



## Routine Accommodation Policy Adopted Regionwide

A campaign focus of the East Bay Bicycle Coalition is now policy.

Our mantra for the Routine Accommodation of bicyclists, pedestrians and wheelchair users—“build it right the first time”—captured the imagination of transportation advocates and planners throughout the Bay Area. The Bay Area Bicycle Coalition made Routine Accommodation a high priority in taking the campaign to the regional level.

On June 28 the full Board of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) approved Resolution No. 3765 – Routine Accommodation of Pedestrians and Bicyclists Study and Recommendations. The Routine Accommodation policy buttresses the MTC’s *Transportation 2030 Plan* that calls for full consideration of the needs of non-motorized travelers during project development, design, construction, and rehabilitation. The *Transportation 2030 Call to Action* states:

*Bicyclists, pedestrians and wheelchair users must be full partners in the planning process, and bicycle facilities and walkways must be considered, where appropriate, in conjunction with all new construction and reconstruction of transportation facilities.*

During the summer and fall of 2005 MTC staff, headed by Doug Johnson, prepared a study on how the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians are incorporated into all transportation projects. The MTC survey found “that some form of bicycle and pedestrian accommodations are



*The City of Emeryville intends to enter into a contract with Caltrans to reconfigure the Ashby Interchange without regard for bicycle or pedestrian access to the shoreline. Please remind your Emeryville council member that the public must be included in the planning and design of this important facility of regional significance.*

included in a majority (57%) of projects that were reviewed.”

From the opposite perspective this meant that many projects neither resulted in good roads for bicyclists, nor did pedestrian safety always gain proper attention, nor was our access and safety fully considered in numerous highway and transit projects that resulted in new barriers to walking, bicycling and people in wheelchairs. Examples abound of roads without adequate shoulders, sidewalks without ramps at crossings, and exclusive car- and bus-oriented circulation near transit stations. Entire

neighborhoods have been divided by single-minded highway and rail projects.

Based on discussions with project managers, local agencies, Caltrans, and stakeholders, the MTC survey resulted in recommendations to encourage greater levels of accommodation. Making the accommodation of non-motorized travel routine will require the cooperation and support from various levels of government responsible for distributing funds and planning, designing, and constructing the transportation infrastructure. The eleven adopted recommendations are sorted into four major categories: Policy Set-

**NEXT MEETING** will be held Tuesday July 18, 2006 at 7:30pm at the Rockridge Branch of the Oakland Public Library. A 30 minute Board Meeting precedes the General Meeting.

ting; Project Planning and Design; Project Funding and Review; and Training.

## POLICY

1. Projects funded all or in part with regional funds (e.g. federal, STIP, bridge tolls) shall consider the accommodation of non-motorized travelers, as described in Caltrans Deputy Directive 64. These recommendations shall not replace locally adopted policies regarding transportation planning, design, and construction. These recommendations are intended to facilitate the accommodation of pedestrians, bicyclists, and disabled traveler needs into all projects where non-motorized travel is consistent with current, adopted regional and local plans. In the absence of such plans, federal, state, and local

## PROJECT PLANNING and DESIGN

2. Recommendation: Caltrans and MTC will make available routine accommodations reports and publications available on their respective websites.  
3. Recommendation: To promote local non-motorized involvement, Caltrans District 4 will maintain and share, either quarterly or semi-annually at the District 4 Bicycle Advisory Committee, a table listing ongoing Project Initiation Documents (PIDS) for Caltrans and locally sponsored projects on state highway facilities where nonmotorized users are permitted.

## FUNDING and REVIEW

4. Recommendation: MTC will continue to support funding for bicycle and pedestrian planning, with special focus on the development of new plans and the update of plans more than five years old.  
5. Recommendation: MTC's fund programming policies shall ensure project sponsors consider the accommodation of non-motorized travelers consistent with Caltrans' Deputy Directive 64. Projects funded all or in part with regional discretionary funds must consider bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the full project cost consistent with Recommendation 1 above. The Federal Highway Administration recommends including up to 20% of the project cost to address nonmotorized access improvements; MTC encourages local agencies to adopt their own percentages.  
6. TDA Article 3, Regional Bike/Ped, and TLC funds shall not be used to fund non-motorized facilities needed for new roadway or transit construction projects that remove or degrade non-motorized access. Funding to enhance bicycle and/or pedestrian access associated with new roadway or transit construction

projects should be included in the funding for that project.

