



Martinez to Host “Tour of California”, Stage 2

The City of Martinez is hosting two upcoming bicycling events in the downtown near the Amtrak transit hub: "Martinez Celebrates Cycling" from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, February 18; and at 11AM on Tuesday, February 21 world-class bicycle racers will begin Stage 2 of the "Amgen Tour of California" in downtown Martinez. As a co-sponsor, the EBBC is promoting both events and we will offer free valet bike parking on each date so that you will be free to visit booths and get close to teams that include Tour de France Champion **Discovery Channel Pro Cycling Team**. For further event details not included in



this newsletter please visit www.cityof-martinez.org and www.AmgenTourofCalifornia.com.

The *Martinez Celebrates Cycling* event on Saturday, Feb. 18 features racing (Bay Front Classic Critérium 10:30am-4pm), a Live Healthy Fair (10am-5pm) and a fun Alhambra Valley Bike Tour (8am-10pm, under 30 miles, \$35 registration). To encourage participation in the fun ride through scenic Alhambra Valley that welcomes bicyclists of all levels, the club with the largest number of participants will receive VIP access to watch the Tour of California Stage 2 Tour start and initial laps on Feb 21. The EBBC bike parking area will be located on

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New and Improved East-of-the-Hills Map

The EBBC's 2006 *East of the Hills Map* is slated to be released at the "Martinez Celebrates Cycling" event on February 18. You will be able to receive the map at a discount by renewing your membership for only \$20 in Martinez. By the time Spring weather beckons riders to explore during April's Earth Day events and the May Bike to Work month, bicyclists will be able to find stocks of the new maps at bike shops throughout the East Bay.

The visual clue on the map cover to distinguish the new East of the Hills map edition from last year's map is the EBBC logo in yellow on a solid green background.

Although it seems like only yesterday that we published the 2005 version of the map, there are plenty of new developments that called for a revision. In CoCoCo's East County, we expanded the coverage eastward to include Knightsen. The fast-growing network of bikeways in Brentwood and newly completed Mokelumne and Delta DeAnza trail segments through Antioch provided inspiration for a new map. Development around Cal State East Bay in Walnut Creek also demanded attention to new local on-street connections, plus trails crossing the Lime Ridge Open Space. Another major area of change occurs where San Ramon has built extensive new housing tracts and even a new Civic Center to the east. Dougherty Road and Bollinger Canyon are entirely realigned and reconfigured as new arterial roads with bike lanes marked on smooth, recently-paved roadways.

We've made hundreds of less extensive changes throughout the map area extending from Benicia in the north to Sunol and Del Valle Regional Park in the South. As well, you will find minor changes from the west-

Map 2: East of the Hills

Featuring:

- Central / Eastern Contra Costa County
- Eastern Alameda County

- Commuting
- Off-Road Cycling
- Touring
- Bike-Friendly Transit
- Recreation
- Everyday Transportation

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ern edge including Martinez, Orinda and the San Ramon Valley to the eastern edge of Livermore. Some changes make map easier to read, while others depict new routes.

Overall, our 2006 map product represents the culmination of a \$40,000 project that expands on the new base map showing EVERY street, first released in 2005 (no scrimping here!). Our copyrighted green bikeways and blue bike-friendly transit routes make this a map for bicyclists by bicyclists. Proceeds from sales go into our revolving map fund that will next be used to publish a new edition of our West of the Hills Map.

NEXT MEETING

begins on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30pm at the Rockridge Branch of the Oakland Public Library, 5366 College Ave at Manila.

EBBC Donations for 2006

The EBBC approved donations to the following like-minded organizations. The EBBC urges members to help support these groups.

Adventure Cycling - America's Premier organization dedicated to bike touring. The organization offers many programs, including national network of bicycle touring routes and maps, and organized bike tours. www.adventurecycling.org.

BABC - Bay Area Bicycle Coalition (BABC) is a coalition of Bay Area Bicycle advocacy organizations. www.bayareabikes.org.

