

Bay Bridge Update

Bike/Ped Connections to The New East Span

You can see the East Span's construction progress from a westbound trans-bay bus window seat.

Installation of the path railing began in May 2007 and the Skyway belvederes (wide rest/seating areas) are being installed on the Alex Zuckermann Bay Bridge Path, which is named after the EBBC's founder.

Our advocacy battles did not end with the MTC's June 22, 1998, decision to include the Class I multi-use path in the bridge design. Efforts continue to extend the path on the West Span in San Francisco and to provide bridge access connections here in the East Bay for cyclists and pedestrians.

Review

The Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) adopted design criteria for the Bay Bridge Path in 1997. The south side path location was preferred for its cost advantages to link the bridges at Yerba Buena Island. The City of Oakland also backed this location. The south side path is also farther from accelerating and climbing motor vehicles.

The Emeryville Crescent is not available for either a bridge path alignment or a connector path. This protected shoreline has long been off-limits due to fill and other intrusions.

The Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) permit #8-01 for the East Span calls for a 15.5-foot path width, greater than we had originally sought. Advocates succeeded in adding five belvederes to the Skyway portion and one larger belvedere to the suspension span.

The East Bay Connection

The EBBC and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) have been holding regular meetings with Caltrans and local jurisdictions over the past several months on the design of the East Span connector path. Environmental clearance was received in 1999 for unobstructed connections from the



Initial deck installation of the Alexander Zuckermann Bay Bridge Path in July 2005.

bike lane approaches on both 40th and Shellmound Streets. These approaches offer elegant bicycle access from both Oakland and Berkeley respectively. This bicycle interchange will be located in front of the IKEA store in Emeryville.

At issue is the path segment from the agreed-upon 4.2-acre Gateway Park/staging area at the Oakland Touch-down, past the toll plaza to Maritime Street. Caltrans wants to build a "maintenance village" (complete with a conference center) on their land and the City of Oakland is undecided on how it will develop its portion of the former Oakland Army Base. Both projects threaten to compromise the construction of the bridge access path. The proposed demolition of the existing span also threatens to disrupt bicycle access if the salvage operation is allowed to use trucks rather than barges.

On the positive side, we heard Ken Terpstra, Caltrans' Bridge Project Manager, state that "Caltrans is committed to providing a world-class bike-way connection to the bridge." This connection should abide by the "world (See "East Span Connections" p.2)

NEXT MEETING

JULY 17, 7:00 PM

EBBC's next General Membership Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, at the former Berkeley Center for Appropriate Transportation (BCAT), 1336 Channing Way, Berkeley. The EBBC Board will meet prior to the General Meeting at 7:00 p.m. To view the agendas, please visit the EBBC event calendar at www.ebbc.org.

Berkeley to Buy Rail Right of Way for Path to Emeryville

The Union Pacific Railroad Co. has agreed to sell railroad right-of-way to the City of Berkeley, enabling the city to extend Berkeley's 9th Avenue bikeway south past Heinz Street to connect with Emeryville's Doyle Street bikeway. The Doyle Street bikeway will eventually extend through Emeryville and connect to the Bay Bridge Path.

Berkeley Transportation Planner Heath Mattox announced the \$3 million agreement at the June 28 BFBC party. "It takes a long time to negotiate with the railroads," Mattox said. "Both my predecessors have worked on this project starting in 1998."

Currently, bicyclists must ride through a parking lot past Heinz Street in order to reach Ashby Avenue. The Berkeley City Council has approved the purchase and Berkeley transportation staff will soon begin to plan the path. In the meantime, an interim path will be constructed past the planned Berkeley Bowl grocery store.

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class" bridge design criteria and be fully operational when the bridge path is opened between 2012 and 2014.

Ultimately, a shoreline Bay Trail path will follow the former Army Base docks to the Gateway Park. For the many cyclists who will want to use the bridge path for daily exercise, a direct connection past the toll plaza needs to be provided.

What About the West Span?

The \$2 million West Span Bicycle/Pedestrian/Maintenance Path Feasibility Study was completed by CH2MHill in 2001. The San Francisco Department of Public Health and SFBC received Caltrans funding in 2006 to study access options for the Treasure Island base reuse project.

The possibility of cycling or walking the Bay Bridge shore-to-shore is not likely when the East Span first opens (probably in 2013) but EBBC hopes that at least ferry connections from SF to Treasure Island will be in place.

