



## ACTIVE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION

Introduction of ACT Federal Transportation Bill offers hope for sustainable transportation in communities across the nation

Mar 3, 2010 - California **Senator Barbara Boxer** kicked off work on new Transportation Bill.

Mar 3, 2010 - **Congressman Earl Blumenauer** from Oregon introduced an important component of the Transportation Bill called Active Community Transportation, abbreviated as ACT (HR 4722). *“The ACT transportation grants will make it easier for people to get out of their vehicles and onto sidewalks or bikes, boosting heart rates and community vitality,”* said Blumenauer.

On the eve of the National Bike Summit in Washington DC (March 9-11), bicyclists throughout the county have never before been so optimistic. ACT will enable communities to access \$2 billion of funding for transportation options that build livable communities, reduce global warming pollution, boost public health,

and create jobs in the process.

A delegation of eight EBBC members will visit congressional offices in early March to remind our federal legislators about gaps in regional bikeways that will otherwise take over 100 years to complete given current rates of funding allocations.

The East Bay Bicycle Coalition has carefully assembled justifications for enhanced federal transportation investments that improve access and safety for bicyclists. We have bikeway plans throughout both Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Advocacy leaders throughout California are focused like never before!


In the East Bay our Active Transportation goals would create the East Bay Greenway--a bikeway extending from Oakland to Hayward that parallels BART. Safe Routes to Transit projects are always a priority and we support extend the Iron Horse Path south of Dublin/Pleasanton BART to Livermore. We also support the Mokelumne Overcrossing of SR-4 in Brentwood, the Richmond Greenway Overcrossing, the path through Chevron property



*Congressman Earl Blumenauer*

in Richmond, the Oakland-Alameda Estuary Crossing, and the Ashby Overcrossing of I-880 in Emeryville.

Rest assured that we will not leave out completion of the Bay Bridge Pathway!

**ACTION ALERT:** Ask your congressional representative to support HR 4722. Sample letters at: <http://www.ebbc.org/?q=node/3533> 

### Next Meeting

EBBC's General membership Meeting will take place on the 3rd Wednesday, March 17, 7:30-9:30pm at the **Rockridge Branch Library**, 5366 College Avenue in Oakland. We'll begin with an award ceremony involving **Fremont** PTA members who will acknowledge our Bicycle Safety Class instructors. We will formally vote on SB 1061 (see p. 8)

At 8:30pm we will welcome guest speakers **Christine Monsen**, Executive Director, and **Tess Lengyel**, Programs and Public Affairs Manager, Alameda County Transporta-



*Christine Monsen (l) and Tess Lengyel (r) are the dynamic personalities who guide ACTIA.*

tion Improvement Authority (ACTIA). Together they will present *“Measure B 2000 - Mobility, Access, Accountability”* and examine the prospects to draft a new transportation sales tax measure for the November 2012 ballot that includes **Active Transportation** projects. Please join us to participate in this vision!

**EBBC Offices** at Fruitvale Village, 3301 E12th St, Suite 143, Oakland. In May we will open our new satellite office in Downtown Berkeley.

## Upcoming Bicycle Safety Classes

All are free. Complete the two-day class and earn a front/back bike light set

### CLASSROOM WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:

**Fremont** - Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 6:00-9:30pm Fremont Family Resource Center

**Women's class in Emeryville**  
Thursday, March 25, 2010, 6:00-9:30pm Title Nine business office, 6201 Doyle Street, Emeryville, CA

To respond to student requests, we are holding this class for self-identified women to create a supportive, comfortable space for women to participate in learning cycling skills. Led by Diane Serafini & Bonnie Wehmann, local League of American Bicyclists Certified Cycling Instructors.



