreaking bikeway was installed last May after public outcry by Bike East Bay members following a serious car and bike collision at the intersection of Fulton Street and Bancroft Way. These protected bikeway projects will form the beginning of a protected bike lane network that will encourage thousands of Berkeley residents and visitors to go by bike.

### HEARST AVENUE PROTECTED BIKE LANES: FROM POP-UP TO PERMANENT

Bike East Bay volunteers have staged pop-up bike lane demonstrations at the corner of Hearst and Shattuck Avenue for years at Sunday Streets Berkeley, as a way to introduce residents to world-class, bike-friendly street designs. In 2015, we finally got the support of residents and, eventually, the Berkeley City Council to approve protected bike lanes on Hearst Avenue.

One year later, the Hearst Avenue protected bike lanes are scheduled to complete construction by December 2016. The project will include protected bike lanes on the uphill portion of Hearst Avenue along the north side of UC Berkeley's campus. In addition, new bus boarding islands will reduce bus/bike conflict by allowing bicyclists to pass on the curb side while buses are loading. We expect to see faster transit times on Hearst Avenue and more bicyclists using this route once the project is completed.

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# LETTER FROM THE SADDLE

Persistence pays off in bike advocacy. No one embodies this better than Advocacy Director Dave Campbell, who celebrated 20 years with Bike East Bay this September. Yes, Dave started as a volunteer in 1996 with the East Bay Bicycle Coalition (now called Bike East Bay). Back then, there was no bike path on the Bay Bridge or all hours access for bikes on BART. Dave later joined the board of directors, became the board chair, and came on staff at the same time that I started as Executive Director in 2011. Be sure to congratulate Dave on a job well done when you see him at the next community meeting or event!



Photo: Lisa Beth Anderson

Another approaching milestone is the 45th anniversary of Bike East Bay next year, which was founded in 1972 with key projects that remain a focus for members today:

- Bikes on BART - One of EBBC's earliest victories was to overturn a total ban for bikes on BART. Today, we are supporting BART in becoming even more bike-friendly through its bond measure to fix BART infrastructure on this November's ballot.
- Bridging the Bay for Bikes - The new bicycle path on the East Span of the Bay Bridge is named for Alex Zuckermann, one of the founders of EBBC. After four decades of advocacy, we look forward to riding to Yerba Buena Island by the end of this year, and to extending the path on the West Span to San Francisco.

Five years ago, Dave Campbell and I shared a 200-square-foot office at the back of the Berkeley Bike station with a rotating crew of interns, volunteers, and board members. Since then, Bike East Bay has outgrown our offices three times. Bike East Bay is now a dedicated team of ten hard-working staff, including Advocacy Manager Cynthia Armour, profiled on page 7.

But the biggest change of all has been on the streets. Long-time member and donor Sibley Bacon reflects that she doesn't have to "wiggle waggle all over the place" anymore by bike in Oakland and Berkeley (page 6). With two new protected bike lanes and the East Bay's first protected intersection to be completed this year, it feels like the dam has broken for better bike lanes in the City of Berkeley (cover story). Bike East Bay is pushing other cities like Pleasanton (page 9) to follow Berkeley's lead by crafting new bike plans that include complete bike lane networks and protected bike lanes.

None of this works without you - our members and supporters. Once a year we get together to celebrate our victories and look ahead to the challenges to come. I hope you can join us on November 10 for Biketopia, Bike East Bay's annual member party and fundraiser. The party will be at Impact Hub Oakland, just two blocks away from the new protected bike lanes on Telegraph Avenue in Uptown Oakland. You helped build Telegraph and all the other new bike lanes rolling out this year. I look forward to raising a glass in thanks for all your support. Cheers!

Ride on,  
Renee Rivera, Executive Director.





The paint is drying on many new bike lanes, hundreds of people improved their biking skills at our free classes, and thousands enjoyed Bike East Bay's summer festivals. Thank you to each and every one of you for making this a great summer for bicycling in the East Bay. We hope you had a blast too.