CBC - California Bicycle Coalition represents interests of bicyclists at the state level. www.calbike.org.

CABO - California Association of Bicycling Organizations. www.cabobike.org.

Cycles of Change - East Oakland youth bicycle repair organization, teaching kids how to ride the streets while taking kids on fun rides and outings. cyclesofchange@yahoo.com.

Bicycle-Friendly Berkeley Coalition - The local bicycle advocacy organization in Berkeley. www.bfbc.org.

Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay - Educates cyclists in responsible mountain biking. www.bteb.org.

BikeAlameda - Bicycle advocacy organization in Alameda since 1999. www.bikealameda.org.

Californians Against Waste - Promotes recycling economy (and getting broken glass off the streets). www.cawrecycles.org.

Carbusters - Entertaining and informative quarterly publication promotes bicycling, walking, and transit use. Published in Prague, Czech Republic. www.carbusters.ecn.cz.

Greenbelt Alliance - Dedicated to protecting the region's greenbelt. www.greenbelt.org.

IMDA - International Mountain Bicycle Association promotes low-impact trail riding and volunteer trailwork. www.imba.com.

Institute of Transportation and Development Policy - Promotes environmentally sustainable and equitable transportation policies worldwide. ITDP was formed to counter US foreign aid policies, which were exporting US-style automobile dependence to developing

BART Working on New Bike Stair Channel Design

On January 21, BART held a public participation workshop to evaluate three prototype bicycle stair channel solutions designed for the 16th/Mission BART station. The purpose of the proposed stair channel designs is to facilitate the transport of bicycles up and down stairways. They are commonly found on stairways in Northern European transit stations.

The workshop was an opportunity to give BART feedback so that the best stair channel design will be chosen for the entire BART system. We had a good turnout — approximately 40 surveys were gathered. We also received valuable input from a blind user and a "mobility disabled" person who uses crutches. We tested the stair channels in a variety of positions, and even tried some extensions and variations.

Prior to the workshop, BFBC and EBBC representatives had an opportunity to preview the three stair channels designs. Two of the three designs have wider stair channels and work quite well. They position your bike well away from the side wall and away from the handrail. However, all three designs present challenges at the transitions to and from the platforms at the bottom and top of the stairways. Sight-impaired and low-vision customers could have difficulty recognizing the stair channels if the take-off transitions are flush with the platforms. Consequently, a last-minute modification provided a raised transition stair-channel at the entry and exit points.

Stair channels not only make it easier to roll your bike up and down stairways, they improve safety for pedestrians. Due to better control bicyclists can exercise over their bikes on the stairways, pedestrians can worry less about getting hit by a bike or a bicyclist dropping their bike.

BART will now review the survey results and bring the issue back to its Bicycle Accessibility Task Force. Once a successful design is approved, the Downtown Berkeley BART Station will be one of the first stations to be retrofitted. You may recall the inadequate stair channels at the Downtown Berkeley BART Station. They were installed when the Berkeley Bikestation originally started. However, everyone agrees that they are too high off the stairway, and they are positioned too close to the wall.

-Dave Campbell



Laura Timothy, of BART's Customer Access Department, testing the prototype stair-channel

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the lawn in front of the County Finance Building at the corner of Court and Escobar Streets. After neutral parade laps circle through downtown from the start at Court and Escobar Streets, the racers will follow Berrellesa to the edge of town and begin a hilly ride through the East Bay that will bring the race over its first significant climb. Coming 22 miles before the finish line in downtown San Jose, the Sierra Road climb east of the city center will be the first Category One (highest ranked in order of difficulty) ascent in the King of the Mountains competition.