7. MTC, its regional bicycle and pedestrian working groups, the Partnership's Local Streets and Roads committee, and the county congestion management agencies (CMAs) shall develop a project checklist to be used by implementing agencies to evaluate nonmotorized needs and to identify non-motorized accommodations associated with regionally-funded roadway and transit projects consistent with applicable plans and/or standards. The form is intended for use on projects at their earliest conception or design phase and will be developed by the end of 2006.

8. CMAs will review completed project checklists and will make them available through their websites, and to their countywide Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committees (BPACs) for review and input to ensure that routine accommodation is considered at the earliest stages of project development. The checklist outlined in Recommendation 7 should be the basis of this discussion prior to projects entering the TIP.

9. Each countywide BPAC shall include members that understand the range of transportation needs of bicyclists and pedestrians consistent with MTC Resolution 875 and shall include representation from both incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county.

10. Recommendation: MTC and its partner agencies will monitor how the needs of non-motorized users of the transportation system are being addressed in the design and construction of transportation projects by auditing candidate TIP projects to track the success of these recommendations. Caltrans shall monitor select projects based on the proposed checklist.

## TRAINING

11. Recommendation: Caltrans and MTC will continue to promote and host project manager and designer training sessions to staff and local agencies to promote routine accommodation consistent with Deputy Directive 64.

*Further Information: The 49-page study, Routine Accommodation of Pedestrians and Bicyclists in the Bay Area: Results from Interviews with Transportation Professionals and Recommendations to Encourage Routine Accommodation, is available at: [http://apps.mtc.ca.gov/meeting\\_packet\\_documents/agenda\\_668/Routine\\_Accommodation\\_Ped\\_Bike\\_Study\\_6-06.pdf](http://apps.mtc.ca.gov/meeting_packet_documents/agenda_668/Routine_Accommodation_Ped_Bike_Study_6-06.pdf)*

-Robert Raburn

## Restoring Legal Responsibility for Defective Class I Bike/Ped Routes

The California Association of Bicycling Organizations (CABO), the California Bicycle Coalition, the League of American Bicyclists, John Forester and others, are supporting a court action to return legal liability to agencies responsible for Bike Paths.

Presently, through previous court decision mistakes, a damaging precedent was set whereby people have been unable to hold an agency responsible when they are injured or killed on California Bike Paths — even when the incident was due to a fault in design, construction or maintenance by the responsible agency (city, county, State, etc.). Precedent was set when courts mistakenly defined Class 1 Bike Paths (bicycling facilities as defined by State Highway Design standards) as recreational trails, where users are "at their own risk." Bike Paths are transportation facilities and are supposed to be on a similar liability footing as Bike Lanes, side-walks, and roads.

The effort is costly and is rapidly exhausting the CABO legal defense fund. We are asking for help with donations to cover the legal costs. Costs have now exceeded \$60,000 most of which has been consumed. This is an important battle protect and improve the future of bicycling in California.

The Bike Path "Prokop" Defense Fund is being managed by CABO. You may designate your donation to benefit the CABO legal defense fund in general or to be specifically and only used for the present action - the "Prokop" case".

Contributions should be directed to:

CABO  
c/o Ruth Barnes, Treasurer  
2601 E. Victoria St #344  
Rancho Dominguez CA 90220-7259

Thank you!  
Jim Baross  
CABO President

## SHORT REPORTS

**SPARE THE AIR** - Three consecutive days of unhealthy levels of air pollution (June 21-23) depleted the funds for free transit at a very early date in the "smog season." In the East Bay, ozone levels around Concord and in the Livermore areas exceeded National standards.

**PLEASANT HILL** - A sign prohibiting bicycle travel on northbound Contra Costa Blvd at Astrid Dr was noted recently by EBBC member Frank Manske. The EBBC had earlier succeeded in garnering access to the structure following a lengthy campaign. When the EBBC queried Caltrans about the signs, Caltrans staff replied that they were not responsible. Frank's tenacity led to the City of Pleasant Hill and resulted in their prompt replacement of the signs with new signs that do not prohibit bicycles.