New Oakland BART e-lockers Fill Up After First Week



New on-demand eLockers have been installed near Oakland's 12th and 19th Street BART stations. 200 more eLockers are coming to BART stops by November, but will not be enough to meet the demand. EBBC is lobbying BART for additional eLockers.

The pent-up demand for secure bike parking at Oakland's downtown BART stations has led many bicycle commuters to embrace new technology.

The long-anticipated electronic bike lockers (eLockers) at 20th and Broadway in Oakland were unveiled on Saturday, June 23. The eight lockers were nearly filled by the afternoon of June 28. Additional eLockers were installed at 14th and Broadway on May 18, 2006.

The eLockers are available at a cost of only 3 to 5 cents per hour to anyone with a BikeLink card, available at www.bikelink.org. Cards come with \$20 in value and the first 5 hours of each rental are free. BikeLink is currently testing a feature that will allow users to add value to cards at the lockers. Once the test is complete, this feature will be available at both Oakland eLocker installations. Additional BikeLink lockers in the East Bay are located at Pleasant Hill and El Cerrito Plaza BART Stations.

Given the demonstrated demand, the EBBC is now discussing with BART officials how to add more secure bicycle parking at the 19th St Station. EBBC needs your support to urge the BART Directors to rescind bike prohibitions at 19th St in order to install racks inside the station area.

BART intends to install 200 eLockers systemwide by this November, but this number will be far from adequate. The EBBC is promoting a "gap closure" proposal by BART to augment the installation by 150 more eLockers and include stations not identified in the original proposal.

An article about eLockers appeared in the June 2006 issue of *rideOn*. A Streetfilms video of this technology can be viewed at www.ebbc.org.

Jennifer Stanley, Oakland's Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Coordinator, contributed to this report.

SHORT REPORTS

What does a BPAC do?

The Emeryville Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee recently set six goals for itself:

- 1) Review projects and questions placed before it by City Council and staff.
- 2) Seek out and comment on project plans in the public process.
- 3) Establish relationships with City Council and staff.
- 4) Articulate a vision for the community and act as ambassadors for bike/ped issues.
- 5) Monitor regional plans and goals.
- 6) Monitor implementation of promised improvements.

All of this while upholding high standards of ethics, civility, and respect for due process.

Emeryville – How would you answer if a Council Member asked you, “what should we be working on now?” The Emeryville BPAC has methodically prioritized their top-ranking projects by carefully weighing the cost, feasibility, and potential impact of over 30 proposed bicycle/pedestrian improvements. The top-ranked projects include a dedicated bridge over I-80 (location unspecified); completion of remaining approved Bicycle Boulevards within Emeryville Bicycle Boulevard and seamless connection of Emeryville’s Boulevards to Berkeley’s network; and repair Powell/I-80 Intersection for bikes and pedestrians (per UC Berkeley study).

Hayward – Last year we applauded Hayward for promising to hire an outside consultant to prepare a Bicycle Master Plan Update. However, the public outreach did not include notice to EBBC members until less than a week before the draft plan was to receive an initial review on June 11. That meeting was attended by only two bicyclists! Please contact Associate Civil Engineer Luis Samayoa, PE (510-583-4769, Luis.samayoa@hayward-ca.gov) to request to review the plan and be notified of meetings.

BART Lockers – Current Rockridge bike locker tenant Rick Rickard received an annual renewal mailing stating that the \$30/year locker rental fee has been waived and he may keep

his locker until it is removed. Rick confessed that, like many other renters, his locker at Rockridge is infrequently used. Dedicated bike lockers at many stations are scheduled to be replaced by on-demand eLockers soon.

Rodeo – Rick Rickard recently rode through the San Pablo Ave construction zone in downtown Rodeo (Rick really gets around!). Along the way, he stopped to ask a supervisor about the eventual striping. He was assured that the new configuration in each direction will be: parking lane, a bike lane, and one motorist lane. They both agreed that a road diet (from four lanes) is a good way to control speeding and improve bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Oakland Parking Kiosks – Effective activism (see March 2007 *rideOn*) salvaged some bicycle parking as Oakland replaces 4,700 parking meters with “pay and display” kiosks. The City Council agreed to retain at least two meters per block face for possible bike rack retrofit. As well, bicyclists are being encouraged to lock their bikes to the kiosk sign posts.