**Oakland** - Tuesday, April 6, 2010, 6:00-9:30pm Kaiser Oakland Medical Center 3701 Broadway, 2nd floor Physical Therapy Conference Room

### ROAD CLASS SCHEDULE:

**Oakland** - Saturday, March 27, 10am-4:30pm Joseph P. Bort Metrocenter, 101 Eighth St at Oak, next to Lake Merritt BART Station

Register at: [www.ebbc.org/safety](http://www.ebbc.org/safety)



## CEQA Guideline Amendments

The Office of Administrative Law filed the Guideline Amendments with the Secretary of State. The Amendments become effective on March 18, 2010. The text of the adopted Amendments and other rulemaking documents are available on the web at Natural Resources Agency

It's official, the CEQA Transportation Guideline amendments we fought for over the past two years have been adopted by the State of California. An excerpt of changes to section XVI. Transportation/Traffic was published in rideOn, January 2010 on page 4.

**In order to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions, existing bicycle plans and access must be considered in any development proposal that goes through an Environmental Impact Review in California.**

Among the EBBC members we can thank are Jason Patton, Michelle DeRobertis, and Dave Campbell who participated in a panel discussion on CEQA during the 2008 TransForm summit. Thanks to TransForm for responding to our appeal to publicly expose the inadequacies of CEQA. And finally, Dave was at his legal best when we testified before the CEQA rulemaking committee in Sacramento last August 18. He noted that addressing "roadway capacity in EIRs is a stumbling block, we need to focus on access and safety."

-Robert Raburn

### EBBC MEMBERS GET DISCOUNTS AT OVER 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
- 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
- Bikes 4 Life-OneFam 1600 7th St, Oakland
- 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
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- 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
- Danville Bike 175 Hartz Ave, Danville
- Dublin Cyclery 7001 Dublin Blvd, Dublin
- Eden Bicycles 3318 Village Dr, Castro Valley
- Encina Bicycle Center 2901 Ygnacio Valley Rd. Walnut Creek
- Hank & Frank Bicycles 3377 Mount Diablo Blvd, Lafayette
- Hank & Frank Bicycles 6030 College Ave, Oakland
- Hayward Bicycles 22420 Foothill Blvd
- 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
- rideSFO 1724 Mandela Pkwy, Oakland
- Robinson Wheelworks 1235 MacArthur Blvd, San Leandro
- The Roll Up 4401 San Leandro St, Oakland
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- 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

## SHORT REPORTS

**VOLUNTEER** - EBBC has a great season of events scheduled for 2010. We especially appreciate the large number of volunteers who make these events both productive and enjoyable! Visit [www.ebbc.org](http://www.ebbc.org) for details on the events:

**SAT Mar 27-28 Oakland Marathon**  
When you pick up your registration packet at the Oakland Marriott on Mar 27, please visit EBBC at the Health and Fitness Expo to learn the latest about Active Transportation. On SUNDAY, Mar 28, runners and neighbors will enjoy 26 miles of streets closed to traffic, but note that bicycles are not permitted on the course.

**SAT Apr 5, 5-11pm Taste for Artisans**  
The East Bay Express is celebrating things handmade by throwing a party for 100s of Artisans at Oakland's Jack London Square with free admission. Learn about making cool stuff and enjoy music, food, and drink. EBBC will support their efforts with free bike valet parking.

**ONGOING Preparing for the Best Bike to Work Day ever (May 13)**  
Every year, hundreds of volunteers make Bike to Work Day the best day ever for thousands of cyclists in the East Bay. There are lots of ways to get involved: stuffing our famous musette bags, greeting bicyclists at your neighborhood energizer station, getting food & drink donations, rounding up goodies for the musette bags, putting up posters and flyers around town, getting the word out about Bike to Work Day to media, hauling equipment with a bike trailer, helping out at our fabulous Bike Away from Work Party, and much more. Plus, everyone who volunteers for Bike to Work Day will be invited to a special thank you party in June. You can be a part of the fun - to join in, please contact our Outreach Coordinator, Carrie Harvilla, [Carrie.harvilla@ebbc.org](mailto:Carrie.harvilla@ebbc.org), at 510-533-7433

**BAY TRAIL DETOUR DANGER** - The unfair closure of the Bay Trail in Oakland, between High Street and 66th Ave by the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) continues to generate

complaints from commuters and recreational users. The alternative to ride on Oakport St is dangerous! The closure was featured in articles in the *Oakland Tribune* (1/30/10) and *East Bay Express* (2/3/10). An inexpensive and safe detour has been proposed by Jason Patton, Oakland's Bicycle Coordinator. Remind your elected EBRPD representative that this shortcut detour is needed immediately.