**CONCORD** - After thorough testing, EBBC member Steve Ardrey reports his satisfaction with the new "Park-by-Phone" bike locker system at Concord and Daly City BART Stations. His appreciation grew when he witnessed a thief using the Concord bike-rack area as a "Pick-your-Part" salvage opportunity. For locker info log on to <http://www.bicycleparkingnetwork.com/>

**BART THEFT DETERRANCE** - The EBBC proposes that BART Police implement well-publicized bicycle theft "sting" operations using new Station Access Improvement Funds (Parking Fees). An annual "Access" set-aside of \$625,000/yr beginning in FY07 was approved by the BART Board (2/16/06) that specified the funding shall be available system-wide over the three years that the funds are available. BART is already moving forward with eLockers, Park-by-Phone bike lockers, and rack installations in the paid areas at selected stations. Systemwide, however, many existing bicycle racks remain vulnerable and sting operations would represent a cost-effective way to enhance security. Contact the EBBC's BBATF representatives, Eric McCaughrin, Craig Hagelin and Dave Favello, with your ideas or support.

**PINEHURST CLOSURE** - A Contra Costa project to construct a retaining wall on Pinehurst, above the lower switchback, is expected to begin on August 14. The road will be closed to all traffic, including bicyclists, from Skyline to Canyon during construction that is expected

to continue for 6-7 weeks. It is possible that passage will be permitted during weekends, but don't count on it and be prepared for loose gravel or other roadway hazards. Please abide by posted signs at Skyline and Canyon Road intersections with Pinehurst. The closure dates will be posted. Always obey construction flag personnel. For information, contact Mike Carlson, CoCoCo Public Works, at (925) 313-2321.

**MT DIABLO CLOSURE** - The road leading up to the Summit hasn't been overhauled since the 1930's and it's long overdue for re-paving. Starting on July 10 through September 8, all visitors should plan to stop 4.5 miles from the Summit. The park will be closed at Summit Road to all traffic including bicyclists, hikers and vehicles. It'll be closed all the way up to the summit. According to EBBC discussions with Park Rangers at the Junction, "it is favorable to expect the road to be open on weekends for the project duration, but you should verify online and be alert for loose gravel." The state park is using nearly \$2.4 million to repair Summit Road and North Gate on the Walnut Creek side. South Gate road will be open from Danville to the junction. Please visit <http://www.parks.ca.gov/> or phone (925) 837-2525 for information.

**ALBANY BAY TRAIL** - On June 1 the joint Albany Waterfront Committee/Parks and Recreation Commission met to review preliminary engineering drawings for an "interim" Bay Trail through the Golden Gate Fields property. Jim Townsend, Trails Development Program Manager for the East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD) presented the proposal as EBRPD is the lead agency on this project to close the gap between the existing Bay Trail ends at Buchanan on the north and Gilman on the south. The interim Bay Trail segment under discussion will be installed on land which is privately owned as a part of Golden Gate Fields. According to EBBC member Preston Jordan ([pdjordan@lbl.gov](mailto:pdjordan@lbl.gov)), more intensive improvements to allow easier access to the top of Fleming Point (the hill at the race track) are not included at this time.

**ALAMEDA** - Estuary Crossing meetings organized by BikeAlameda have been well-attended. The proposed Alameda Landing project, opposite Oakland's Jack London Square, presents a great opportunity for bike/ped access improvements. The City of Alameda Planning Board will hold a Hearing at 7pm on July 24, 2006 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

**BERKELEY** - A Community Transportation Planning workshop for west and south Berkeley will begin at 7pm on July 20 at the South Berkeley Senior Center. Contact Matt Nichols at (510) 981-7068.

**DUBLIN** - The final public hearing on the Draft Bicycle Master Plan will meet at 7pm on July 19 at the Dublin City Library, 200 Civic Plaza. To request a copy of the draft plan, project list, and project prioritization contact Ferd Del Rosario at (925) 833-6637.

**OAKLAND MUSEUM BIKETRIPPERS** - Sedate-paced historical tours are offered by museum docents on July 16th (third Sunday) 10 am to 1pm. Meet at the 10th St entrance of the Museum. In July you can tour either Lake Merritt or the Port of Oakland. Tours are free but require pre-registration by calling the Museum at 238-3514.

**MAP REVISION** - Derek Liecty ([spoker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:spoker@sbcglobal.net)) is leading the effort to revise the *West of the Hills Bicycle Transportation Map* and reports that field checking is complete from Carquinez Strait south through Richmond. We intend to progress south through Fremont by this fall. EBBC maps are "by cyclists, for cyclists" and we encourage you to contribute your revisions. Please review the map key and clearly mark suggested changes directly on your map and mail it to EBBC Map Committee, PO Box 1736, Oakland, CA 94604 along with your contact information. We will immediately send you a replacement map. If your changes are adopted, you will be immortalized as a "Map Contributor" on the published map.