*Celebrating the 3-month birthday of Telegraph Avenue's protected bike lanes with cake and party hats.*



*Practicing some moves on the ping pong table bike at Pedalfest this July.*



*Young bicyclists learned to ride at Walk to Nature at Miller Knox Regional Shoreline in Point Richmond.*



*The Original Scraper Bike Team opened up a new community bike shop, The Shed, at the 81st Avenue Branch of the Oakland Public Library.*



*New design for Bancroft Way features a two-way protected bike lane and a dedicated bus lane.*

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## AC TRANSIT PARTNERS UP ON BANCROFT WAY

Bancroft Way on the south side of UC Berkeley's campus is a major thoroughfare for Alameda County (AC) Transit bus service and staff and students who increasingly choose to walk, bike, and take transit to campus. This summer, AC Transit teamed up with Bike East Bay and other community partners to increase pedestrian safety, improve bike access, and speed up buses on this corridor.

The new Bancroft Way features a two-way protected bike lane on the south side of the street. This dedicated cycle track will provide a connection between Dana Street and the existing protected bike lane on Fulton Street. A red bus-only lane on the north side of Bancroft will improve transit times for buses along this heavily-trafficked campus corridor. Finally, by reducing Bancroft to two car lanes from three, pedestrians can more safely cross to the UC Berkeley campus.

This pilot project is expected to be approved by City Council on September 27 and then hit the ground in October. If successful, the changes will be made permanent when Bancroft Way is repaved in the summer of 2017.

## EAST BAY'S FIRST PROTECTED INTERSECTION

Students at Martin Luther King Jr Middle School will soon be able to walk and bike to and from school much more safely, thanks to a new protected intersection coming to the neighborhood this fall. The new project at The Alameda and Hopkins Street will be the first protected intersection in the East Bay and only the seventh of its kind in the nation.

The city is adding raised concrete islands to each corner of the intersection to help shorten crossing distances for pedestrians. One of these will act double duty as a bus boarding platform. Bike lanes pass between the curb and the islands, protecting bicyclists as they traverse the intersection. What started as a design problem ended as a win for all traffic modes at this intersection.



## BERKELEY BIKE PLAN STILL HAS FAR TO GO

Despite these three promising projects, the latest drafts of the Berkeley Bike Plan do not go far enough to create a network of low-stress bikeways through all districts of Berkeley. At press time, the updated plan lacks many needed protected bike lanes outside the downtown core. East Bay cities like Berkeley need extensive bike improvements on arterial streets.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Attend the Berkeley Transportation Commission meeting to speak up in support of connecting all of Berkeley with a network of safe bikeways that will attract riders from 8 to 80 years old.

### Berkeley Transportation Commission Meeting

Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 7pm  
North Berkeley Senior Center  
1901 Hearst Avenue

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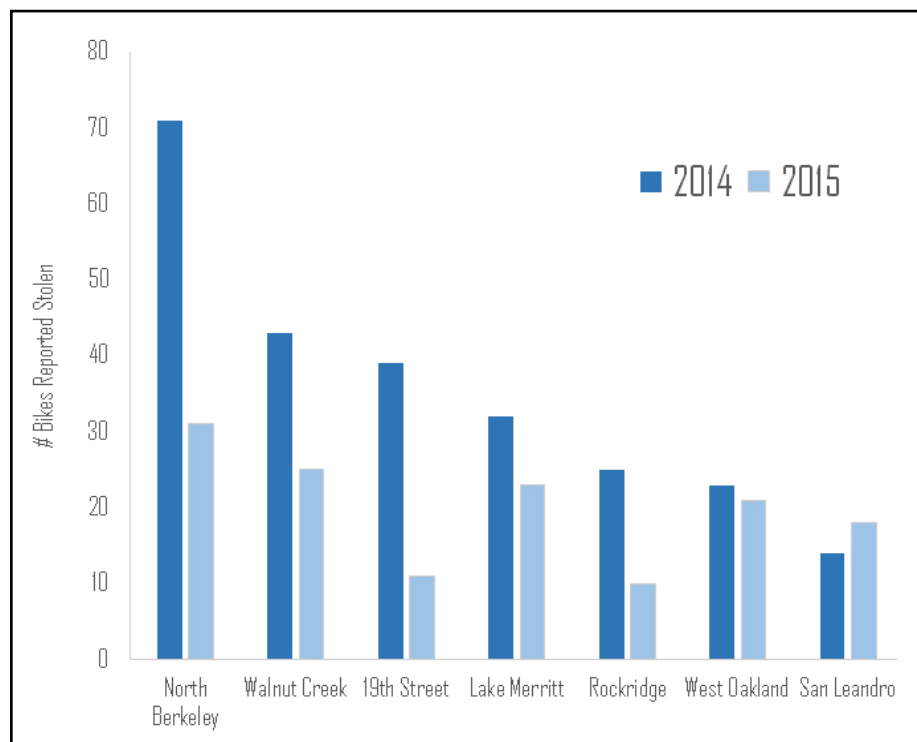
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# EAST BAY BICYCLE THEFT ON THE DECLINE



