



EBBC's 2005 Year in Review

At the January 2005 EBBC Retreat on Ryer Island, we adopted seven campaigns for our focused attention. Of course, we also dealt with numerous other "brush-fires" that arose throughout the 2005. At the forthcoming EBBC Retreat in Sacramento (Jan 21-22) we will set out our agenda for 2006. The following brief review is intended to fuel our discussion over which of the 2005 campaigns need be continued in 2006, along with adoption of new campaigns selected from other newly-developing issues we should consider pursuing in 2006. More info on EBBC campaigns is available at www.ebbc.org.

BART Car Reconfiguration

Success! Thanks in part to funding from the joint EBBC/TALC Safe Routes to Transit program established in 2004 when Bay Area voters elected to support a bridge toll increase to reduce bridge congestion, about 80 BART "cab" cars will be reconfigured to provide more room for bicycles. Already, two cars are in service on a trial basis. Bicycles will be accommodated by removing a seat near the door adjacent to the wheelchair area and providing a bar next to the wall and window to lean bicycles against. They only occur in the trains as the first, last, or two center cars on 10-car trains. BART planners believe that the additional open area near the doors will not only provide for wheelchairs, bicycles, luggage and strollers, but it will also reduce passenger congestion near the

doors. One detail remains to be worked out for bicyclists' access on the first car has historically been opposed by BART operations and safety staff who want a clear area in the front of the first car to allow the operator to evacuate the train in an emergency.

West Span "Bridge the Gap"

Progress. The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition has taken a lead role in advocating to "Bridge the Gap" between San Francisco and Yerba Buena Island, which will be reached by the Alex Zuckermann Bikeway when the East Span replacement project is completed in 2013. Already you can see the new East Span bikeway under construction, and the EBBC has led the push to complete plans for bridge access from 40th St and Shellmound. The West Span bridge committee, consisting of SFBC, BABC, TALC and EBBC, meets on a monthly basis to develop strategies to fund and implement the West Span Bicycle/Pedestrian/Maintenance Path. A \$2 million study by CH2MHill in 2001 identified a preferred design to build paths on both sides of the existing suspension bridge that meet seismic and maritime traffic clearance requirements. In 2006 the West Span committee will publish a fact sheet brochure promoting the numerous benefits, identified in the thorough CH2MHill study, that this pathway will offer.

Active-by-Design (Health Promotion)

Progress. Both Alameda and Contra Costa counties have health departments that promote physical activity. The EBBC regularly meets with Alameda County health professionals to build a strong and united front to combat the obesity epidemic. As well, the EBBC has joined the Bay Area Nutritional and Physical Activity Collaborative. Everyday exercise is necessary for good health and our motto, "to promote bicycling as an everyday means of transportation and recreation" makes the EBBC a good organization for health officials to work with. In 2005 both the EBBC and Cycles of Change, the East Bay's afterschool youth adventure and bicycle training program, were



Sylvia McLaughlin, founder of Save the Bay and new EBBC member with Robert Raburn at event on October 15 at Point Pinole Regional Shoreline promoting the protection of nearby Breuner Marsh and extension of the Bay Trail through Richmond.

NEXT MEETING

begins on Tuesday, January 17 with a Board meeting beginning promptly at 7pm, followed by the General Membership Meeting at 7:30pm at the Rockridge Branch of the Oakland Public Library, 5366 College Ave at Manila. The Board meeting will consider: 2006 East-of-the-Hills Map release, Event Parking Coordinator/hiring committee, BTWD 2006 Alameda Captain, Retreat Expenditure Approval/Agenda Suggestions, and Amgen Tour participation.

presented certificates of acknowledgement by the Alameda County Health Department.

Routine Accommodation

Progress. Our advocacy for the full implementation of existing Federal and State policies promoting Routine Accommodation (respectively, *FHWA Guidelines for Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel*, and Caltrans Deputy Directive 64) have progressed despite resistance from some East Bay jurisdictions. Our Routine Accommodation campaign is similar to the national League of American Bicyclists' "Complete Streets!" campaign that sadly failed to become part of the Federal SAFETEA-LU bill in a close vote by the US Senate. Early in 2005 the Alameda County CMA adopted routine accommodation guidelines for the use of regional nonmotorized credit funds on local roads projects. Presently the MTC is completing a survey of routine accommodation practices in the Bay Area that highlights examples of how enlightened public works and transit agencies provide for the need of bicyclists and pedestrians. The EBBC will also work to advance Routine Accommodation in the State Legislature during 2006.