**WOODSIDE** - A fundraising bicycle event, Ride to Defeat ALS, has been canceled in the city of Woodside. The official reason given by the notoriously bicycle-unfriendly city was that only two events are allowed per month. However, the cancellation may have more to do with on-going road rage and hostility to bicyclists, who flock to the area for scenic lunchtime and weekend rides. As reported in the June 21 *Menlo Park Almanac*, City Councilman Pete Sinclair noted that it was not unprecedented for the city to approve more than two permits in a single month. But councilman Ron Romines says there were already too many bicycles on the road, and did not want to encourage more bike traffic. A Napa ALS ride will go on as planned in September.

## BAC Calendar

Compiled by: John Ruzek

**Alameda County** July 13, Aug 10, 5:30 pm, 426 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100, Oakland. Refer to [www.acta2002.com/MEETINGS/meetings.html](http://www.acta2002.com/MEETINGS/meetings.html) or call staff to confirm next meeting. **Staff:** Rochelle Wheeler, 510-267-6121, [RWheeler@acta2002.com](mailto:RWheeler@acta2002.com).

**Albany Traffic & Safety Committee** July 27, Aug 24, City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, **Staff:** Cherry Chaicarn, (510) 528-5759, [CChai-cha@albanyca.org](mailto:CChai-cha@albanyca.org). **EBBC Rep:** Committee member Nick Pilch, [nicky@mindspring.com](mailto:nicky@mindspring.com).

**BART** Aug 7, Oct 2, 6 pm MTC, 101 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland. Bimonthly, first Mondays. **Staff:** Laura Timothy, 510-464-6446; **Co-Chairs** Joe Carroll, 510-604-4821, [Joe-the7thCarroll@lmi.net](mailto:Joe-the7thCarroll@lmi.net), Dave Favello, 925-939-9462, [DaveVelo@mac.com](mailto:DaveVelo@mac.com), - County representatives: Alameda - Eric McCaughrin [EMcCaughrin@yahoo.com](mailto:EMcCaughrin@yahoo.com); Contra Costa - Dave Favello, Craig Hagelin 925-937-7610, [Chagelin@astound.net](mailto:Chagelin@astound.net).

**Berkeley** July 5, Aug 2, 4 pm, 2118 Milvia St., 3rd floor, **Staff:** Heath Maddox, 510-981-7062, [HMaddox@ci.berkeley.ca.us](mailto:HMaddox@ci.berkeley.ca.us); **Chair:** Sarah Syed; **EBBC Rep:** Dave Campbell 510-540-5971 [DCampbel@lmi.net](mailto:DCampbel@lmi.net).

**Brentwood** Aug 22, Oct 22, 4 pm, City Hall 120 Oak Street. **Staff:** Steve Kersevan, 925-516-5420, [SKersevan@ci.brentwood.ca.us](mailto:SKersevan@ci.brentwood.ca.us), Chair: **EBBC Rep:** David Stoeffler [dstoeffler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dstoeffler@sbcglobal.net).

**California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC)** Aug 3, Oct 5, 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](mailto:Ken_McGuire@dot.ca.gov); **Chair:** Alan Wachtel, CABO, 650-494-1750, [Wachtel@aol.com](mailto:Wachtel@aol.com); **BABC rep.:** Deb Hubsmith, 415-454-7430, [dehub@igc.org](mailto:dehub@igc.org).

**Caltrans District 4** July 11, Oct 10, 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](mailto:Julian_Carroll@dot.ca.gov); **Chair:** Doug Johnson, MTC, 510-464-7846, [DJohnson@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:DJohnson@mtc.ca.gov); **EBBC Rep** Robert Raburn, (510) 530-3444 [RobertRaburn@ebbc.org](mailto: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](mailto:John_Ruzek@yahoo.com).

**Danville Parks Commission** July 12, Aug 9, 7 pm Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front Street, **Staff:** Tai Williams, 925-314-3313, [TWilliams@ci.danville.ca.us](mailto:TWilliams@ci.danville.ca.us). **Chair:** Vacant.

**Dublin** Meeting held in February on Citywide Bicycle Master Plan, Dublin Library Community Room. Contact staff for next meeting. **Staff:** Ferd del Rosario, 925-833-6637, [Ferd.delRosario@ci.Dublin.ca.us](mailto:Ferd.delRosario@ci.Dublin.ca.us).