**BART Bike Theft, 2014-2015:** The overall number of stolen bikes reported to BART police dropped 29%, from 781 in 2014 to 558 in 2015. These stations received a new bike room (19th Street) or secure BikeLink lockers during this time, and all showed a decrease in bike thefts except for a slight increase at San Leandro Station.

Not even bike advocates are immune to bike theft. Advocacy Director Dave Campbell recently had to walk home without his bike, which was stolen while he was attending a meeting in Downtown Oakland. His bike had been U-locked to a rack outside the 19th Street BART station.

While BART stations continue to be hot spots for bike theft, these numbers have actually declined in the past two years. Bike East Bay has taken steps to advocate for more secure bike parking and educate more people on how to lock their bikes safely and securely.

## BART BICYCLE THEFT PREVENTION OUTREACH

Between 2014 and 2015 the number of stolen bikes reported to BART police

dropped a whopping 29% at East Bay stations. The biggest drops were observed at 19th Street, North Berkeley and Walnut Creek where new bike lockers or rooms were installed. BART also installed a new bike parking room at Civic Center station and hundreds of additional BikeLink lockers at a number of stations during this period.

In addition, Bike East Bay partnered with BART to conduct a theft-prevention outreach program in 2015. Outreach coordinator Charlie Fernandez-Hibbard tabled throughout the system, providing commuters with information on secure locking techniques, discounts on high-quality bike locks, and starter cards for the secure BikeLink lockers located at BART stations and throughout the East Bay.

There are more improvements on the way. BART plans to install new bike rooms at the MacArthur, Pleasant Hill, and Concord stations. Bike East Bay will start up the outreach program again this fall and spring. Find all the dates and locations at [BikeEastBay.org/BARTBikeTheft](http://BikeEastBay.org/BARTBikeTheft).

## BIKE THEFT PREVENTION CLASSES

Over the past year and a half, Bike East Bay has taught 13 free bike theft prevention classes in eight East Bay cities, including Concord, Oakland, Fremont, and Dublin. A total of 225 individuals joined our certified instructors for a fun, one-hour presentation where they learned how to avoid theft and recover stolen bikes. Class participants received free BikeLink starter cards to access secure bike lockers and bike parking rooms throughout the BART system. This program will continue into 2017. Register for these free classes or request one for your location at [BikeEastBay.org/education](http://BikeEastBay.org/education).

## EAST BAY BIKE SHARE EXPANSION

Bike share is another solution for avoiding theft. By using a bike share location near you to get to BART, go shopping, or head to work, you no longer have to worry about whether your bike will still be there when you get back. Bay Area Bike Share is already available in San Francisco and will soon deploy 1,400 bikes in Oakland, Berkeley, and Emeryville.

To help launch Bay Area Bike Share, Bike East Bay is promoting the system as part of the BART theft prevention outreach program and with free bike education classes. This fall, we also begin outreach to encourage equity and access to the East Bay bike share system for residents in all areas and of all income levels. The project is funded by a Better Bike Share Partnership grant. Learn more at [BikeEastBay.org/BikeShare](http://BikeEastBay.org/BikeShare).



## MEMBER PROFILE: SIBLEY BACON

Sibley Bacon with her “pickup truck,” a Trek Transit long-tail cargo bike.



Photo: Sibley Bacon

Things did not go as planned when member Sibley Bacon moved to the Bay Area 25 years ago.

“Two weeks before moving out, the electrical system in my Datsun went up in smoke.”

Bacon remembers thinking, “Guess I’m not driving across country!” Instead, she flew out with two duffel bags, a cat, and a dog.

Thanks to the balmy weather in the East Bay, she immediately started riding her bike to get around.

“There’s no winter out here. It was a sign I didn’t need a car.”