Bicycle Advisory Committees

Progress. Not only did the East Bay experience enthusiastic citizen participation during 2005 in numerous local transportation decision-making bodies, but we also took a strong and influential position in a key test case in Contra Costa County that threatens to dilute the power of citizen-based Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees (BPAC). Traditionally, advisory committees had served to review plans and prioritize projects for funding by State Transportation Development Act (Article 3) funds. Alameda County's BPAC has set an example for the healthy evolution of such committees by involving some 16 citizens from throughout the county to prioritize bicycle and pedestrian projects for a variety of funds. The lure of real money on the table, however, has led the Contra Costa Transportation Authority to propose formation of a BPAC with limited citizen participation that would be dominated by staff. We cannot trust staff who do not bicycle to be either benevolent or knowledgeable any more than we would send a bicyclist to design freeways! The EBBC sent letters of protest to all CoCoCo Supervisors and noted the existence of a Countywide BAC that has served to prioritize the best projects in CoCoCo for millions of dollars of public funds over the past decade. The recent December meeting of the existing Countywide BAC was infused with many new citizen advocates eager to see a fair process of funding dispersal to improve bicycle access and

safety.

Caldecott Tunnel 4th Bore

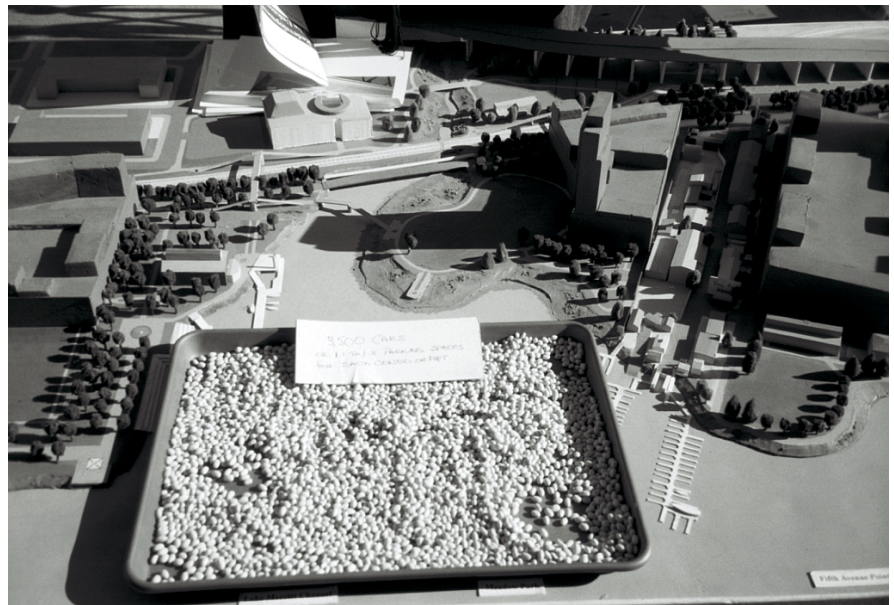
Progress. Since 1999 the EBBC has led investigations of both direct and indirect access for bicyclists between Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. As a result, we discovered a very cost-effective route through an existing fresh-air duct over the 3rd bore, plus we promote 24-hour transit service that carries bicycles through the tunnels. This latter idea will soon materialize as a late-night bus service to BART stations. In 2005 EBBC member Ron Bishop identified a cost-effective solution to cross SR24 between Lake Temescal and Tunnel Road that appeals to a broad population in Montclair and the North Hills Phoenix area. As a result of EBBC advocacy, the Alameda CMA commissioned a study of the cost to build our proposed SR24 crossing. In early 2006 we expect Caltrans will release the Draft Environmental Impact documents for the project. The EBBC has helped build a broad coalition that meets regularly and is ready to make formal responses to the Environmental Impact statements suggesting numerous mitigations for the impacts from tunnel construction and increased traffic on local streets. Caltrans and both counties resist our ideas for direct nonmotorized access, and insist that the zone of impact be tightly defined. In 2006 we intend to continue our

efforts to capture public attention and focus on the need for affordable transportation projects that benefit nonmotorists and transit riders rather than a handful of CoCoCo motorists.