**East Bay Regional Park District** (Park Advisory Committee) July 24, Sep 25, 7:30 pm, Board Room, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland 94605 **Staff:** Ro Aguilar, 510-635-0138 x2006, [RAguilar@ebparks.org](mailto:RAguilar@ebparks.org), **Chair:** Mary Ann Gaebe, [JimGaebe@comcast.net](mailto:JimGaebe@comcast.net).

**El Cerrito** The city does not currently have a Bicycle Advisory Committee.

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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.

## A-Bike!



*Invented by Sir Clive Sinclair, A-bike is the result of a five year research and development project by his team at Sinclair Research. "...the idea is if you had a bicycle which was seriously lighter and more compact than anything existing at the moment, it would change the way in which people saw bikes." So named, because of its 'A' like shape in use, this original styled A-bike feels very much like a normal bike to ride. However unlike other folding bikes it can be slipped easily into a bag while you hop on the tube, train, bus, or even a plane.*

## LETTERS

Eric Nelson's (6/21/06) front page story on this fall's highway bonding proposition belonged on the opinion page, not in the news section. It was poorly researched, contained glaring omissions and factual errors, and it read like an infomercial for Caltrans highway department. It neglected to mention money that would go towards a new bore for the Caldecott Tunnel, which would dump thousands more cars onto North Oakland city streets and promote more sprawl East of the tunnel. It also neglected to mention the rising cost of borrowing money and the other indirect costs of highway building. Finally, it assumes that the "Congestion relief" claims of MTC are true and fails to get any conflicting opinions from the many local, regional and state groups who oppose the bond.

I challenge Mr. Nelson to name a single highway project in the Bay Area that has ever "Relieved traffic congestion". For over 60 years, we've been wasting hundreds of billions of taxpayer dollars building freeways in this state, yet traffic congestion is worse than ever. In the process, we've paved over huge sections of our nicest cities and countryside with eyesore parking lots, noisy polluting freeways, and hideous, car-only tract home developments. The property tax value and further economic value of that lost land is one of many subsidies

that we give to cars and highways. Diminished urban air quality, global warming, tire fires, oil spills and overseas oil wars are some of the other subsidies, and they are the reason that America is so addicted to foreign oil.

With Gas prices over \$3 per gallon and rising, an oil war in Iraq and ever-increasing interest rates on bonds, why are we even considering bonding for more highway construction? This is madness! We should be using every available transportation dollar to improve mass transit and lower BART and bus fares. Public transit (particularly rail transit) creates even more jobs than highway building and can move more people at times of peak demand. It uses less land, improves urban air quality and, with good zoning, can promote more compact, energy efficient communities. Highways have the exact opposite effect. I pray Californians are smart enough to defeat this bonding proposal, even if the state's media outlets aren't smart enough to report on it accurately.

Andy Singer  
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[Andy Singer's letter was submitted in response to a front page article appearing in the *Oakland Tribune*.]

**WANTED:** The EBBC is seeking a motivated volunteer to assist in producing the monthly *rideOn* newsletter. Responsibilities include editing articles, collecting material, and producing final layout. Candidate should be comfortable using desktop publishing software, and have excellent writing skills. A background in graphic arts is also a plus. This position is a great opportunity for someone who wants to become involved in EBBC's campaigns and outreach. Time commitment would be approximately 1-2 days per month, except for the month of December (when no newsletter is printed). For more information, please contact Eric McCaughrin ([emccaughrin@yahoo.com](mailto:emccaughrin@yahoo.com), 510-981-1079).

## Police Chief in Connecticut Says Bike Clubs Need Permit to Ride on Public Roads

Bay Area bicyclists are not the only ones being hassled by onerous permit requirements.

After receiving a complaint from an impatient motorist, police shut down a popular *Pequot Cyclists* (Connecticut) bike ride. The club puts on a weekly 6.2-mile "Time Trial" where riders depart from the Pequot Golf Course Parking lot every 30 seconds. The route goes on local and state roads. Riders are asked to ride as far to the right as possible and obey all traffic laws. As reported by Joe Wojtas in the *The Day* (July 11, 2006): Police Chief David Erskine shut down the ride because "the race is along two narrow roads as well as Route 184 and Pequot Trail, two busy state roads. He said he does not have the manpower to assign officers to the race." The Police Chief also says the club would need state permits, as Route 184 and Pequot Trail are state roads.



# Minutes

of the Board and General Membership Meeting of June 20, 2006. **Submitted by: Thomas Ayres**

## Board Meeting

Board members present: Craig Hagelin, Dave Favello, Robert Raburn, Rick Rickard, Bill Pinkham, Yehuda Sherman

**Database** - The update of our database can't happen soon, still pending. Robert has bought and is awaiting two copies of Filemaker 6, to work with in the meantime.