Bacon now gets around town thanks to a fleet of bikes: a commuter, a road bike, and her Trek Transport, a longtail cargo bike.

“It’s a pickup truck. I do my Costco runs, grocery shopping, any bulky items,” she says of her longtail bike. “Just load that sucker up. I live up a little hill in Fruitvale. [When I ride up with my loaded cargo bike] everybody in my neighborhood comes off the front porch and starts clapping.”

One of the upsides of biking for Sibley is the chance to connect with her community. When riding her cargo bike, Bacon says, “I learned I had to give myself an extra 20 minutes of time in each direction because I’d get into conversations.”

***“I’ve watched the East Bay Bicycle Coalition and now Bike East Bay transform the roads I have been pedalling on for 25 years”***

She adds, “I used to ride to Bayfair BART from my house in Fruitvale. I’d wave to people coming out of their driveways the same time every day. It became a daily anticipation of joy.”

Over the years, Bacon has seen substantial changes for bicycling in the East Bay. She remembers regularly consulting the West of the Hills map published by then the East Bay Bicycle Coalition and carrying little maps in her back pocket to find the best way across town.

“You don’t have to wiggle waggle all over the place anymore, compared to 20 years ago,” she says. “That can be nice, but sometimes you’re in a rush.

You just need to frickin’ get there.”

Bacon is most impressed by improvements on major arterial roads. “I was shocked to see [bike lanes on] Telegraph and Shattuck, the purple [wayfinding] signs in Berkeley, the major arteries striped with green lanes. They’re so much more bike-friendly.”

She is committed to expanding the East Bay’s network of bike-friendly streets, which is why she recently made a generous donation to Bike East Bay. She also donated her REI dividend to the Original Scraper Bike Team to help purchase tools for The Shed, the team’s newly opened bike shop at the Martin Luther King Jr. Branch Library in Oakland. Bacon plans to donate more tools and parts, which she will bring over to the shop by cargo bike of course.

“I’ve watched the East Bay Bicycle Coalition and now Bike East Bay transform the roads I have been pedalling on for 25 years,” Bacon says. “Thank you Bike East Bay! This feels luxurious.”

## STAFF PROFILE: CYNTHIA ARMOUR, ADVOCACY MANAGER



Cynthia Armour started as a volunteer with Bike East Bay in 2012. Since then, she has been a campaign fellow, Bike to Work Day Coordinator, and now her current position as Advocacy Manager. "I love my job," she says. "It gets me riding on the Delta De Anza Trail at sunset in Pittsburg and on the

Richmond Greenway with a great crew. I get to hang with the coolest bike instigators in Concord and have great conversations with volunteers or mayors about how our cities and streets impact our lives."

Armour has worked closely with bike advocates in Concord to build a partnership with the Monument HEAL Zone. This community health initiative, funded by Kaiser Permanente, aims to reduce obesity rates among the primarily Hispanic and low-income families in the Monument neighborhood. In 2015, the HEAL Zone collaborative successfully lobbied the city to install Concord's first green bike lanes and improve pedestrian crossings to access local schools on Detroit Boulevard, a busy connector street.

"The partnership we've built with the HEAL Zone has been a learning experience in how to engage residents for positive and lasting change," she says. "They don't approach public outreach lightly and have high standards for how people are treated, included and valued."

Sometimes, says Armour, it can be

frustrating to only be able to offer a single solution - bikes! - when communities face deeply entrenched poverty and racism. Even though lack of access to reliable and affordable transportation can be a major obstacle, so much more is needed.

"I realize that bikes are never going to solve all of our problems," she notes. "But I do my best so that, every now and then, a new person is able to forget their troubles by getting on a bike again, or discover a great new bikeway on the way to work, or is able to influence their city's planning process."

Recently, Armour has been leading Bike East Bay's work in bringing bike share to the East Bay. The plan includes working with affordable housing developers and service providers to make access to bike share easy for everyone. She will be leading an outreach strategy that places strong value on community engagement.

Armour says, "We want to be proactive about making sure every resident who wants to is able to sign up and use the bikes."

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# CALENDAR of EVENTS

## **SAN RAMON SPORTS BASEMENT OPENING AND ADVOCACY RIDE**

**Saturday, October 8, 10:30am**  
**1041 Market Place, San Ramon**

Celebrate the opening of Sports Basement's newest store, then join Bike East Bay staff on a 10-mile ride to highlight upcoming bike improvements in the San Ramon area.