As we go to press, the EBBC is negotiating with Caltrans to offer the bicycle shuttle service every half-hour from 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM on both Saturday and Tuesday from Benicia to Martinez Amtrak. The Caltrans-operated Benicia-Martinez bicycle shuttle was discontinued on August 15, 2004. Although Benicia Transit buses can carry up to two bikes on each trip over the bridge, the service is neither frequent nor convenient. No direct service from Benicia to Martinez Amtrak currently exists. Benicia Transit Route 91 leaves from Benicia at L & 5th before crossing the bridge to Pleasant Hill BART. Passengers bound for Martinez Amtrak must transfer to the County Connection Route 116. The total travel between Benicia and Martinez is approximately one-hour, versus the 15-minute schedule of the shuttle.

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SHORT REPORTS

CALTRANS PARK & RIDE - We often note that secure bike parking is the "low-hanging fruit" that all jurisdictions can readily offer. Many people drive incredibly short distances, generating cold-start emissions, simply because secure bicycle parking is not available. A Caltrans initiative at the busy Park & Ride lot under I-580 in Oakland's Dimond District led to installation of 10 new bike lockers near Boston Avenue. Please contact Adrian Levy at Caltrans 510-622-0109 to get the locker agreement and return the signed agreement with a \$25 deposit and a key will be mailed.

EL CERRITO - The EBBC supports El Cerrito's proposal to install electronic lockers at City Hall (4 e-lockers) and the del Norte BART station (12 electronic lockers), plus two "fleet" bicycles for use by City staff. El Cerrito also wants to complete the El Cerrito portion of the Carlson Bikeway, and initiate a bicycle safety education program. Earlier, the EBBC supported El Cerrito's proposal to make improvements to the Ohlone Greenway (which is too narrow for shared bike/ped/wheelchair use) and we suggested detours around BART's seismic retrofit project.

ALL NIGHTER BUS - Thanks to EBBC/TALC's Safe Routes to Transit Program funded by voter-approved bridge tolls, new late-night buses are beginning service to help alleviate automobile dependency and bridge congestion. The "All Nighter" buses will soon operate from midnight to 5am connecting BART stations, Caltrain stations, and beyond. Already, AC Transit's #800 travels between San Francisco and Richmond, Wheels #810 operates between Bay Fair and Livermore, and County Connection's # 820 operates between Oakland and Concord. Visit 511.org for schedule details. All buses have front racks for two bicycles (three bicycles on Wheels). To avoid leaving any bicyclist behind during the night; the EBBC seeks to augment capacity with an on-board bike policy.

LAKE MERRITT CHANNEL - The EBBC's proposal to bridge the railroad tracks and connect Lake Merritt with the Oakland Estuary initially received attention in 1997 and was included in Oakland's Bicycle Master Plan. The proposed bike/ped overcrossing received support in recent comments on Oakland's Oak to Ninth development proposal by a member of the influential California Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The 9-page PUC letter called for grade separations for increased safety to be built in conjunction with any sizable develop-

ment along the Oakland Estuary. In addition to the path overcrossing, the PUC called for grade separations at Oak St. and 5th Avenue.

OAKLAND MEASURE DD - The citizen watchdog group for the \$198 million park bond measure was shocked to learn that Kerry Jo Ricketts Ferris was "reassigned." Ms Ricketts-Ferris has led the City's efforts to implement the project. We are also particularly concerned about numerous projects in the Expenditure Plan that have been labeled as "on-hold." Although the crucial 12th St dam project appears to be moving forward, the Bay Trail between High Street, Park Street and Fruitvale bridges appears to be in jeopardy. The next Measure DD meeting is slated for 7:30pm on February 27 at the Lakeside Garden Center on Bellevue Avenue.

ALAMEDA RACE - BikeAlameda and the EBBC will be on hand to park bikes and launch our concerted campaign for improved access across the Oakland Estuary during the first Alameda Downtown Grand Prix on Sunday, March 5. If you wish to never ride the filthy Posey Tube again, please join us at the race!