Mokelumne/SR4 Crossing

Success! The EBBC prevailed following a concerted campaign of letter writing; coalition building with the EBRPD, environmental and labor leaders, and elected officials; plus appearances by EBBC representatives at numerous meetings with Caltrans and the SR4 Bypass Authority. In 2005 we reached an agreement with the transportation authorities to abide by a contract that specifies completion of this important path connection in burgeoning Brentwood by December 31, 2007, when the SR4 Bypass Authority hands over the SR4 Bypass to Caltrans. This crossing and other mitigations specified in the contract are a direct result of earlier advocacy comments on overall project's Environmental documents. Although an interim solution to the actual construction of a bridge will first need to be implemented, we are assured that the Mokelumne Aqueduct Trail crossing will join the other three SR4 Bypass crossing projects that are already underway or in their final planning stages.

-Robert Raburn



3500 cars are depicted with beans for the Oak to 9th St condominium development. Rather than build the Bay Trail and open space as proposed in the Oakland Estuary Plan, the wide pier adjacent to the 1000' 9th Avenue Terminal will be truncated and become the private decks for condo dwellers. If you're lucky you may get invited to visit their shoreline, but be careful negotiating with the 3500 cars and SUVs that will clog the few approaches to the Embarcadero bikeway.

SHORT REPORTS

NORTH CONCORD - A Walmart Store proposed for Arnold Industrial Way would adversely impact the current bikeway access on this roadway. But this is just one of many concerns for 2006 in an area slated for thousands of new homes. During a December 6, 2005 meeting between Senator Tom Torlakson, Caltrans, CCTA, EBRPD and EBBC, the group examined options for bicycle access to the North Concord BART station, along SR4, and to Bay Point via the level Waterfront Road, now closed by the military.

OAKLAND-ALAMEDA - Members of *BikeAlameda* participated in a December 1, 2005 workshop to examine options for the daunting Park Street Bridge Triangle, bounded by 29th, 23rd and Kennedy Streets in Oakland. A comprehensive list of suggestions were submitted to Oakland planning staff. A follow-up meeting is planned for February. To find out more and get involved contact BikeAlameda at (510) 595-4650.

FRUITVALE BIKESTATION - BART has given the BikeStation a 6-month funding reprieve. However, until proper marketing conveys the existence of space for over 200 guarded bicycles, provided free, there will be little likelihood that the operation will be fully sustainable. We note that the Fruitvale Village management (Unity Council) has even restricted the BikeStation from placing a sandwich-board sign in the broad paseo next to the BART ticket machines. You can help by dropping your bike off for the same quality service offered by Alameda Bicycle while continuing to work on BART. Telephone: (510) 536-2200.

SAN RAMON - Blink and you may miss a landscape change and population explosion on a magnitude not seen in the East Bay since the 1906 exodus from the ruins of San Francisco. To capture these changes as San Ramon expands to the east, the EBBC will soon release a 2006 revision to our 2005 East of the Hills Map. Of greater significance, a languishing Dougherty Road bikeway project, funded by Measure B in adjacent Alameda County, will soon become a serious gap between the burgeoning San Ramon developments and BART to the south, if action is not taken very soon.

DUBLIN - A December 28, 2005 article in the Tri-Valley Herald quoted Mayor Janet Lockhart and City Manager Richard Ambrose on plans for 2006 that include ground breaking in the

spring for the West Dublin/Pleasanton BART station and creation of a city bicycle master plan. The current plan, less maps, is only a small component of the 2001 Dublin General Plan, available at www.ci.dublin.ca.us. Given the tremendous residential growth in the past year, that plan is now ancient history. To contribute to the planning process, the EBBC looks forward to the formation of a Dublin BAC from the many community-minded bicyclists and businesses in the area. New roadways and transit stations demand safe routes to transit, not mislabeled "bike lanes" as currently installed on the sidewalk next to Dublin Boulevard. Our recent field trip to the area with Jim Townsend from the EBRPD identified a critical need for an I-580 crossing to Pleasanton. We are also keeping a close watch on the Measure B funding for Dougherty Road improvements. Contact Richard Ambrose, City Manager, (925) 833-6650.

