



East Bay Greenway

The environmental group, Urban Ecology, is proposing an “East Bay Greenway”. Currently in the conceptual stage, the Class I path would run along BART’s Oakland-Fremont right-of-way.

Every day residents and visitors throughout Berkeley, Albany, and El Cerrito utilize the open space corridor carved out by the tracks for the Bay Area’s transit system – Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART). This decades old multi-use trail and greenway, known as the Ohlone Greenway, is an indispensable regional asset because it creates a crucial link between job centers, housing, and schools, in addition to a multitude of recreational opportunities for young and old alike.

Meanwhile, the BART tracks from 15th Avenue in Oakland running southeast for roughly thirty miles to Fremont offers extremely limited open space, landscaping, pedestrian and bicycling amenities, or connections to neighborhood facilities. From Oakland to Fremont, it is increasingly evident that past policy decisions have created unhealthy physical environments, dangerous and congested streets, as well as communities where access to desperately needed recreational and mobility opportunities is severely inadequate. The public health and environmental consequences for these predominantly low-income, minority populations are acute, as the rates of asthma, diabetes, and obesity continue to rise. After nearly four years of work in the Lower San Antonio neighborhood of Oakland, Urban Ecology has learned firsthand from community members about how to best address these issues. We believe that an East Bay Greenway presents an exciting regional solution to the many problems facing these communities.

A unique window of opportunity has opened with the 10-year, \$1.3 billion investment by

BART in seismic upgrades to its system. The vital retrofit project (to be completed around 2012-14) will ensure rider safety, but should also strive to have positive impacts in the affected communities through which it cuts. Communities that are within a mile of this corridor, all of which are underserved in terms of open space, would benefit greatly from physical improvements to the pedestrian, bicycling, and physical activity infrastructure. Given that new regional and local policies have helped to make the BART line the locus of new transit-oriented residential and commercial development – in Oakland, for example, much of the corridor is converting from underused industrial land to new residential housing – a multi-use greenway that offers trails, bike paths, playgrounds, and other amenities would serve as a perfect complement to those evolving land uses. In addition to having immediate impacts along the BART corridor, the East Bay Greenway can serve as a pedestrian and bike axis with bike lanes, improved streetscapes, trail spurs, and interpretive signage linking it to the unique recreational opportunities offered by the Bay and Ridge Trails.

Urban Ecology believes that the development and construction of an East Bay Greenway –



Conditions as they exist today under the BART aerial structure.



Artist's rendition of proposed Greenway project.

modeled after efforts up north – can be funded through a variety of local, regional, and state sources and, most importantly, engineering and construction can be incorporated into BART’s seismic retrofit program. By integrating the Greenway into the retrofit project, Urban Ecology is confident that tremendous cost savings can be achieved.

View from the Saddle: Why Land Use Matters

After spending a few hours attempting to capture the attention of the mass of employees at Safeway's headquarters in Pleasanton and perhaps gain a few converts to consider bicycling during a "transportation fair," I felt like a box of cereal on the bottom shelf at the supermarket. Prior to that event, my handlebar survey of some Pleasanton streets found evidence that bike lanes had been removed, leaving only grinder marks on a portion of Stoneridge Drive, west of Hacienda.

Rather than return to Dublin/Pleasanton BART, I shucked my starched white shirt and tie into the bike trailer, still loaded with maps and literature that had been avoided like the plague, and set out to ride home to Oakland (former Safeway HQ). Dublin Canyon Road led away from the office parks and housing subdivisions through wooded foothills and soon I was climbing in the warm sunshine. Along the way I admired how another grinder mark in the roadway represented an advocacy victory. Here, Alameda County Public Works had realigned the centerline to create a wide shoulder for bicyclists in each direction. This antidote to "advocates depression," however, was short lived.

The frontage road returned to closely parallel the south side of I-580 and BART. Then I saw the fresh scars in the hills north of the freeway and BART alignment. Clumps of freshly uprooted trees and numerous chugging earth-movers dotted an expanse of overturned land that will extend Dublin Blvd. for over a mile from the existing edge of Dublin to the beyond the summit of Dublin Canyon. Never before was there reason to pay attention to the undercrossing sign for "Schaefer Ranch Road" near the summit. It would no longer lead to a pasture.