Buffered Bike Lanes – The notion of offering wide bike lanes that are physically separated, or buffered, from car traffic using a diagonally painted buffer zone has received much attention following trials in New York City. Locally, Emeryville proposed to implement buffered bike lanes on an extremely wide section of Adeline Street. The city sought approval for the novel design from the California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) on June 7. Despite EBBC support for Emeryville’s proposal to serve as trial project, the CBAC rejected the design noting that it was unclear that cars and bikes could cross the buffer zone.

Concord – The CNWS Base Reuse Committee has received public comment from Bruce “Ole” Ohlson, who urged the committee to include real on-street bicycle facilities in all planning efforts and not simply rely on unconnected “trails” or toothless Class III bike routes that don’t improve safety or encourage bicycling. Preliminary plans from the committee have ignored any need for bike lanes to improve safe access to BART along Wil-

low Pass Road or to connect existing regional routes. Meanwhile, the CNWS has invited the EBBC to participate in a technical advisory committee.

Bus Rapid Transit – The EBBC provided comments (available at ebbc.org) on the environmental review that promoted a continuous, uncompromised, dedicated transit lane from San Leandro to Berkeley. Our primary concerns were over BRT impacts to on-street bike access and on-board bicycle transport.

Berkeley – Gilman Street leads to the Bay Trail and new shoreline sports facility. However, the current repaving project west of San Pablo Avenue does NOT include the addition of bike lanes as called for in the Council-approved Bicycle Plan. City planners have assured BFBC that there is room to install the bike lanes. Who to call: Office of Transportation Supervising Traffic Engineer Hamid Mostowfi, Councilmember Linda Maio, or Mayor Tom Bates.

Sustainable Transportation Workshop July 19 in Berkeley

A workshop on increasing sustainable transportation in Berkeley will be held Thursday evening, July 19, at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave.

The workshop, sponsored by the City of Berkeley Transportation Commission, will be from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. It is designed to “learn more and share your ideas about how to increase the number of people who choose alternative modes of transportation in Berkeley.”

Motor vehicles account for nearly 50% of Berkeley’s greenhouse gas emissions. For more information about Berkeley’s climate protection efforts and upcoming events, including a related report entitled “Climate Action in the City of Berkeley: A Framework Report for Community Review and Engagement,” visit: www.cityofberkeley.info/sustainable.

Recommendations for MTC ‘Transportation 2035’

BABC Proposals for Improved Regional Walking, Cycling

The Bay Area Bicycle Coalition (BABC) Advocacy Committee has made several policy recommendations for potential inclusion in the next Bay Area Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). They are designed to improve the safety and convenience of walking and bicycling in the Bay region.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is just beginning its revision of the next RTP, *Transportation 2035*. This \$100+ billion plan will set transportation funding priorities for the nine Bay Area counties over a 25-year period, from 2010 through 2035.

The BABC recommendations will first be considered for inclusion in the Transportation and Land Use Coalition’s (TALC’s) RTP “platform.” Here are the recommendations and the rationale behind them:

Make walking and bicycling safe and convenient for all types of trips by:

- Fully funding all projects in the Regional Bicycle Network.
- Conducting a major revision of the 2001 Regional Bicycle Plan (RBP).
- Creating and funding a Regional Pedestrian Plan (RPP).
- Increasing funding for Safe Routes to Transit (SR2T).
- Creating a regional Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program.

Why these steps are necessary

According to the 2001 National Household Transportation Survey, 43% of all trips are two miles or less in length, an easy distance on foot or bicycle. But getting people to switch modes for some of their trips requires more than just comfortable shoes or a bicycle. Improvements in infrastructure, maintenance, and education are needed to support real—and safe—increases in walking and bicycling.

How they can be implemented

Central to MTC’s 2001 Regional Bicycle Plan (RBP) is the Regional Bicycle Network (RBN). The BABC report urges:

- 1) Filling in the already-identified gaps in the RBN.
- 2) Updating the entire RBP.
- 3) Implementing a comprehensive Regional Pedestrian Plan (RPP).

MTC’s highly successful SR2T program awards grants for projects improving pedestrian and bicycle access and safety around transit hubs, such as secure bicycle parking, improved intersection design and signage, and connectors to multi-use paths. A sizeable increase in SR2T funds would simultaneously spur walking, cycling, and transit use.

Safe Routes to School (SR2S) is a proven approach that gets more children safely walking and bicycling to school, engages the entire school community’s enthusiasm and support, fosters safer driving near the school, and improves local pedestrian/bicycle infrastructure. To build a new generation that embraces lifelong habits of healthy, sustainable travel, MTC should create a regional SR2S program with adequate funding to support the program at every possible school.