**COLLIER CANYON BIKE-FRIENDLY BUSINESS** - Recreational riders are enjoying the welcome mat at an unlikely rural business, EJ's on Carneal Rd.

**BART BICYCLE PATROL** - BART riders have started noticing officers on board trains. More change is coming. Lt Bill Shultz expressed thanks to the EBBC and BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force for supporting a successful application for Prop 1B funds to purchase a fleet of 30 patrol bicycles and train personnel. Lt Schultz noted that officers will not be on peak-hour trains with their bikes.

**BART SEISMIC WORK & OHLONE GREENWAY** - On May 1, 2010 the BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force invited city staff and bicyclists from **El Cerrito, Albany** and **Berkeley** to review plans for the disruptive seismic construction slated to take three years, beginning this fall. EBBC promotes that the Ohlone Greenway be treated as a transportation facility that will require signed detours. In El Cerrito, the northernmost Greenway near Baxter Creek/Key Route Blvd is the most problematic area to provide a detour. We also seek to carefully plan the replacement of the popular path. Review of the plans revealed many improvements. Most liked Berkeley's additional lighting, but objected to the proposed proliferation of bollards in the path of riders. Also, the lack of wayfinding signage represents a serious omission for a regional bikeway.

**E-BART** - The extension of BART east of Pittsburg/Bay Point will

include two new stations. The Antioch station will be in the uninviting median of SR 4. TransForm's **Chris Schildt** and EBBC's **Bruce "Ole" Ohlson** are working to include bikeway planning and wayfinding signs in the planning process for Antioch's Hillcrest Station. Contact Chris at 510.740.3150 x305.

**LAKE MERRITT 12th ST** - the crown jewel of Measure DD approved by the voters in 2002 was at risk of further delay. EBBC's **Rick Rickard** helped lobby City Council to approve the contract on May 2, 2010 for reconstruction of 12th St at Lake Merritt. In just about 500 days, the people of Oakland and the East Bay will celebrate a reconstructed 12th St to replace "the world's shortest freeway" with bicycle and pedestrian access. An expanded shoreline park will be another benefit of the \$34 million project.

**REGIONAL BIKE NETWORK \$\$** - A coalition of partners have been working to keep the 3-year allocation of \$19.5 million from being cut by 20-percent We reached agreements with the **Contra Costa Transportation Authority** and the **Alameda County Congestion Management Agency** (CMA) to allocate the funds to build bikeways. We were surprised on Feb 25, 2010 that CMA staff had altered an earlier decision. Quick action rounded up speakers from TransForm and Urban Habitat and led to a vote by elected officials to protect the funds.

**BIKE-FRIENDLY BUSINESSES** - You can nominate an East Bay business that caters to bicyclists. 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).

**PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS** in our Bike to Work Day Guide. The BTWD Guide is an 8-12 page insert in the May 5 issue of the EAST BAY EXPRESS. Contact Dave Campbell, BTWD Program Director, [dcampbel@lmi.net](mailto:dcampbel@lmi.net)

## Bay Area Bridge Commuters

There's an unspoken camaraderie among cyclists who cross the San Francisco Bay. Some depend on a combination of public transit and bike-ways. Some pedal from shore-to-shore. Bridge commuting, similar to cyclocross racing, involves hoisting bikes up and down stairs, or on and off buses. Transitioning from paths and bikeways to frontage roads and surface streets, cyclists negotiate swiftly changing terrain, sometimes on foot and sometimes in the saddle. Fresh air fetishists, rule-bending pathfinders, all-terrain trailblazers, explorers, navigators, they are everything that SUVs claim to be, but are not.