GO GREENBELT! Explore the greenbelt by bike! The 17th annual Go Greenbelt! Bay Area bike tour will run from April 23-29. The ride is limited to 70 people, and spots are going fast, so register today! Visit http://www.greenbelt.org/get-involved/events/go_overview.html

PARK ST TRIANGLE - BikeAlameda and the EBBC contributed to the design proposal to reconfigure the screwy triangle in Oakland near the Park St Bridge. A final public hearing is slated for 6pm on Feb 8 at Lazear Elementary School, 829 29th Avenue.

OAKLAND SHUNS PROGRESSIVES - When discussions began about converting the historic transit building at Harrison and 27th St into a hip new Whole Foods Market, the prospect of reconfiguring the unnecessarily wide 6-lanes on 27th St into a bikeway that connects Broadway with Grand Ave appeared very real. Even the Planning Commission gave preliminary direction to address this urgent access need and make other improvements for bicycle, pedestrian and senior citizen safety. Oakland staff are now proposing changes that instead compromise nonmotorized safety and focus only on vehicle flow. If bikeways cannot be built here, what is the prospect of completing a citywide network?

DUBLIN - City of Dublin is preparing a Bicycle Master Plan. Meet at 7pm, February 22, 2006, Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza. For information, call Ferd Del Rosario at 925.833.6630.

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countries and to Central and Eastern Europe.

League of American Bicyclists - Oldest bicycle organization in the US, represents the interests of the nation's 42 million bicyclists. www.bikeleague.org.

National Center of Cycling & Walking - Works to "make America bicycle friendly and walkable." www.bikewalk.org.

Save San Francisco Bay - Seeks to preserve, restore, and protect the Bay and Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta Estuary. www.savesfbay.org.

Save Mt. Diablo - Works to protect the open spaces of Mt. Diablo State Park and nearby areas. www.savemtdiablo.org.

San Francisco Bay Trail - Developing a multi-use path around San Francisco and San Pablo Bays. www.abag.ca.gov/baytrail.

Planning and Conservation League - State-wide alliance of nearly 10,000 citizens and 120 conservation organizations. www.pcl.org.

Thunderhead Alliance - National organization of bicycle advocacy organizations. www.thunderheadalliance.org.

Transportation and Land Use Coalition - Partnership of more than 90 organizations working to promote transit and transit-oriented development. Collaborated with the EBBC on the Safe-Routes-to-Transit program. www.transcoalition.org.

Waterfront Action - Oakland-based organization works to influence the City of Oakland, the Port, and other agencies to provide public access to the waterfront. Collaborated with the EBBC to garner \$1 million in mitigations from the I80 project at the Estuary Channel.



Although wide shoulders along 1000 miles of California's 4000-mile freeway system are open to bicyclists, there are not currently any signs to convey this important information to either bicyclists or motorists.

Following the recent Caltrans District 4 BAC meeting with special guest Ken McGuire, State Chief of Bicycle Transportation, the EBBC has initiated a review, and suggested that Caltrans adopt markings similar to the sign (shown above) used along Arizona freeways.

BAC Calendar

compiled by: John Ruzek

Alameda County Feb 9, Mar 9, 5:30 pm, 426 17th Street, Suite 100, Oakland. Refer to www.acta2002.com/MEETINGS/meetings.html or call staff to confirm next meeting. **Staff:** Rochelle Wheeler, 510-267-6121, RWheeler@acta2002.com.

Albany Feb 23, Mar 23, City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Staff: Cherry Chaicarn, (510) 528-5759, CChai-charn@albanyca.org CHAIR: Ray Anderson, EBBC Rep: PDJordan@lbl.gov. See website www.albanyca.org for meeting agenda.

BART Feb 6, Apr 3, 6 pm MTC, 101 8th Street, Oakland. Bimonthly, first Mondays. Staff: Laura Timothy, 510-464-6446; Co-Chairs Joe Carroll, 510-604-4821, Joe-the7thCarroll@lmi.net, Dave Favello, 925-939-9462, DaveVelo@aol.com, - County representatives: Alameda - Eric McCaughrin EMcCaughrin@yahoo.com; Contra Costa - Craig Hagelin 925-937-7610, Chagelin@astound.net.