## **BERKELEY BIKE PLAN MEMBER MEETING**

**Wednesday, October 12, 6-8pm**  
**Sports Basement**

**2727 Milvia Street, Berkeley**  
Berkeley has released a draft of its Bike Master Plan, and we need your input to make it the best plan in America.

## **1ST ANNUAL ALAMEDA BIKE FOR THE PARKS RIDE**

**Saturday, October 15, 8:00am**  
**Washington Park, Alameda**

Ride the 22-mile perimeter of Alameda and help raise funds for Alameda Friends of the Parks Foundation. Register at [alamedabicycle.com/bike4parks](http://alamedabicycle.com/bike4parks).

## **SUNDAY STREETS BERKELEY**

**Sunday, October 16, 11am-4pm**  
**Shattuck between Rose and Haste, Berkeley**

Join thousands of people on a car-free Shattuck Avenue in Downtown Berkeley and experience the joy of moving your body in the city.

## **OAKLAND MOBILITY (OAKMOB) 101 WEST OAKLAND**

**Saturday, October 22, 12-4pm**  
**DeFremery Rec Center,**

**1651 Adeline Street, Oakland**  
TransForm and the City of Oakland invite residents to share their transportation needs and generate ideas on how carshare and bikeshare can become affordable and reliable.

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## **OAKLAND GRAN FONDO**

**Sunday, October 23**

**Jack London Square, Oakland**

Bike East Bay's newest fundraiser will feature rides where bicyclists of all levels can experience the beauty of the East Bay. A 13-mile community ride will tour Oakland's Port and Lake Merritt, while the 28-, 55- and 100-mile routes tackle iconic climbs and tour our beautiful East Bay hills. [OaklandGranFondo.com](http://OaklandGranFondo.com)

## **OAKTOWN GHOSTTOWN**

**A Costume Fundraiser for Walk  
Oakland Bike Oakland**

**Thursday, October 27, 6pm-9pm**

**SPUR, 1544 Broadway, Oakland**

WOBO's annual fundraiser (formerly known as Winter Wonderland) is now a Halloween party! Watch out for werewolves in the bike lane.

## **ELECTION DAY – BIKE THE VOTE 2016**

**Tuesday, November 8, 7am-8pm**

This year's ballot is full of measures promising major funding for bikes and transit in the East Bay. Visit [BikeEastBay.org/election2016](http://BikeEastBay.org/election2016) to learn about the measures we support and for information about volunteering on or before election day.

## **BIKETOPIA**

**Thursday, November 10, 6:30-10pm**  
**Impact Hub Oakland**

Our winter member party and silent auction returns with an amazing collection of silent auction items. Join us as we celebrate our accomplishments of 2016! Buy your ticket at [BikeEastBay.org/Biketopia](http://BikeEastBay.org/Biketopia).

## **BIKE EAST BAY ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING**

**Thursday, December 7, 6:30-8pm**  
**Sports Basement,**

**2727 Milvia St, Berkeley**

Join other members to vote on our 2017 slate of board members. Members who attend will receive a discount on the entire Sports Basement store.

## **RICH CITY WINTER NIGHT LIGHTS SOLSTICE RIDE**

**Friday, December 16, 7-11pm**

**Rich City Rides,**

**1500 MacDonald Ave, Richmond**

Rich City Rides leads its 5th annual ride of bikes, lights, and music to celebrate the longest night of the year.

## **RECURRING EVENTS**

### **GRAN FONDO TRAINING RIDES**

**Sundays, October 2 & 16, 9am**

**Sports Basement,**

**2727 Milvia St, Berkeley**

Get trained up for the Oakland Gran Fondo! Join these two social training rides led by Sports Basement staff.

### **CONCORD FARMERS' MARKET BIKE TENT**

**Thursdays in October, 5-8pm**

**Todos Santos Plaza, Concord**

Bike Concord offers free bike repair every Thursday evening at Todos Santos Farmers' Market.

## **UPCOMING FREE BIKE EDUCATION CLASSES**

Our award-winning Bike Education Program is rolling into fall with more free classes for all ages and abilities. These include sessions for youth, families, and adults, from beginner learn-to-ride lessons all the way up to advanced bike handling classes. Learn new skills for making all your bike trips more fun.