Bicyclists and pedestrians can cross four of the East Bay's seven State Toll bridges: Antioch, Benicia/Martinez, Carquinez and Dumbarton. Each has its own rules and transit links, making bridge commuting a "Phantom Toll Booth-like puzzle." But with increasing frequency cyclists are able to enjoy a continuous ride by traversing a bike-friendly bridge.

**Kevin Cleary**, President and COO of Clif Bar, commutes from Marin across the **Richmond Bridge** to his office in Berkeley. It takes him 35 minutes to get to the bus depot in San Rafael. The bus is usually on time. He gets dropped off in Point Richmond. From there he jumps on the Bay Trail. "I try to do it as a very easy, casual ride," Kevin says, "but with three kids at home now it's usually a sprint." He likes the idea of opening up the shoulder of the Richmond Bridge to cyclists, "to have that flexibility would be outstanding," he says. "Through my commute," Kevin says, "I got in good enough shape to start racing." "The story of Gary Erickson coming up with the idea for Clif Bar while riding his bike," he says is "very much a part of who we are."

**Rob Powell**, a 63-year-old from Vallejo, formerly on the board of the Bay Trail, rides across the **Carquinez Bridge** twice a week. "I don't do performance riding,"



*Rob Powell rides across the Carquinez Strait.*

Rob says, "I do fitness riding, because I have osteoarthritis and I need to keep going." After crossing the bridge, Rob takes the West Cat Bus Service to El Cerrito BART continuing on into San Francisco. "Since I'm retired I have a totally different outlook," he says. "I don't measure rides so much in miles as in time." He says if Caltrans doesn't want to deal with a road hazard, he'll fix it himself.

**Bridget May** is a **Bay Bridge** commuter from San Francisco. A former road racer, she now races to work in the East Bay. "I was concerned about having to commute to Berkeley," she says. "I like going over the Bay Bridge on the shuttle, because it only costs a dollar." A reverse commuter, her fellow shuttle riders going in the opposite direction are often bumped, but she always finds a spot.

**Rene Rodriguez**, a resident of San Fran-

cisco, has been bicycling to work for 15 years. A short film producer, she bikes to work eight miles every day from San Francisco to Alameda, taking AC Transit. Rene upgraded to a folding bike to take inside the bus. She bikes to the Transbay terminal, then takes the O bus across the Bay Bridge, pedaling on to Alameda Point. As far as cycling on the West Span, "I can't wait until there is a bike lane that goes all the way across," she says. "I know the Bay Bridge is a long bridge to cross. But, if you bike to work every day, you get really fit."

A bicycle commuter for the past 30 years, **Eric Morris** is a music teacher living in San Lorenzo. "I've seen a lot of changes, most of them for the better. People are more conscious of bicycles. Transit is more forgiving." Eric commutes regularly over the **San**

**Mateo Bridge**. He bikes four miles to Chabot College, then takes AC Transit line M to Oracle in Belmont. From there he bikes another four miles to his job teaching music at Notre Dame de Namur University. Rain or shine this is his itinerary. Eric says walking is too slow. "As a matter of fact it's no coincidence that there are bicycling messengers delivering important papers in every urban environment in the world."

**John Destefano**, a software engineer at NetApp has been bicycle commuting for 15 years, primarily for fitness. He rides a loop between Newark and Sunnyvale with the wind at his back, four days a week during the dry months. In the mornings, he rides down the east side of the bay. In the evenings he takes Caltrain up to Palo

Alto. From the station he bicycles eastbound across the **Dumbarton Bridge** home. When asked to describe his bridge crossing he says, "I'm not sure 'fun' is the right word. I do view it as the safest part of my commute." John's complaint is that roadside debris usually ends up in the bike lane of the bridge. He doesn't like jumping construction ladders with his bicycle.