EBBC MEMBERS GET DISCOUNTS AT THESE MEMBER SHOPS

- Alameda Bicycle, 1522 Park Street, Alameda (*20th anniversary this year*)
- **Bay Area Bikes**, 2424 Webster Street, Oakland (*new location*)
- **Bent Spoke**, 6124 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland (*new shop*)
- Bicycle Garage, 4673 Thornton Avenue, Fremont
- Bikes 4 Life, 1344 Sunset Drive, Antioch
- Cal Bicycles, 2053 First Street, Livermore
- California Pedaler, 495 Hartz Avenue, Danville
- Castro Cyclery, 20515 Stanton Avenue, Castro Valley
- Cycle City, 1433 High Street, Alameda
- Cycle Sports, 3530 Grand Avenue, Oakland
- Danville Bike, 115 Hartz Avenue, Danville
- Dublin Cyclery, 7001 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin
- Hank & Frank Bicycles, 3377 Mount Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette
- Hank & Frank Bicycles, 6030 College Avenue, Oakland
- Left Coast Cyclery, 2928 Domingo Avenue, Berkeley
- Livermore Cyclery, 7214 San Ramon Boulevard, Dublin
- Livermore Cyclery, 2752 First Street, Livermore
- Mike’s Bikes, 2133 University Avenue, Berkeley
- Mike’s Bikes, 1150 Contra Costa Boulevard, Pleasant Hill
- Missing Link, 1988 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley
- Montano Velo, 4266 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland
- The Pedaler, 3826 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante
- Pegasus Bicycle Works, 439 Railroad Avenue, Danville
- **Pioneer Bike Shop**, 11 Rio Vista Avenue, Oakland (*new shop*)
- Pleasant Hill Cyclery, 1100-C Contra Costa Boulevard, Pleasant Hill
- Real Bicycles, 3506-B Old Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton
- Robinson Wheelworks, 1235 MacArthur Boulevard, San Leandro
- San Leandro Cyclery, 471 East 14th Street, San Leandro
- Schwinn City, 814 A Street, Antioch
- Sharp Bicycle, 969 Moraga Road, Lafayette
- Solano Avenue Cyclery, 1554 Solano Avenue, Albany
- Stone’s Cyclery, 2320 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda
- **Tip Top Bike Shop**, 4800-A Telegraph Avenue, Oakland (*new shop*)
- **Velo Sport**, 1615 University Avenue, Berkeley (*new location*)
- **wheelgirl**, 1714 Fourth Street, Store C, Berkeley (*new shop*)
- Wheels of Justice Cyclery, 2024 Mountain Boulevard, Oakland
- Witts Bicycle Shop, 22125 Mission Boulevard, Hayward

Present your valid EBBC membership card (clip mailing label on back cover) to obtain discounts at participating retailers. **The newsletter mailing label must indicate “Current” membership to qualify.** Discount varies 5-25% on parts, bikes, and/or accessories depending on level of participation by retailer. Visit www.ebbc.org for details.

BAC Calendar

Compiled by John Ruzek

Alameda County July 12, August 9, 5:30 p.m. 426 17th Street, Suite 100, Oakland. Refer to www.acta2002.com/meetings.html for info. **Staff:** Rochelle Wheeler (510-267-6121, RWheeler@actia2022.com).

Albany Traffic & Safety Committee July 26, August 23, 7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue. **Staff:** Aleneida Andrino (510-528-5759, AChavez@albanyca.org). **EBBC Rep:** Committee member Nick Pilch, nicky@mindspring.com.

BART August 6, October 1, 6 p.m. MTC, 101 8th Street, Oakland. Bimonthly, first Mondays. **Staff:** Laura Timothy (510-464-6446); **Co-chairs:** Joe Carroll (Joe-the7thCarroll@lmi.ne), Dave Favello (925-939-9462, DaveVelo@mac.com). **EBBC County Representatives:** Alameda—Eric McCaughrin (EMcCaughrin@yahoo.com); Contra Costa—Dave Favello, Craig Hagelin (925-937-7610, Chagelin@astound.net).