Berkeley Feb 1, Mar 1, 4:00 pm, 2118 Milvia St., 3rd floor, Staff: Heath Maddox, (510) 981-7062, HMaddox@ci.berkeley.ca.us; Chair: Sarah Syed; EBBC Rep: Dave Campbell 510-540-5971 DCampbel@lmi.net.

Brentwood Brentwood's BAC has recently been abandoned by the Parks and Recreation Department. Contact City Engineer Baily Grewal at 925-516-5420, dept-engineering@ci.brentwood.ca.us, to reestablish BAC. EBBC Rep Dave Stoeffler 925-634-1793, DaveS@ecis.com.

California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) Feb 6, Apr 3, 10:00 - 3:00 pm, Meetings held bimonthly in Sacramento at Department of Transportation, Conference Rm 2116, 1120 N Street. 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, April 11, July 11, 1:30 pm, 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, Julian_Carroll@dot.ca.gov; Chair: Doug

Johnson, MTC, 510-464-7846, DJohnson@mtc.ca.gov; EBBC Rep Robert Raburn, (510) 530-3444 RobertRaburn@ebbc.org.

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

Danville Parks Commission Feb 8, Mar 8, Town Meeting Hall (201 Front Street, Staff: Tai Williams, 925-314-3313, TWilliams@ci.danville.ca.us. Chair: Vacant.

Dublin Feb 22, 7 pm, Special meeting on a Cit-

ywide Bicycle Master Plan, Dublin Library Community Room, 200 Civic Plaza. Staff: Ferd del Rosario, 925-833-6637, Ferd.delRosario@ci.Dublin.ca.us.

East Bay Regional Park District (Park Advisory Committee) Feb 27, Mar 27, 7:30 pm, Board Room, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland 94605 Staff: Ro Aguilar, 510-635-0138 x2006, RAguilar@ebparks.org, Chair: Mary Ann Gaebe, JimGaebe@comcast.net.

El Cerrito - special Community Workshop on the Circulation Plan for Bicyclists, Pedestrians, and the Disabled. Call staff for follow-up meet-

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DISCOUNT BIKE SHOPS

- Alameda Cycle 1522 Park St, Alameda
- Bay Area Bikes 1050 West Grand Ave, Oakland
- Bicycle Garage 4673 Thornton Ave, Fremont
- Bikes 4 Life 1344 Sunset Dr., Antioch
- Cal Bicycles 2053 First St., Livermore
- California Pedaler 495 Hartz Ave, Danville
- Castro Cyclery 20515 Stanton Ave, Castro Valley
- Cycle City 1433 High St., Alameda
- Cycle Sports 3530 Grand Ave, Oakland
- Danville Bike 115 Hartz Ave, Danville
- Dublin Cyclery, 7001 Dublin Blvd, Dublin
- Hank & Frank Bicycles 3377 Mount Diablo Blvd, Lafayette
- Hank & Frank Bicycles 6030 College Ave, Oakland
- Lamorinda Cyclery 232 Brookwood Rd, Orinda
- Left Coast Cyclery 2928 Domingo Ave, Berkeley
- Livermore Cyclery 7214 San Ramon Blvd, Dublin
- Livermore Cyclery 2752 First St, Livermore
- Mike's Bikes 2133 University Ave, Berkeley
- Mike's Bikes 1150 Contra Costa Blvd, Pleasant Hill
- Missing Link 1988 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley
- Montano Velo 4266 Piedmont Ave, Oakland
- The Pedaler 3826 San Pablo Dam Rd., El Sobrante
- Pegasus Bicycle Works 439 Railroad Ave, Danville
- Pleasant Hill Cyclery 1100-C Contra Costa Blvd, Pleasant Hill
- Real Bicycles 3506-B Old Santa Rita Rd, Pleasanton
- Robinson Wheelworks 1235 MacArthur Blvd, San Leandro
- San Leandro Cyclery 471 E 14th St, San Leandro
- Schwinn City 814 A St., Antioch
- Sharp Bicycle 969 Moraga Rd., Lafayette
- Solano Avenue Cyclery 1554 Solano Ave, Albany
- Stone's Cyclery 2320 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda
- Velo Sport 1650 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley
- Wheels of Justice Cyclery 2024 Mountain Blvd, Oakland
- Witts Bicycle Shop 22125 Mission Blvd, Hayward