Bay Area Bridge commuters' dreams for bicycling beyond the shorelines are manifold. Kevin's wish is "for us to be able to do a full circle around the bay." Rob says that while bridges that cross the bay are vital, he'd like to see improvements to bridges that cross freeways. Bridget says, "I think you should be able to ride your bike anywhere. Not everyone has a car." Rene thinks it makes sense to have a pedestrian and bike lane on every bridge. Eric says, "I'd love to ride across the San Mateo Bridge. It'd be a gas." Going beyond expectations, Bay Area Bridge commuters hurry forward while the traffic stands still.

-Terri Saul



*Rene Rodriquez bicycles to the transbay bus over the Bay Bridge, but wishes that she could ride.*



*Clif Bar's bicycle storage room gives Kevin Cleary a secure parking area at work.*



*Bridget May elects to ride the Caltrans Commuter Bicycle Shuttle from San Francisco's Transbay Terminal to MacArthur BART instead of taking BART. Unlike the majority of commuters who cannot board BART with bicycles in the peak morning commute from the East Bay to San Francisco, Bridget's reverse commute gives her options.*



*Erik Morris gets over the San Mateo Bridge on board the Line M transbay bus between Chabot College and Belmont.*

## Minutes

of the Board & General Membership Meetings on Feb, 17 2010. Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Ave

Draft for Approval

**Minutes of the Board Meeting** on Feb. 17, 2010. Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Ave., Oakland

Board members present: Tom Ayres (chair), Dave Favello (Vice Chair), Leo Dubose, Craig Hagelin, Morgan Kanninen, Sylvia Paull, Hal Keenan, Bill Pinkham, Rick Rickard, Susan Stewart

Staff: Carrie Harvilla, Dave Campbell, Robert Raburn

Also: Ricardo Pedevilla, Alameda

Tom Ayres convened the meeting and the February minutes were approved. An anonymous donor has given us \$6,000 to hire Erik Jensen as a contractor for six months at the rate of \$1,000 per month to help with technical web site and database work. A motion was passed to accept this donation, which was restricted to hiring Jensen.

The board approved the 2010 EBBC Contributions Budget for \$2,500, which represents no major changes from last year's budget. Rick Rickard prepared the budget.

A proposal to change the bylaws so that we could reduce the number of annual general meetings to six and board meetings to four was withdrawn by Tom. Leo Dubose and others objected to the proposed change, which he argued would not help grow membership.

The board approved a proposal to make voting via email synonymous with voting in writing.

**Minutes of the General Meeting**, Feb. 17, 2010. Rockridge Branch Library.

Sargeant Shawn Maples, supervisor of the El Cerrito Bike Patrol, announced a Bike the Bridges Special Olympics June 6 to fund athletes for the Special

Olympics. He'd like EBBC volunteers (<http://bikethebridges.kintera.org>). He is working to get more BART officers on bicycles using funds from a new \$100,000 BART grant.

Carrie Harvilla asked new subcommittee chairs to introduce themselves and said at future meetings there would be reports from these new subcommittees.

It was announced that there will be no changes in board and general meeting schedules.

Robert Raburn announced that State Senator Loni Hancock has introduced a bill to allow the Bay Area Transit Authority (BATA) to fund a bicycle-pedestrian maintenance pathway on the West Span of the Bay Bridge – SB 1061. He also said there are plans for a Gateway Park at the East Span entrance to the Bay Bridge, which would include 11 acres of "world-class access." Robert and Dave Favello will be visiting Senator Barbara Boxer's office during the National Bike Summit in Washington, D.C. March 9-11 and talk to her (or her staff) about the West Span.

Dave Campbell said we would have the "Biggest and Best Bike to Work Day" ever. Included for the first time are Bike to Market Saturdays, with discounts at markets for participating cyclists. Contact Dave if you'd like to enlist a market. Bike to School Days are May 5 to 15, and there are also Bike to Movie Nights, which communities can select. There will be a guide in the East Bay Express with ads for participating businesses, and there is a new award for the most Bike Friendly Business, with nominations open on our website through March 26. March 13, the actual Bike to Work Day, should be our biggest day of the year, with more energizer stations handing out musette bags, and asking cyclists to identify new bikeways they'd like to see in their community as a way of

engaging new riders directly.