Berkeley Transportation Commission July 19, August 10, 7 p.m. North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue. **Staff:** Phil Hillier (510-981-7010, PHillier@ci.berkeley.ca.us). **Chair:** Sarah Syed (510-827-7483, ssyed@sonic.net). **EBBC Rep:** Eric McCaughrin (510-652-9968, emccaughrin@yahoo.com).

Brentwood July 26, September 27, 4 p.m. Engineering Department, 120 Oak Street. **Staff:** Steve Kersevan (925-516-5420, SKersevan@ci.brentwood.ca.us). **Chair, EBBC Rep:** David Stoeffler, dstoeffler@sbcglobal.net).

California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) August 9, October 11, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Bimonthly meetings at Department of Transportation, Conference Room 2116, 1120 N Street, Sacramento. 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); **Chair:** Alan Wachtel, CABO (650-494-1750, Wachtel@aol.com); **BABC rep:** Deb Hubsmith (415-454-7430, debhub@igc.org).

Caltrans District 4 July meeting is cancelled. Next mtg. is Oct 17, 1:30 p.m. 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, JulianCarroll@dot.ca.gov). **Chair:** Sean Co, MTC (510-217-5748, sco@mtc.ca.ca.gov). **EBBC Rep:** Robert Raburn (510-530-3444, RobertRaburn@ebbc.org).

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

Danville Parks Commission July 11, August 8, 7 p.m. Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front Street. **Staff:** Marcia Sommers (925-314-3313, MSomers@ci.danville.ca.us).

Dublin The City Council will consider the draft Citywide Bicycle Master Plan on July 17 at 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, 100 Civic Plaza. Agenda available by July 14 at: www.ci.Dublin.ca.us. **Staff:** Ferd del Rosario (925-833-6637, Ferd.delRosario@ci.Dublin.ca.us).

East Bay Regional Park District (Park Advisory Committee) July 23, September 24, 7:30 p.m. Board Room, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. **Staff:** Ro Aguilar (510-635-0138 x2006, RAguilar@ebparks.org). **PAC Chair:** Mary Ann Gaebe (JimGaebe@comcast.net).

El Cerrito A Circulation Plan for Bicyclists and Pedestrians (www.el-cerrito.org/public_works/BikePed.html) was adopted June 18. El Cerrito cyclists who are interested in establishing a Bicycle Advisory Committee should contact John Ruzek (925-939-5181, John_Ruzek@yahoo.com). **Staff:** Melanie Mintz, Department of Public Works (510-215-4339, mmintz@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us).

Emeryville July 2, August 6, 5:30 p.m. 1333 Park Ave **Staff:** Peter Schultze-Allen (510-596-3728, PSchultze-allen@ci.emeryville.ca.us). **Chair:** Bryce Nesbitt (510-540-8421, bryce2@obviously.com).

Fremont July 18, August 15, 7:00 p.m. Niles Room, 39550 Liberty Street. (Call to confirm). **Staff:** Rene Dalton (510-494-4535, RDalton@ci.fremont.ca.us). **Chair:** Michael Joss (510-284-9908, michaeljoss@sbcglobal.net). **EBBC Rep:** Michael Graff (Michael.Graff@pobox.com).

Lafayette July 9, 6:30 p.m. 500 Saint Mary's Road. **Staff:** Leah Greenblat (925-299-3229, LGreenblat@ci.lafayette.ca.us). **Chair:** Bart Carr (925-299-1664, BartCarr@yahoo.com). **EBBC Rep:** Yehuda Sherman (925-284-5363, YehudaSherman@aol.com).

Livermore A BAC is being formed. Call Community Development Department (925-960-4500) for further information.

Oakland July 19, August 16, 5:30 p.m. City Hall, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland.

See: www.oaklandpw.com/bicycling/bpac.htm for location and details. **Staff:** Jennifer Stanley (510-238-3983, bikeped@oaklandnet.com). **Chair:** Paul Russell (paulbikegeek@gmail.com); **Vice-chair:** Mark Dieter (slimysalaman@sbcglobal.net).

Pittsburg Community Advisory Committee August 1, September 5, 7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers, 65 Civic Ave. **Staff:** Paul Reinder (925-252-4822, PReinders@ci.Pittsburg.ca.us). **EBBC Rep:** "Ole" Ohlson (925-439-5848, BruceOleOhlson@hotmail.com).

Pleasanton Trails Committee July 23, August 27, 6:30 p.m. Council conference room, 200 Old Bernal Avenue. **Staff:** Fan Ventura (925-931-5348, FVentura@ci.pleasanton.ca.us). Contact Senior Planner Janice Stern (925-931-5606) about the Circulation Element of the General Plan or establishing a BAC.