Present your valid EBBC membership card (clip mailing label on back cover) to obtain member discount at participating retailers. The mailing label must indicate that the membership is "Current" to qualify. Discount varies 5-25% on parts, bikes, and/or accessories depending on level of participation by retailer. Visit <http://www.ebbc.org> for further details.

“SMART” Draft EIR Hearing a Fiasco

On January 21, SMART (Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit) opened one of only two public hearings on the Draft EIR for a proposed North Bay commuter rail line. The meeting began with the rather unprecedented admission by SMART staff of serious errors in the DEIR – in particular, the traffic demand study overstated the lane capacity of Highway 101.

Things only went downhill from there.

The first speaking slot was reserved for representatives from the Larkspur City Council. They made a bombshell announcement: Larkspur City Council had voted to oppose extending the rail line through its city limits. Larkspur is, of course, a key component of the project – where commuter trains are supposed to seamlessly connect with ferries going to San Francisco and the East Bay. SMART staff was excoriated for ignoring Larkspur's concerns throughout the planning process.

Larkspur City councilperson, and BCDC Alternate, Joan Lundstrom, was especially concerned about SMART's proposal to build an elevated viaduct through Larkspur to the Ferry Terminal. While the BCDC has not received an application for the project, Councilwoman Lundstrom believes that the BCDC would be skeptical of plans to build a view-blocking viaduct along the Bay shoreline.

The North Bay chapter of the Sierra Club also had scathing comments to make on the project, wondering how fast-moving passenger trains and slow-moving freight trains are supposed to run simultaneously on a single-track line.

Some of the most severe criticism came from SMART's own Board of Directors. Board member and Novato Councilwoman Pat Eklund called the draft environmental impact report "the most inadequate I have ever seen." Board member and Marin Supervisor Charles McGlashan also expressed serious concerns about the study.

It is disheartening that, after half a decade of work and millions spent on the study, SMART has yet to secure approval from major environmental groups. Nor has SMART done due-diligence in building consensus and buy-in from important stakeholders, like the city of Larkspur.

Besides its political bungling, SMART seems to lack technical and engineering proficiency.

Minutes of the EBBC Annual Retreat

Held January 21, 2006 at the Sacramento Youth Hostel, Sacramento, CA

ROLE OF THE BOARD - Slides presented four main points of a non-profit board of directors: 1. Legal & Fiduciary; 2. Oversight; (Proper mgt/power to remove Exec Dir); 3. Fundraising (all boards expected to do this - membership dues pay our dues...sign up new members!); 4. Representation of constituencies. (constituencies may be either geographic and/or types of cyclists). Important to get Board approval before making an official EBBC statement. Also to attend all board mtgs (didn't have a quorum at a recent meeting!). Robert Raburn had Board Members prioritize their individual responsibilities and what they feel they want to work on this year.

MEMBERSHIP - Maybe push opt-in email newsletter (vs. print) as an alternative? "Send us a note to opt-in vs. print mailing." Discussion ensued re: The newsletter is important as membership tool - we should print newsletter so that it could be passed on to prospective members!

BYLAWS is just a scanned doc right now. Ian McDonald volunteered to convert by retyping.

BIKE AMBASSADOR CARDS - Robert Raburn encouraged us to carry generic EBBC cards.

DIRECTIONS? Dave Favelo said the Bikemapper on 511.org had problems. Eric McCaughrin unveiled work on a superior online East Bay bike map tool.