Robert reported that the EBBC is insuring the \$1 billion allocated to the Regional Bike Network is not being diverted for non-cycling projects. Recently, we managed to recover 20% of the funding for Alameda County that was at risk.

Carrie said the annual retreat in January drew 40 people and strengthened membership and our coalition building. We announced our 2010 campaigns – the Transportation Reauthorization Act, Sunday Streets in Oakland, and bicycle training programs – and set up chairs for old and new subcommittees on advocacy, membership, hazards and theft, finance, media/PR, and events. Events this year include a fall fundraiser, probably in Jack London Square, and a holiday party at the end of the year. Robert also said that this year "We intend to become the Amco of bike parking."

Robert reported that thanks to the urging of the EBBC, AC Transit is now adding a third space on bicycle racks for all of its 290 buses. And finally, the EBBC is encouraging communities along the Ohlone Greenway, where BART is undertaking a three-year long seismic project, to provide good bicycle and pedestrian detour paths.

Stephanie Reed gave a presentation on a 250-mile trip she and her husband made on the Bay Trail, which now has 290 completed miles and is projected to be 400 miles long. Her slides showed how 30 percent of the current trail is unpaved levee and dirt path...or just plain dead end, especially parts in Oakland and San Leandro, which are closed for construction. The paths in Benicia, Richmond, and Sunnyvale were especially pristine, and Stephanie's slides showed birds and vistas that gave gravitas to her description of the five-day ride as traveling in the "urban wilderness."

- Secretary Sylvia Paull

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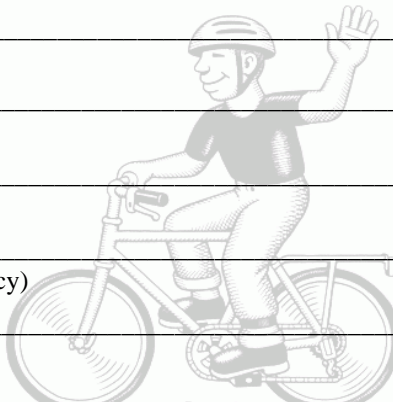
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# Bay Bridge progress on multiple fronts!

## Legislation introduced by Senator Loni Hancock - Gateway Park planning launched with big crowd

The final component of the East Span Pathway--the self-anchored-suspension tower--is now being constructed with completion expected by 2013. Our goal for a "world class" shore-to-shore pathway received two major boosts in February. First, **Senator Loni Hancock** (Berkeley) introduced State Senate Bill 1061 to permit bridge tolls to complete the path. Next, on February 25 the MTC Auditorium was again filled with a crowd of over 100 to participate in planning the bridge approach and park.




Gateway Park will consist of over 11-acres at the bridge touch-down site near the toll plaza. The park will represent a significant expansion of public access to the shoreline and provide a memorable access point for bicyclists and pedestrians crossing the new Bay Bridge East Span. "It's where the transcontinental railroad ended in the 19th century," said **Will Travis**, Director of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, in his opening remarks.

Another planning workshop will soon be announced

to take place in May. You will have an opportunity to help consider the possible park design features. Many participants were excited by the prospects of a historical museum, nature interpretation, and viewing of port activities. The world-class bridge pathway approach from 40th and Shellmound is certain to be built. However, EBBC seeks quality access for West Oakland neighbors and from West MacArthur BART. Visit: <http://www.baybridgegatewaypark.org/>

The introduction of SB 1061 marks a significant step toward moving the West Span bicycle-pedestrian-maintenance pathway from the planning stage toward construction. Needless to say, SB 1061 will be our State legislative priority for 2010.

**ACTION ALERT:** We seek organizational support for SB 1061 from environmental groups, neighboring jurisdictions, and Bay Area bicycle groups prior to May 23, the initial hearing before the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing. Please ask your elected officials and the leaders of organizations to adopt support and write a letter of support now!

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