ALAMEDA COUNTY - An update to the Bicycle Plan for the county's unincorporated areas will encompass the unincorporated areas in the eastern Tri-Valley as well as the western areas in the vicinity of San Lorenzo and Castro Valley. The initial meeting was on December 2, 2005. Bicyclists interested in participating are invited to attend the next meeting on Friday at 10am, February 3, 2006 at 399 Elmhurst, 217A, Hayward. For information contact Ruben Izon, Alameda Co Public Works, (510) 670-6470.

BAY BRIDGE - The most recent projection for completion of the East Span, Alex Zuckermann path, and Yerba Buena Island Transition is now November 2013. Nevertheless, we are pleased that Rochelle Wheeler, ACTIA Bicycle Coordinator, has taken the lead in reviewing Caltrans' plans for the Shellmound to Maritime connection from Oakland and Emeryville. Meanwhile, the West Span Committee seeks funding to "Bridge the Gap" to San Francisco with a bicycle/pedestrian/maintenance path in the pending infrastructure/transportation bond measure. The next meeting of the WS Committee will be at 5pm on 24 January at 995 Market St, #1550.

BENICIA MARTINEZ BRIDGE - Progress on the new bridge has been delayed by the need for "fish bubble curtains" to surround piledriving and most recently by the need to add ice to cool the lightweight concrete thermal curing problems. These construction "contingencies" will delay completion to December 2007 and add \$61 million to the \$96 million construction cost. The total cost is now estimated to be \$1.263 billion! Our

bikeway is projected to open in late 2009 following a 2-year modification of the existing span.

RSR BRIDGE - The seismic work is complete and a deck overlay project should be finished by January 2007. That would be the ideal time to open the currently unoccupied third lane as a bicycle/maintenance and emergency breakdown lane. In October, Senator Torlakson wrote a letter to the MTC urging that the long-awaited bicycle access be implemented. In promoting the bikeway, Torlakson cited the 1998 Caltrans RSR Access Study that found the project to be feasible, along with the 2001 Mineta Transportation Institute study showing that bicycle travel on the toll bridge shoulder would encounter less risk than bicyclists typically find on most urban roadways. Ignoring these findings, a recent MTC/Caltrans study suggests that a hard barrier is required, and that the present 12' shoulder lane be converted into a third traffic lane — compromising motorist safety while precluding safe and cost-effective bicycle access! Please plan to attend a yet-to-be-slated presentation of the recent study to West CoCoCo transportation officials in San Pablo at 13831 San Pablo Ave., by calling WCCTAC at (510) 215-3008.

MARTINEZ STAGE RACE - Mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 21, 2006 when Martinez will host a stage of the professional Amgen Tour bicycle race through California. For information, contact John Crain (925) 200-4248 or Kirsten Cherry (925) 699-2843.

SAFE ROUTES TO TRANSIT - The first round of SR2T funding, totaling \$4 million, met initial approval from the MTC on December 14. The toll measure funding to reduce bridge congestion was administered by TALC and the EBBC who assembled a 20-member advisory committee. They had the difficult task of awarding only \$4 million to 12 projects from submissions totaling \$17.4 million. Projects funded include: AC Transit TransBay expanded bike access, AC Transit bike parking plan, BART car bike/luggage retrofit, Ohlone Greenway "Safety" project, downtown Berkeley BART BikeStation, Suisun Train Station enhancement, MacArthur BART "streetscape" (i.e. landscaping), access/multimodal improvements to Balboa Park and 16th St. BART stations, Market Street Safety Zone Calming, and Santa Clara Transit Center Ped/Bike crossing.

BAC Calendar

compiled by: John Ruzek

Alameda County - Sep 8, Oct 13, 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 - Call staff for meeting date. meets 4th Thursday of every month 1000 San Pablo Avenue; **Staff:** Cherry Chaicarn, (510) 528-5759, CChaicharn@albanyca.org; **EBBC Rep:** PDJordan@lbl.gov.