DONATIONS EBBC makes to other groups—

As reported in the January 2006 *rideOn* newsletter, the Draft EIR indicates serious problems in the rail project – i.e. the lack of level platform boarding, the use of slow and primitive rail vehicles, and operating rules that would subject nearby residents to unnecessary horn blasts. On the plus side, the project does include \$70 million for a Class I Rail-Trail — though the DEIR was unnecessarily vague on the configuration of this facility.

-Eric McCaughrin



\$2,230 given last year. Question arose about *Cycles of Change* as recipient of donation. Robert described that they're a program of EBBC - not an independent nonprofit. Funded also by AC Measure B.

LAST YEAR OBJECTIVES - Robert Raburn said it's best to partner so we can increase our chances. Lucy Gigli said we should also look at how best to cross the Estuary - especially with recent West End development.

2006 CAMPAIGNS DISCUSSED: List included: Caldecott 4th bore, West County Transportation Plan, CA Infrastructure Bond, RSR Bridge, Bay Bridge, Gilman interchange, Active Living by Design, and Routine Accommodation. Decided upon the following campaigns:

- Caldecott Tunnel/SR 24 Xing
- Alameda-Oakland Connection
- West County Plan & BAC
- RSR Bridge
- West Span (Bay Bridge)
- Routine Accommodation
- Concord Naval Weapons Station transportation plan

Respectfully submitted by: Ian McDonald



EBBC peloton, touring the I80 bikeway during the 2006 Retreat

Minutes

of the Board and Membership Meetings of January 17, 2006, held at the Rockridge Public Library (Oakland)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

CHAIR was Craig Hagelin.

MAPS - Discussion on the remaining 1,247 of our 2005 *East-of-the-Hills* maps. These maps will soon be superseded by our 2006 maps. We decided to give away the 2005 maps to participants in BTWD. Ole Ohlson volunteered to create the text for a rubber stamp to be used on the 2005 maps saying that map is a free sample, and that the newer 2006 maps will soon be available at bike shops

BTWD - The Board decided that BFBC can co-ordinate Bike-to-Work-Day (BTWD) in Alameda County. In CoCoCo *511.org* will again co-ordinate planning. BABC will co-ordinate regionwide. The MTC is expected to allocate \$6,000 for East Bay BTWD.

AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA - On Feb 18, the City of Martinez will have a "Martinez Celebrates Cycling" event. Volunteers needed to handle bike parking and to register new members. Volunteers also needed on Tue, Feb 21, for the start of second stage of the tour. EBBC will release its new 2006 *East-of-the-Hills* maps at this event, promote hazard reduction, and install "Burma Shave" type of signs with advocacy messages along the route.

PARKING COORDINATOR is needed to hire staff to supervise bike parking at nine Oakland events. The co-ordinator will be paid, as well as hired staff. Money comes from funds of the sponsors of the 9 events. Bike Dave Favelo, Rick Rickard, and Ole Ohlson volunteered to help Raburn draft requirements.

GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES were corrected to delete the word "automobiles" from the list of who will be allowed on the future Richmond Greenway. Also, minutes erroneously stated Jennifer Stanley had left the Board in 2005. In fact, her term expired in 2004 when she was hired by City of Oakland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Yehuda Sherman reported that Lafayette is making history by creating a bike plan, under the supervision of Leah Greenblat (925) 284-1951. She has hired Alta Planning of Marin Co (415) 482-8660. Lauren Buckland (510) 540-5008 and Ann Cheng (510) 367-0755 are contact persons with Alta Planning.

BIKES ON FREEWAYS - We discussed the need for signs on freeways that DO allow

bikes. We are familiar the small rectangular signs informing cyclists where they are NOT allowed to ride on freeways. Yehuda Sherman plans to bring up this matter at the next bi-monthly meeting in Sacto of the Caltrans statewide BAC.