Will the over 300 new ridge-top homes in the Schaefer Ranch development represent a sustainable pattern of land use? Hardly, one cannot imagine a more auto-dependent extension of the urban infrastructure. Our allies, the Sierra Club, Greenbelt Alliance, and possibly the Transportation and Land Use Coalition were

When Nature Attacks! by: Eric McCaughrin

It's amazing how, in moments of panic, time comes to a standstill.

There I was, flying down Centennial Drive in a 30mph tuck, watching in stunned disbelief as a deer bounded out of the woods onto the road — directly in my path.

Braking, or steering around the deer was simply out of the question. Do I ditch, or try to shave off as much momentum as possible before hitting it? And how does one hit a deer without doing an end-over? (I bet they never teach that in *Effective Cycling*.)

Fortunately, the deer decided to give me a free pass, stepping just barely out of the way as I whooshed past. After coming to a stop, I looked back up the hill at the deer, and he looked at me in the eye as if to say, "I could have killed you, punk, but I let you go. This time."

And with that, I survived yet another bizarre encounter with the local wildlife. Not to be too superstitious, but it is a curse dating back to February, Friday the 13th, 1976. It was on that day, I got a brand new 1970's classic Chopper bicycle, complete with shocks, stick shift, speedometer, and banana seat. The bike's maiden voyage, lasted all of 2 blocks when a black cat (yes a black cat!) darted across the road right under the front wheel. I hit the cat, spun out of control, hit the curb, and went flying over the handlebars. The crash didn't even faze the cat. It kept right on running, with a big mean dog hot in pursuit.

From that moment, it has been one bizarre wildlife encounter after another.

While biking in the Alps, I've had extremely territorial birds dive bomb my head. Bees have a habit of flying down my bright yellow jersey, getting stuck, and stinging like mad. One time, a yellowjacket flew into my shoe, stinging my ankle.

Squirrels are the worst. They have a weird death wish: to dart across the road just millimeters in front of the wheel. My theory is that squirrels have a fraternity, and this is the initiation ritual.

Of course, the animal that frightens people the most, is also the most reclusive, roaming up in the hills, ready to pounce on unsuspecting joggers and mountain bicyclists. I'm referring, of course, to the mountain cow.



One time, I went cycling with my sweetie, Cecilie, for a ride up in the Berkeley Hills. She's from New York and the closest she'd ever been to a cow was a *Far Side* calendar. So when a herd of cows wandered across our path up ahead, she cautioned that we should wait for them to pass.

Trying way too hard to impress, I boasted of my vast bovine experience. "Oh, they're nothing to worry about!" (Little did she realize my only real direct experience with cows was late night cow-tipping adventures with drunken comrades.)

We dismounted our bikes, walking slowly toward the herd. As we approached, one of the cows began to eye us. And then did something I had only seen in a Loony Toons cartoon. The cow turned toward us, head lowered, a front hoof pounding the ground. Then the other hoofs started winding up.

And then she charged.

"Uh, Eric...."

Cecilie instinctively made a backwards retreat. Forgetting about her bike, she tripped over it, falling flat on her back. Fortunately, she was not trampled. Perhaps it was the bright purple cycling jersey (or my cow-logne) but the cow charged me instead. If you ever thought it was tough running around in bike cleats, try doing it with a 900 pound heifer after you.

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SHORT REPORTS

BIKE TO WORK DAY – All reports point to the most successful event since the EBBC started BTWD with a pancake breakfast and valet bike parking in 1994 in Oakland. According to ANG Newspapers, “It was another testament to the clout enjoyed by area bicycle advocates, who have lobbied for more facilities in the name of the environment, traffic congestion and healthy living.”

WE DON'T NEED NO STINK'N

PERMITS – As testimony to the popularity of group rides on public roadways, by coincidence on April 29 when the Mt Hamilton Challenge riders were descending Mines Road (see: “EBBC Appeals Alameda County ‘Parade Permit’ for Bicycle Rides,” *rideOn*, May 2006), they passed riders on the Devil Mountain Double Century who were climbing Mines Road in the opposite direction. Both rides began outside of Alameda County, but only the Mt Hamilton Challenge was unfairly singled out by County officials and forced to file a “parade permit.” The EBBC is protesting the arbitrary and capricious application of an unreasonable County ordinance. Our formal request for appeal has yet to be scheduled for a hearing by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. Please join us in urging your elected Supervisor to act on our appeal by amending the parade ordinance to exclude organized bicycle rides.