BART - Oct 3, Dec 5, 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 - Dave Favello, Craig Hagelin 925-937-7610, Chagelin@astound.net.

Berkeley - Sep 7, Oct 5, 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 DCampbell@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) Oct 6, Dec 1, 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 - Oct 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 Article 3 projects. **Staff:** Steve Kowalewski, 925-313-2225; **Chair:** John Ruzek, 925-939-5181, John_Ruzek@yahoo.com.

Danville - Meets as required. **Staff:** Tai Williams, 925-314-3313, TWilliams@ci.danville.ca.us. **Chair:** Vacant.

Dublin - Meets yearly in late fall to review TDA Article 3 projects; **Staff:** Ferd del Rosario, 925-833-6630, Ferd.delRosario@ci.Dublin.ca.us.

East Bay Regional Park District (Park Advisory Committee) Sep 26, Oct 24, 7:30 pm, Board Room, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland 94605 **Staff:** Ro Aguilar, 510-635-0138 x2006, **Chair:** Henry Losee, 510-276-2271, EBhiker@aol.com.

El Cerrito - special Community Workshop on the Circulation Plan for Bicyclists, Pedestrians, and the Disabled. Call staff for follow-up meeting date, EC Community Center, Council Chambers, 7007 Moeser Lane. **Staff:** Natasha Goguts, 510-215-4312, NGoguts@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

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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” Releases Draft EIR

by: Eric McCaughrin

Running parallel to Hwy 101 in Marin and Sonoma Counties is a publicly-owned rail corridor. It presents one of those golden opportunities to provide a cost-effective and time-competitive alternative to the automobile. Passing through the downtowns of most of the major cities in the North bay, it can also help revitalize downtown districts. And once the Richmond-San Rafael bridge bike lane goes into operation, East Bay cyclists can enjoy quick and easy bike/train access to the North Bay.

SMART has made bicycle access to stations an integral part of the project. Trains would accommodate bikes on-board, and stations would have bike parking facilities. SMART also proposes spending an unprecedented \$70 million on a Class I trail within the Right-of-Way (ROW).

Unfortunately, SMART’s draft plan is vague on the exact alignment of the path, giving few details on actual intersection configuration. As utility cyclists know all too well, there are many well-meaning but poorly implemented Class I Rail-Trails designed by inexperienced planners. Unlike trains, bikes do not have the benefit of signals (and gates) to help cross busy streets. Rail lines often cross streets at odd angles and in non-ideal locations. It is not uncommon for Class I trails to force cyclists to dismount at intersections and cross as peds.

Another potential problem is that the proposed path would run as close as 15’ to the rail line. Right-of-way is very precious and the path could unnecessarily constrict rail service, limiting SMART’s ability to add passing tracks, sidings, and other expansions that may be needed as the service grows. This has been an ongoing problem for Caltrain as it has struggled to put in place a useful 3rd track for Baby Bullet express service. The situation could be even worse for SMART with its many single-track sections.

Rail Vehicle Selection

SMART’s decision to make the “Heavy-DMU” its preferred vehicle alternative is another source of concern. In the US, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) divides service into two classes. One is the Amtrak-style *FRA-compliant* service, used on ROW owned by freight rail companies. The second is the lighter *FRA non-compliant* ruleset for strictly passenger rail ROW. Inexplicably, SMART has chosen to configure its ROW as a freight-rail line. As a result, the service will be inflicted with passenger-hostile, freight rail rules — including:

- Trains must emit 100db train horn blasts at every grade crossing and train station, aggravating nearby residents.
- Passengers would not have level-platform boarding. This would be inconvenient for cyclists and wheelchair users, and increase station dwell time.
- FRA rules dictate that operators running under freight-rail rules use heavier rail cars. SMART’s rail cars would be some 20 tons heavier than those normally used in passenger rail service. SMART’s heavy trains would consume more fuel, and emit more noise and pollution. They would have inferior braking/acceleration performance, and run slower around curves. End result: trains that are neither time-competitive nor cost-efficient.