BACS in CoCoCo. - Efforts are being made to have only one Countywide BAC.

SEGWAYS in EMERYVILLE - The City of Emeryville is considering an ordinance to only allow their use on sidewalks.

LOCKERS IN EL CERRITO - EBBC is supporting El Cerrito's proposal for installing the new electronically operated bike lockers at BART stations, and creating bike routes on Carlson Blvd to the lockers.

BCDC & GOVERNMENT ISLAND - Government Island is proposed to receive a costly and un-needed path. EBBC has criticized the plan to the BCDC and suggested that Oakland seek real shoreline access improvements.

ALAMEDA COUNTY BIKE PLAN - Robert Raburn suggests that each planning area have a conference to identify priority routes.

ROUTINE ACCOMMODATIONS - During a recent meeting with Caltrans the EBBC identified a procedure to ensure that "routine accommodations" for peds, wheelchairs, and bikes are included in all new and remodeled roadways.

SHARED LANE MARKINGS (SHARROWS) are arrows painted on the roadway to inform motorists and bicyclists that they are sharing the lane. EBBC seeks to identify situations where they are warranted

BIKE THEFTS are a continuing problem. EBBC is working with local business to identify countermeasures, such as our electronic sting program.

9th STREET - Proposed development in Oakland between Oak and 9th Streets received a welcome setback. The California PUC says that there should be a grade separation between trains and roads.

NEXT MEETING will be at 7:30 PM on Tues, Feb 21, 2006, at the Rockridge Library in Oakland, College Ave at Manila St.

Respectfully submitted by Yehuda Sherman, sec'y

Legal Set-Back Not Likely to Affect Marin Avenue

The new bike lanes are down on Marin Ave in both Albany and Berkeley. However, just after the paint dried, the Courts got involved. Judge Sabraw ruled that Berkeley needs additional traffic analysis of traffic diversion on nearby residential streets, similar to the extensive analysis conducted in Albany.

On February 8, the City is going back into court to get a clarification on the ruling. It is the City's position that the diversion issue is limited only to traffic diverted due to Berkeley's portion of the project, not Albany's much lengthier project. If the Judge agrees, the Petitioner Raymond Chamberlain will be hard pressed to find any significant traffic diversion from Berkeley's five blocks of the project. Thus, it is not clear how the project's one-year trial phase can be disturbed. For more details on the outcome of the February 8 hearing, see our website or look for one of our weekly bulletins.

A recent report on the traffic conditions on Marin Avenue after the reconfiguration show that traffic is operating as predicted and there are no significant changes in traffic volumes. "The level of acceptance seems high, especially for residents in the immediate area," reports Peter Hillier, Deputy Director of Public Works. Indeed, BFBC has started gathering signatures in support of the changes to the street. Look for petitions at upcoming BFBC events this Spring.

-Dave Campbell

EBBC Online Resources

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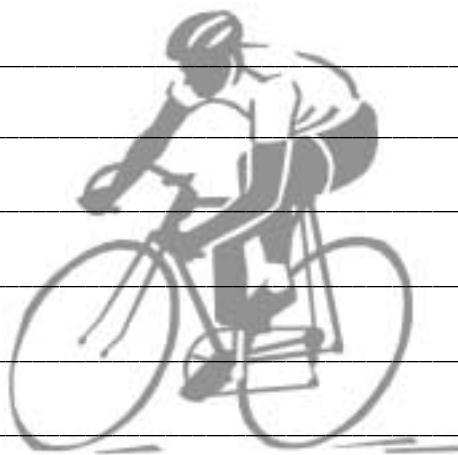
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Oakland Feb 16, Mar 16, 4:00 pm at 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza, see www.oakland-pw.com/bicycling/bpac.htm for monthly meeting room. **Staff:** Jennifer Stanley 510-238-3983, bikeped@oaklandnet.co, **Chair:** Heath Maddox 510-981-7062, HMaddox@ci.berkeley.ca.us.

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