Find the full class schedule with dates and locations at [BikeEastBay.org/Education](http://BikeEastBay.org/Education), or submit a request to bring a free class to your school, company, or other community organization at [BikeEastBay.org/ClassRequest](http://BikeEastBay.org/ClassRequest).



# NEWS BRIEFS

Photo: Caltrans



*The Bay Bridge East Span bike path nears completion.*

## CONNECTING THE BAY FOR BIKES

Do you dream of biking across the Bay Bridge to San Francisco? After pushing for bike access on the Bay Bridge for four decades, Bike East Bay's campaign for a Bay Bridge bike path will reach two major milestones this fall.

First, the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) will hold a public workshop in late October to get feedback on the final two design options for the West Span. Bike East Bay staff have seen a preview, but your input is most important. You'll have an opportunity to vote on two path options, one each for the north and south sides of the bridge.

Second, the East Span bike path will finally open to Yerba Buena Island this year, ending its status as the so-called "world's longest bike pier". The bicycle and pedestrian path will end at a newly constructed vista point to take in the beautiful view of the East Span of the Bay Bridge and the East Bay hills. There will also be restrooms, benches and an interpretive area at the new landing area.

Although officials confirm the path will be open this year, we were unable to confirm the exact opening day at press time. Please check our website for the latest updates for both the East and West Span bike paths at [BikeEastBay.org/Bay\\_Bridge](http://BikeEastBay.org/Bay_Bridge).

## PLEASANTON WILL FIX MAJOR GAP IN IRON HORSE TRAIL

The City of Pleasanton will be adding green painted bike crossings at the intersection of Stanley Boulevard, Valley Avenue, and Bernal Avenue, where a bicyclist was fatally struck by a driver this June. This near term fix will be followed by a plan to install a protected intersection at this crucial gap in the Iron Horse Trail, a popular regional bike trail in the Tri-Valley area.

Following the collision, Bike East Bay partnered with local advocates Bike Pleasanton to call for an immediate change in striping to improve the intersection and a long-term plan to close the gap in the Iron Horse Trail. In addition, Bike East Bay called on the city manager to commit to building a complete network of safe, comfortable bicycle facilities in Pleasanton. The community kept steady pressure on the city throughout the summer, and the hard work paid off.

At the September 13 City Council meeting, more than 90 members of the Pleasanton community packed the chambers to support better bikeways. One speaker, a young student from Pleasanton Middle School, asked the councilmembers plainly, "Should a death cause a community to start making safer roads? We should have started before any accidents occurred."

While many residents spoke on the need for better bike infrastructure, the youth present made the strongest impression. Many of these young speakers could barely see over the podium, but their voices were big, steady, and clear: we want to ride and we want to ride safely.

After two hours of discussion, Pleasanton City Council voted unanimously to immediately restripe the intersection and to design a long-term fix as part of the city's upcoming bike plan update. Mayor Jerry Thorne expressed his support for the project. "I'm not a cyclist—I don't even own a bike," he said. "But if we did have safer facilities I might actually buy one."

The unanimous vote to begin work on the gap in the Iron Horse Trail and the strong support for protected bikeways in the master plan update were major wins for bicycling in Pleasanton. For information on how to review and comment on the city's draft Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan and participate in the next community workshop in November, go to [BikeEastBay.org/TriValley](http://BikeEastBay.org/TriValley).

## JOIN BIKE EAST BAY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bike East Bay is seeking dedicated members to join our Board of Directors for 2017. Board membership is a great way to support Bike East Bay and step up your engagement with our work. Check out our board application to learn more about the skills and qualities we are looking to add to this hardworking group of leaders who set long-range strategy and provide oversight to our work. Your board will be elected at our annual member meeting on December 7 at Sports Basement in Berkeley.

We seek board members who represent the diversity of the people of the East Bay and the geographic communities of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. People of color are especially encouraged to apply.

[BikeEastBay.org/board\\_application](http://BikeEastBay.org/board_application)

# VOTE YES FOR BETTER BIKING ON NOVEMBER 8

Your ticket to better transportation is on the November 8 ballot. Every single voter in the East Bay will be deciding on at least one important transportation-related ballot measure. When you fill out your ballot, make a commitment to rebuild aging streets and transit services, and help Bike East Bay advocate for a modern transportation system. Vote YES for better biking.