Colorado Rail Car

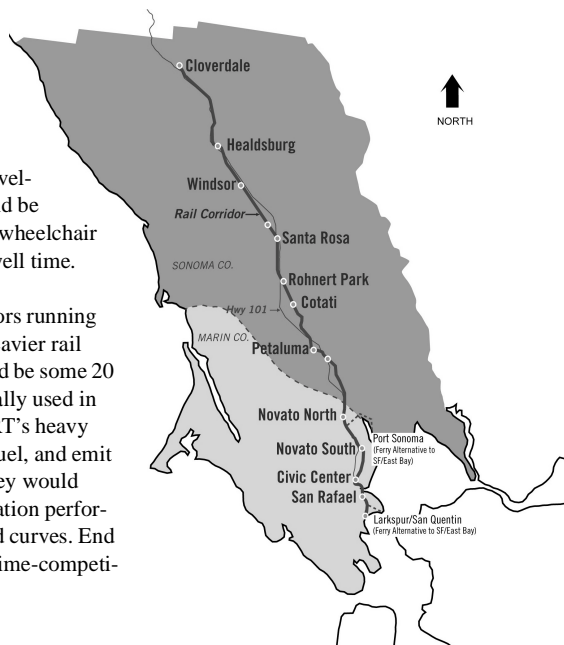
SMART has written the rail vehicle specifications in a very narrow way such that only a single vendor qualifies. Colorado Railcar (featured prominently on SMART’s web site and in promotional material) is the only company which makes the “heavy” DMU specified by SMART.

Whether this company has a credible product offering is (at best) debatable. Compared to established manufacturers like Siemens or Alstom —

each of whom has billions in sales, worldwide sales presence, decades of real-world operational experience, and very advanced product lines, Colorado Railcar is a tiny outfit with virtually no service record for its primitive prototype.

Indeed, the process for selecting rail vehicle design can only be described as baffling. SMART created a *Vehicle Selection Committee* made up of interested citizens and city officials. Nobody on this committee had any kind of professional railroad expertise that might qualify them to be making this type of decision. Unfortunately, this kind of thing seems to be the source of many of the Bay Area’s transportation woes. Whether it is bridges, *Translink*, or rail, too often important decisions are left in the hands of inexperienced local government officials and planners.

Visit http://www.sonomamarintrain.org/project_details/impact.html to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report.



SMART Route Map. At the southern terminus, passengers can transfer to ferry or bus to reach San Francisco and the East Bay.



A DMU is a train type that does away with the locomotive. The Siemens Sprinter “light” DMU (shown above) has an extensive service record in Europe, and will soon be put to use in San Diego county. SMART refused to even study “light” DMU’s in its EIR. Other agencies using “light” DMU’s include New Jersey Transit and (probably) BART for the eBART extension to Antioch.



Prototype Colorado Railcar DMU under construction — a fine example of 1950’s-era design methods.

Minutes

of the Board and General Meetings of November 15, 2005, held at the Rockridge Branch of the Oakland Public Library

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

CHAIR was Craig Hagelin.

NEW OFFICERS: We are losing from our Board of Directors 3 valuable members: Debbie Lewis is leaving as treasurer, but will be replaced by Rick Rickard. Also leaving the Board are Jennifer Stanley, who has become the Bike Person for the City of Oakland, and Amber Crabbe who is busy with TALC. Dave Favello of Walnut Creek (who serves on that city's BAC, and the BART Bicycle Access Task-Force) agreed to serve on the Board, as did also Mary Norton, an EBBC member of many years, and the wife of Charley Bryant, the creator of our first East-of-the-Hills map.

MAP The map committee of Robert Raburn, Derek Liecny, Craig Hagelin, Ole Ohlson, and Yehuda Sherman has been making minor corrections on our new East-of-the-Hills map, and some 15,000 maps will soon be printed by Barclay Maps.

ANNUAL RETREAT will be Sat & Sun, Jan 21-22, 2006, at the AYH Youth Hostel in Sacto. 15 mile bike ride from Davis, CA. Travel Friday night, Jan 20, or leave Richmond AMTRAK station Sat at 7:37 AM, (Sat BART trains arrive Richmond at 6:55 AM and 7:15 AM) arrive in Sacto 9:15 AM. Return train from Davis, Sun, 2:25 PM, 4:25, and 5:55 PM..