HAYWARD – A process to prepare new Bicycle Master Plan is about to begin. The good news is that this time, the plan will be prepared by outside consultants. Alta Planning + Design (510-540-5008) has inquired about issues facing Hayward cyclists and the EBBC just about ran out of paper in our initial response (Hesperian, Safe Routes to BART, Routine Accommodation, one-way streets, etc.). Please share your ideas and concerns and join us in encouraging an ongoing public process by establishing a Bicycle Advisory Committee in Hayward.

FRUITVALE BIKESTATION – On May 17th, Jeff Pace of the Unity Council led a “Lessons Learned” public forum facilitated by TALC about the Fruitvale Transit Village. He indicated that the BikeStation operation is at risk of closing unless additional funding is allocated. The EBBC urges that the BikeStation be allowed by the Unity Council to market itself with, at a minimum, sandwich board signs in the paseo in order to generate retail sales and

repair revenue so that the free bicycle parking for over 200 bikes can continue on a sustainable basis. *BikeAlameda* reports that two members have recently had their bikes stolen from the racks at Fruitvale. One individual parked at the racks because they didn't know the *BikeStation* existed. The other individual parked at the racks because she couldn't find the *BikeStation*.

MARTINEZ – On May 3rd the Mayor and City Council honored the EBBC for our participation in the Martinez Celebrates Cycling and Amgen Tour events. The Council also adopted a resolution to take the necessary steps to receive a “Bicycle Friendly City” designation from the League of American Bicyclists. In accepting the award, Robert Raburn promised to share the EBBC's model charter for citizen Bicycle Advisory Committees, and offered to return the handsome plaque to post in the first bike shop that opens in Martinez. Martinez is also committed to attract the Amgen Tour in 2007.

CALDECOTT TUNNEL – Caltrans released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on the “Caldecott Improvement Project” on May 10. Despite the EBBC's long-standing efforts to solicit bicyclists' input and make substantive suggestions on the proposal to add a 4th Bore, the 248-page DEIR rebuffs our input by not considering any of the many previous comments we have contributed. We are busy preparing written comments on needed project considerations and mitigations for project impacts to meet the July 12 comment period deadline. You may submit comments via email to Coldecott_Public_Comments@dot.ca.gov.

PLEASANTON - Mayor Jennifer Hosterman wrote a letter to the editor, showing her support for increased bike access, published on May 17 in the *Valley Times* and *Contra Costa Times* newspapers. She enthusiastically supports sustainability efforts and calls for even more citizens to directly interact with her on the issue. Members of the EBBC look forward to meeting with her to set out an action plan. Meanwhile, you can email the Mayor your suggestions for a bikeway network at: jhosterman@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

BOGATÁ – Former mayor Enrique Peñalosa transformed Bogotá, Columbia, a city of 7 million inhabitants. His achievements include: low-cost, high frequency public transport (Bus Rapid Transit); over 120km of Sunday road closures; and construction of 350km of bikeways, including a

32km creekside greenway. In his own words, “[Bogotá] is still far from being a model, we and others were able quickly and radically to transform the attitudes of its citizens towards their city, prioritizing people's happiness over cars' mobility.” Peñalosa will be the guest speaker at the Commonwealth Club, 595 Market Street, on June 19. For information and to purchase tickets in advance please visit www.ITDP.org/events.html.

ASHBY BART - Thanks to the efforts of Berkeley's radical NIMBYs, Berkeley will not receive a Caltrans Community-based Transit Planning Grant for a proposed Ashby BART Transit-oriented development project. Berkeley has formed a Advisory Committee to study the project and to solicit community input. At the committee's first (and very disruptive) meeting, the EBBC encouraged improved access and safety for bicyclists to the Ashby BART Station. Last summer the EBBC championed Representative Barbara Lee's earmark of \$3 million in Federal Transportation Enhancement funds to be allocated to the Ed Roberts Campus Intermodal Transit Center. Now we want to see that those funds are duly spent to identify and implement solutions to issues like connecting the Woolsey Bicycle Boulevard across Adeline and MLK, secure bicycle parking, and traffic calming on Adeline.

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, 510-981-1079).

BAC Calendar

Compiled by: John Ruzek

Alameda County June 8, July 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 June 22, July 27, City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, **Staff:** Cherry Chaicarn, (510) 528-5759, CChai-chaicarn@albanyca.org. **EBBC Rep:** Committee member Nick Pilch, nicky@mindspring.com.