**Speakers for meetings** - Circlepoint offered to come talk about bus rapid transit, including they want to talk about ITS, high tech systems, traffic signal prioritization. Robert would like to coordinate with ACTransit. Dave suggests possible speakers on touring or repair; this will be discussed at a later time.

**Parade permit** - We will be meeting with supervisor Nate Miley on July 10, and will probably invite the sheriff.

## General Meeting

**Minutes** - *Approved* motion to accept minutes from May meeting

**Executive Director's Report** - Caldecott Tunnel - Draft EIR for 4th bore was received on day of our last meeting. We have reviewed, found bikes barely mentioned in the 285-page document, despite our years of reminders. EBBC has pushed for transit improvements, routes over the hills, possible use of fresh air tunnels, and improvements over Hwy 24 on the Oakland side. EBBC representatives spoke at the public meeting in Orinda and Oakland. There is much opposition to accepting the draft EIR without further mitigations. Raburn suggests joining the call to set that draft EIR aside, call for a new draft EIR and plan that addresses needs of cyclists, pedestrians, transit users, not just a highway widening project. Raburn wants a motion to join the Caldecott Coalition in opposing it. Unanimous *approval* of motion.

- Routine Accommodation - EBBC went to the MTC, had a study done last year showing only 57% of agencies made any attempt to provide routine accommodation. The EBBC is proposing to make Routine Accommodation mandatory for projects.

- Estuary Crossing - Alameda Landing is a proposed development in Alameda directly opposite foot of Broadway. We are pushing to have estuary crossing (including for bicycles) included in the project.

**Bond (\$19b) Transportation** - TALC has asked for EBBC input on the bond issue. Raburn reports that 75% goes to pure freeway spending. This is a change from recent years in the Bay Area with 75% of money going for transit rather than highways. There was email discussion among board members on this. 9 of 11 board members had indicated to oppose the bond issue. Motion to oppose: unanimous *approval*.

**AB343 - Huff spillover funds** - When sales tax on gasoline goes up faster than other goods, the extra money goes to transit; but the money has been borrowed back to general fund since 2000. The Governor has proposed to use these funds instead to for bonds that were recently defeated. AB343 has been introduced to prevent this, preserving the allocation to transit. TALC urges support. Motion to support AB343, and have it consider funding needs for safe routes to transit: unanimous *approval*.

**Oak to 9<sup>th</sup> St.** - There is a proposal to sell this large portion of the Oakland waterfront to a developer who is not going to build parks as required in the Plan. EBBC has joined an appeal with other groups. The EBBC letter, to be read at the City Council hearing by Jennifer Jackson, focuses on transportation access and safety impacts on cyclists, and increased traffic; maximum feasible access to shoreline. Oak and 5th

Ave. are at-grade railroad crossings; safety improvements at crossings are urged for the proposal. The EBBC urged a separate bike/pedestrian crossing from Lake Merritt to the waterfront.

**BART Access fund project proposals** - Station access improvement funds are available from any station that is charging for parking. \$625k is available per year for 3 years for demonstration projects. Bicyclists need to recommend projects. Ideas include: secure bike parking, signage, bike station, signal detection, educational brochures, stair channels. EBBC members can send suggestions to Dave Favello. Proposals will go to board in Nov or Dec.

## **Announcements and brief items**

- West of Hills Map revision - A team is working on the update. If people have any suggestions, please mark up a map and send it to Robert Raburn, who will send a clean map to replace.

- Safe Routes to Transit - BFBC works on safe routes to transit with TALC. Cycle 2 will come up early next year. MTC needs authorizing support, and asks for EBBC approval for the next 2 years. Motion to support: unanimous *approval*.

- Richmond Greenway - The groundbreaking ceremony for the Richmond Greenway was a few weeks ago, good turnout, contest for kids. Rails to Trails was taking photos for a brochure. Phase 1 to be completed by fall.

## **Future events**

- CTD4BAC - July 12 meeting  
- July 4 - valet bike parking in Berkeley at marina (EBBC) and Oakland (Bike Alameda).  
- July 22 is Bay in a Day ride run by BABC.

## **Speaker**

- Phil Olmstead from Urban Ecology talked about their leadership on the East Bay Greenway, a proposal to get bicycle, pedestrian, and park facilities (similar to the Ohlone Greenway) when the aerial structure of the BART from San Leandro south goes through a seismic upgrade.

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