## MEASURES RR AND C1 FOR BETTER BART AND AC TRANSIT



Imagine more secure bike parking at BART stations, fewer delays on your BART trip, and no more screeching

tracks. Imagine new AC Transit lines and more frequent bus service. That is why we urge you to vote yes on **Measure RR** for rebuilding BART and **Measure C1** for continued funding to run AC Transit buses. BART's Measure RR covers both Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. AC Transit's Measure C1 covers its special district of West Contra Costa County and Northern, Central, and Southern Alameda County.

## MEASURE X: CONTRA COSTA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDING MEASURE

Contra Costa County voters will be asked to increase transportation funding through **Measure X** (formerly referred to as Measure J reauthorization). **Measure X** is a new ½ cent transportation sales tax that will triple funding for bike

projects. If passed, **Measure X** will build, in its first five years, four model Complete Streets projects on busy arterial streets. Each project will include protected bike lanes, transit service upgrades, and smart technology to improve traffic flow and safety.

Bike East Bay urges you to vote yes on **Measure X** in Contra Costa County.



## STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON LOCAL BALLOT MEASURES

Many cities are asking for your YES vote to repave streets, add bike lanes and improve sidewalks. The ballot will be long, so remember to look for these local ballot measures. Then, vote YES.

### ALBANY, Measure P1:

Property tax to fund sidewalks

### BERKELEY, Measure T1:

\$100 million of general obligation bonds to fund infrastructure-related projects to improve streets, sidewalks, and parks, among other infrastructure

### LAFAYETTE, Measure C:

Sales tax to improve streets, parks and open space

### MARTINEZ, Measure D:

Sales tax for street improvements

### OAKLAND, Measure KK:

\$600 million Oakland infrastructure bond that includes \$350 million to rebuild Oakland's pothole-ridden streets and add protected bike lanes and pedestrian safety improvements

### PLEASANT HILL, Measure K:

A ½ cent sales tax to improve roads, storm drains, and libraries, and add bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure and other services

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# RIDE THE OAKLAND GRAN FONDO, BENEFITING BIKE EAST BAY



Bike East Bay's newest event rolls out of Jack London Square on Sunday, October 23! The Oakland Gran Fondo is a fundraising ride celebrating the beauty of Oakland and the East Bay hills.

This bike ride is for everyone. Ride around Lake Merritt and tour the Port of Oakland for up-close views of the iconic cargo cranes on the 13.5-mile community ride. For a challenge, choose between 28-, 55-, or 100-mile routes featuring golden hills and sweeping bay views. All routes are fully supported with rolling road closures, plus food and hydration stops along the way. At the end of the ride, join your friends in Jack London Square for a post-ride feast and festival.

All proceeds from the Oakland Gran Fondo benefit Bike East Bay's work to improve bicycling throughout the East Bay and to give everyone a safe, healthy and affordable way to get around.

View route maps and register for the ride at [OaklandGranFondo.com](http://OaklandGranFondo.com).

## YOU ARE INVITED TO BIKETOPIA

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Bring on the party hats! Join your best bike friends at Bike East Bay's annual member party and fundraiser. Enjoy good eats, tasty brews and a silent auction with 100+ items donated by bike-friendly businesses. Come ready to bid on weekend get-aways, beer and wine tours, and fabulous bike accessories. You could even ride home on a new bike!

Check out the auction preview at [BikeEastBay.org/Biketopia](http://BikeEastBay.org/Biketopia)



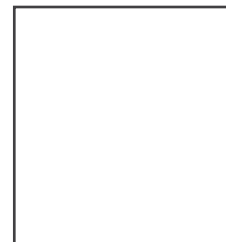
**When:** Thursday, November 10, 6:30pm to 10:00pm  
**Where:** Oakland Impact Hub, 2323 Broadway  
**Ticket Prices:** \$15 for members, \$20 at the door. \$35 for non-members, \$40 at the door (includes Bike East Bay membership). Your ticket includes a drink at the beer and wine bar and catering generously provided by Whole Foods.

**Buy your tickets today and sign up to volunteer at [BikeEastBay.org/Biketopia](http://BikeEastBay.org/Biketopia)**





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