BART June 5 Aug 7, 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@mac.com, - County representatives: Alameda - Eric McCaughrin EMcCaughrin@yahoo.com; Contra Costa - Dave Favello, Craig Hagelin 925-937-7610, Chagelin@astound.net.

Berkeley June 7, July 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 DCampbel@lmi.net.

Brentwood June 27, 4 pm, City Hall 120 Oak Street. **Staff:** Steve Kersevan, 925-516-5420, SKersevan@ci.brentwood.ca.us, **Chair:** **EBBC Rep:** David Stoeffler dstoeffler@sbcglobal.net.

California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) 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; **Chair:** Alan Wachtel, CABO, 650-494-1750, Wachtel@aol.com; **BABC rep.:** Deb Hubsmith, 415-454-7430, debhub@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; **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 June 14, July 12, 7 pm Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front Street, **Staff:** Tai Williams, 925-314-3313, 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.

East Bay Regional Park District (Park Advisory Committee) June 26, July 24, 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 The city does not currently have a Bicycle Advisory Committee. For bicycle related questions, please contact Melanie Mintz, Department of Public Works, 510-215-4339, mmintz@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.

Electronic Shared-Use Bicycle Lockers (eLockers)

Following a year of successful availability at El Cerrito Plaza BART, *eLocker* technology is now ready for widespread installation.

The concept behind the eLockers is to offer secure bicycle parking and encourage regular on-demand use of bicycle lockers by charging a small hourly fee — much like any metered parking. The EBBC's vision — as elaborated in the Safe Routes to Transit funding program including in the voter-approved bridge toll increase — is that secure bicycle parking be routinely available at all major transit stops. We hope to eventually expand installation of eLockers to many popular destinations. Just imagine carrying a BikeLink card instead of U-Lock.

The new installation of eight eLockers in downtown Oakland at 14th and Broadway can serve downtown workers or visitors, and 12th St BART or AC Transit passengers who don't need a bicycle at their transit destination. BART's bicycle restrictions at downtown stations, and AC Transit's limited capacity to carry bikes makes the eLocker an ideal complimentary service. Another much-needed cluster of eLockers will soon be installed at 20th and Broadway in Oakland to serve both 19th St BART and AC Transit's Transbay bus passengers. We can thank the City of Oakland, the Air District and the Alameda County Measure B Bicycle-Pedestrian Discretionary sales tax funds for making these initial lockers available.

BART has also been busy planning for the installation or retrofit of existing metal lockers to create 322 shared-use eLockers at East Bay stations. According to a recent BART survey, over 150 bicyclists are on the waiting list for a BART locker at East Bay stations. Anecdotal reports suggest that many have already suffered a bicycle theft.

To complete an agreement and purchase a BikeLink card to access the eLockers visit www.bikelink.org. Other outlets for BikeLink cards will appear soon. Instructions for eLocker use are displayed on the keypad display of each locker. Check it out!



New eLockers at 14th and Broadway in Oakland. Eventually, BART plans on installing 322 new eLockers throughout the East Bay.

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likely among the environmental groups that "greatly scaled down" the development, according to the Tri-Valley Herald news report (www.insidebayarea.com 5/11/06).

As director of the EBBC my focus is on "access and safety" rather than land use. I was primarily upset that we had overlooked the environmental comment period on this project. Clearly, a portion of the traffic from the development will spill onto Dublin Canyon Road; and, EBBC needed to seek mitigations for the impact that harried commuter traffic will have on bicycle access and safety. The lower portion of the Dublin Canyon Road in Pleasanton is already a pinch point where raised center medians force bicyclists to take the lane. It will become harder to ride through this narrow gauntlet as the frontage road becomes a primary access conduit to Schaefer Ranch Road.

Riding home provides healthy exercise, but on this occasion also stabilized my emotional oscillations. On the prior evening I spoke out at a raucous meeting regarding the proposal for Transit Oriented Development at the Ashby BART Station in Berkeley, a city whose population has declined since 1970. But that is another story. Or is it?

-Robert Raburn



Steven Grover, inventor of the eLocker, being introduced at the May 18 Oakland press conference by Robert Raburn.

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After giving chase for a while, the cow returned the herd, having made her point. Some cyclists get chased by dogs, I get chased by cows.