Union City 3:00 p.m. 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 Call staff for meeting details. **Staff:** Alicia Arellano (510-643-4949, alicia_a@berkeley.edu). **Chair:** Karl Hans (KHans@uclink4.Berkeley.edu). **EBBC Rep:** open.

Walnut Creek July 11 meeting cancelled. Draft Bicycle Master Plan to be reviewed July 19 at joint meeting with the Transportation Commission. Next BAC mtg. is August 12, 7:00 p.m. Third 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@mac.com).

West Contra Costa County An ad hoc BAC representing cyclists will soon contribute revisions to the Countywide Bicycle Pedestrian Plan in West County. For more information, contact staff or EBBC. **Staff:** John Rudolph (510-215-3042, JohnR@ci.sanpablo.ca.us). **EBBC:** Robert Raburn (510-530-3444, RobertRaburn@ebbc.org).

Minutes

June 19, 2007

Submitted by Tom Ayers

East Bay Bicycle Coalition General Meeting Minutes of 6/19/07

Board members present: Ole, Steve, Tom, Rick, Bill, Dave C, Dave F, Craig, Mary
Also: Robert

This was a very special meeting, held at the Europa Hof Brau in Orinda after a dinner **celebrating Yehuda Sherman's many years of service** to the EBBC and to East Bay cyclists – complete with testimonials, commemorative gifts, and tiramisu. The general meeting was conducted in a breathtaking 20-minute span between the end of the celebration and the closing of the Hof Brau.

The **May meeting minutes**, as they appeared in *rideOn*, were **APPROVED**.

There was **no treasurer's report**. Updated figures will be available at the July meeting i.

Membership: Robert reports 14 new members signed up at the Greening Albany event, and 42 at the Temescal Street Fair.

West of the Hills map – An initial bid for 20,000 maps was costly and had an unfavorable payment schedule; the bid was revised to \$48k with a better payment schedule, and Robert recommended acceptance. Motion to accept: **APPROVED**. The first 4000 maps are expected in late fall or early winter.

ACTIA funds for bike safety classes – Dave C. recommends accepting a \$38k grant from ACTIA to give these classes in Alameda County; it will require us to have our books audited. Motion to accept: **APPROVED**.

T-shirts – Robert has been selling shirts at events, recommends we get more printed to be ready for upcoming events. Motion to proceed: **APPROVED**.

Bike shop ambassadors – Tom asks members to sign up to be primary contacts for one or more local bike shops (the ones that support us with discounts for members), in order to make sure the stores are stocked with our maps and brochures and to keep in touch with store managers.

State legislation – Robert reports that, aside from the 3-foot passing bill (which is dead for this year), all of the remaining 9 bills that we supported have gotten through committees and floor votes, so they will be going next to the Assembly or Senate. He is optimistic, and urges people to send letters of support, particularly for AB1358, the Complete Streets Act – see website for full information.

Concord BRAC – Robert reports that they will form a technical advisory committee; unfortunately it will meet on weekdays at 8:30 a.m. Robert and Steve will try to be included on the committee.

MacArthur BART - Ron Bishop notes that a proposed new two-way Frontage road and new public street through the MacArthur Transit Village Project need to fully consider the access and safety of bicyclists and pedestrians. Comments on the NOP for a DEIR must refer to case number ER060004 and can be sent to: Charity.Wagner@lsa-assoc.com on or before July 13, 2007.

Next Meeting – July 17: Board meeting at 7, General at 7:30 p.m. Location To be determined – watch the website.

(Note: EBBC's July meeting is at the former Berkeley Center for Appropriate Transportation (BCAT), 1336 Channing Way. Ed.)

Submitted by EBBC Secretary on June June 26, 2007 - 11:42am.



Grassroots Advocacy Fills Potholes

Bicycle advocacy involves lots of work at many levels—especially on the street.

At the grassroots level, we all want safe streets to ride on. We can fight endlessly for our rights as cyclists, but if we still face chunky, debris-strewn streets with unresponsive lights and hazardous drain grates, then riding remains dangerous.

The EBBC's online Hazard Reporting Form (see www.ebbc.org/node/139) is the quickest way to improve cycling conditions in the East Bay's two counties and in all 33 cities. Using the form, you can provide a quick description of any hazard to bicyclists. EBBC will ensure that the report reaches the proper public agency, which can then eliminate the dangerous condition(s).