FOOD We need a volunteer to take charge of buying and preparing food, and a committee to assist the leader. (EBBC general meeting will be Tue, Jan 16, 2006.)

2006 EVENT PARKING We need to hire an event co-ordinator for nine events scheduled for 2006. We need volunteers for a committee to draft job description, solicitation, and interview candidates.

GENERAL MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS: BFBC will celebrate its 10th birthday with a party on Sat, Dec 10, 2005.

Lafayette has hired Alta Planning to revise its ancient bike plan, and this accomplishment is expected to be followed by directional signs for bicyclists.

MINUTES of previous meeting of Oct 18, 2005, need to be corrected regarding Golden

Gate Fields racetrack, which is still functioning, and is located in Albany between I-80 freeway and the Bay. Member James Schinnerer informs us that EBRPD has an agreement with the racetrack for creating a temporary Bay Trail thru the property until a permanent trail can be created as part of a development proposal.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP: Three new members were selected (see Board Minutes above).

LAKE MERRITT TREES Bike paths are being created around Lake Merritt, and some trees around the lake will be removed, but these two actions are not related, although some people have incorrectly blamed us bicyclists for the removal of trees.

RICHMOND GREENWAY will be a west-east green strip of land created by using the abandoned railway between Chanslor and Ohio Avenues, going from Garrard Blvd on the west, to 23rd St on the east. It will accommodate bikes, cars, peds, skaters, baby carriages, and even automobiles

THUNDERHEAD ALLIANCE will help us in our campaign for bikes on the Richmond-San Raphael Bridge. BART will have seats removed from some of its cars to make more room for bikes. SR2T money will be used.

BRIDGE THE GAP campaign is trying to get bike paths added to the West Span of the Bay Bridge. A selling point is that it will save lives because it will provide a safe haven for occupants of disabled vehicles, who often get killed while standing in the roadway.

PROMOTING HEALTH is a selling point for having "routine accommodations" on all roadways.

BACs - CoCoCo still has the unresolved problem of having two County-wide BACs whereas there should only be one such committee.

CALDECOTT TUNNEL - The CCTA somehow does not see any opposition to adding a 4th bore to the tunnel. However, we must obtain several mitigations, such as using the ventilation area above the third

bore for bikes, and having busses carry bikes thru the tunnel at all times.

MOKELUMNE AQUEDUT TRAIL OVER SR4 BYPASS - Ole Ohlson continues to go to many meetings, and as a result he has gotten the bureaucrats to honor their agreements to build a trail connection for bikes over the SR4 Bypass.

GAMBLING CASINOS in Richmond area. We decided not to oppose the creation of the casinos, but to demand mitigations for the increased auto traffic that the casinos will create.

ELECTION RESULTS: Emeryville BAC chair John Fricke was elected to the City Council. Livermore Measure D was rejected 72%-27%. Brentwood urban limit line expansion failed 51%-49%. Pittsburg urban limit line expansion passed 52%-48%. Antioch urban limit line expansion passed 60%-40%.

FEATURED SPEAKER was Tom Martin, of Wilson Bike Sales, presented the newest bike lights, most of which use LED technology. Also presented were reflective materials.

FUTURE MEETINGS - As is our custom, there will not be a meeting in Dec 2005. Next meeting will be at the Rockridge Library, 7:30PM, on Tue, Jan 17, 2006.

ANNUAL RETREAT (which anyone can attend) will be as above, Jan 21-22, 2006.

Respectfully submitted by Yehuda Sherman, sec'y.

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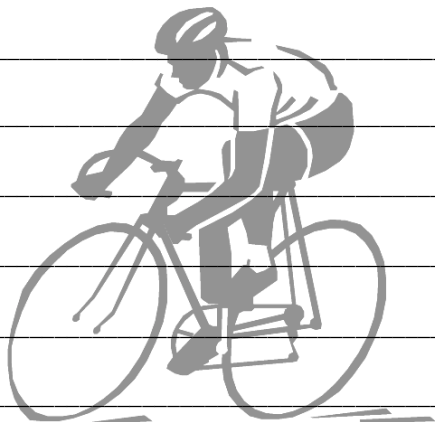
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