Our approach empowers individual bicyclists because every time an authority or agency receives a completed EBBC Hazard Reporting Form, agency staffers are reminded of their liability pursuant to the California Government Code Section 835.2:

NOTICE OF DANGEROUS CONDITION

Under California Government Code Section 835.2, you are hereby placed on actual notice of two dangerous conditions of public property. The following conditions on your property create a substantial risk of injury when your property is used with due care in a manner in which it is reasonably foreseeable that it will be used:

Public agencies pay close attention to these forms. In addition, the more often we point out the hazards that everyday cyclists face, the more likely these agencies are to fix them.

The strength of our bicycle advocacy lies in being a well-organized community. (Just because you are able to avoid a pothole in time does not mean that the next cyclist will be so lucky.)

The next time you are jarred by a wheel-bending rut or other road hazard, note the details and the nearest address, intersection, or milepost. Then log onto www.ebbc.org/node/139 and report the hazard(s) in detail. The EBBC's Ian MacDonald will follow up on each report to make sure it is acted upon.

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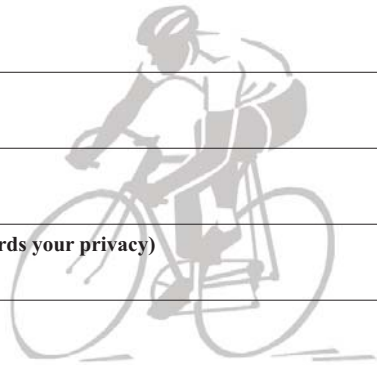
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Join Ed Weiss Memorial Bike Ride May 29

A bicycle ride along Skyline Boulevard in memory of Ed Weiss will be held on Sunday, July 29, 2007, at 10:45 a.m. Ed was killed by a speeding motorcyclist while cycling on Skyline Boulevard one year ago.

The ride begins at Sibley Park, near the corner of Skyline Blvd. and Grizzly Peak Blvd., at 10:45 a.m. on July 29. The memorial ride will head south along Skyline Blvd., passing by the crash site at around 11a.m. Members of Ed's family will be at a nearby pullout to talk with riders. Ribbons will be tied to trees near the crash site and bicyclists may drop off a flower there in Ed's memory.

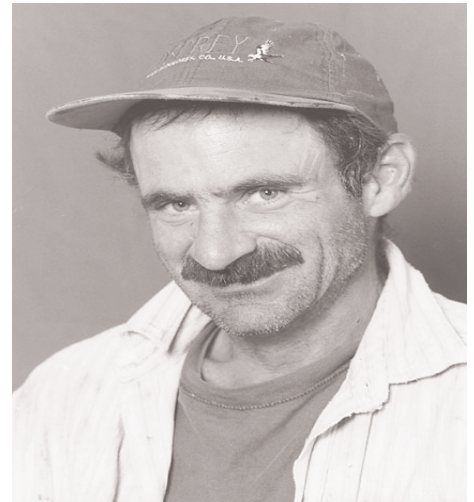
A motorcyclist struck him head-on on Saturday, July 29, 2006, while Ed was riding lawfully on the Skyline Regional Bikeway. The mid-afternoon crash took place in the 8200 block of Skyline Blvd. near the five-way inter-

section of Skyline, Shepherd Canyon, Pinehurst, and Manzanita Roads. Ed never regained consciousness and died at Highland Hospital the following morning.

This ride, commemorating the one year anniversary of Ed's tragic death, is coordinated by his family, concerned local residents, and Ed's fellow cyclists. Bicyclists can take this opportunity to pay respects to Ed and his family, join them in calling for Alameda County District Attorney Tom Orloff to fully prosecute the motorcyclist, and support the residents' appeals for enforcement of often-flagrant speeding and lane violations. Please add to the chorus of letters to the DA at:

www.businessimagegroup.com/skyline/traffic.html

Please ride by to show your support for Ed's family and for local residents, who are now working with Oakland's Traffic Engineering, Public Works,



Ed Weiss, an avid bicyclist, was struck and killed by a motorcyclist while riding along Skyline Blvd. in the Oakland hills, where many motorists still speed with impunity.

and Police Departments to improve traffic safety along this scenic but dangerous roadway. For more information or to offer assistance, please contact Ed's brother, Rick Schiller, at: r_schiller@comcast.net.

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