The most dangerous animal out in the wild is, of course, man. There are over 40,000 fatalities on America's roads and highways each year. 13% of which are non-motorized road users; i.e. pedestrians and cyclists. Nearly 3 million persons are injured each year in automobile crashes.

Which makes the average American driver dumber than a squirrel.

Minutes

of the Board and General Membership Meeting of May 16, 2006, held at the Rockridge Public Library (Oakland)

Board Meeting

Board members present: Yehuda Sherman, Craig Hagelin, Dave Favello, Rick Rickard, Bill Pinkham, Andrew Rudiak, Eric McCaughn; also Robert Raburn, John Wilson, Ian McDonald, Steve Ardrey, and Tom Ayres (recording secretary).

Newsletter editor seeks assistance

- EBBC needs someone to take on the newsletter work for June, and possibly to help thereafter. Eric will write a description of the software skills needed. It was been suggested (Dave Campbell) that the EBBC could go back to having newsletters less than monthly.

Database software - Robert

- We need to update to the latest version of Filemaker Pro, including a server license and 9 licenses for the board members. **Motion approved** to spend up to \$3k for this, once Rains Cohen (who operates our server and maintains the database) is ready to transfer our data to the new version.

Chevron long wharf - The California state lands commission still has not made a decision yet on whether to require Bay Trails access lease in the pending 30-year lease for this site.

Site for June 20 EBBC meeting - The Rockridge Library won't be available next month for our meeting (although it will be for July and August, thanks to Yehuda for reserving those dates). Robert and Andrew will find a site for the June 20th meeting, possibly in Hayward or San Leandro, and we will have guest speaker on the Eastbay Greenway (30-mile greenway from Oakland to Fremont along BART right of way). Information about the meeting site will be distributed in advance.

AB 1236 discussion - Governor Schwarzenegger signed the bill this morning; it does not appear to offer any good news for cyclists. The funds are mostly for highway expansion. Board members will discuss possible EBBC response to the transportation ballot measure that will fund those improvements, and will try to coordinate with TALC and other groups.

General Meeting

Minutes from last meeting - The minutes were approved, with several minor changes proposed by Board members.

Treasurers Report - Postal fees have gone up this past month. The treasurer's report was **approved**.

Executive Director's Report - The **West span** of the Bay Bridge was addressed at a recent meeting of Caltrans, MTC, Emeryville, Alameda County officials and others, organized by Rochelle Wheeler (ACTIA). The East span of the bridge is currently estimated to open in 2013, with the bike/ped path not available until 1-2 years later.

The marine terminal portion of the **Concord Naval Weapons Station** area will go under command of the Army, and we don't yet know who we will need to deal with regarding getting access through there.

About 20 people attended a meeting in Alameda regarding the **Oakland Estuary**, and another meeting will address the Estuary Crossing (a possible ferry operation).

Robert will meet with the Executive Director of the West Contra Costa County Transportation Authority as well as the director of injury prevention, in order to try to establish a BAC in West CoCoCo.

Bike to Work Day- EBBC contributed \$1000 of our 2005-vintage East of the Hills maps, with a sticker on each map indicating that the new revised version is available in bike shops (with a discount for EBBC members).

June 6 primary elections - EBBC members are urged to keep cycling issues in mind when considering local candidates. Robert urges people to visit the smartvoter.org site to get information on endorsements. It could be helpful to exchange views and information on our listserv regarding which candidates appear most favorable to support our basic needs - improved access and safety for cyclists.

EBBC appeal of Alameda County Code

- The May EBBC newsletter has a detailed description of this problem. Our appeal to amend the parade ordinance to exclude organized bike rides is being reviewed by the Alameda County Sheriff; the Board of Supervisors has not yet set a date for ruling on the appeal.

BART 19th St. bike access - Many cyclists have complained about the lack of bicycle access to the 19th St. station during restricted commute hours. It is noted that this station has a relatively narrow platform and more difficult stairs access, but that passenger volume is usually low. Robert urges Board members to seek input and information, with the goal of developing a viable solution to propose to BART. Dave F will try to get some reactions from BART representatives. Eric prefers effort devoted to opening up BART trains on periphery of system during restricted hours.

Martinez City Council award - The Martinez City Council presented an award to the EBBC on May 3, and promised to help with establishing a BAC.

Amgen Tour 2007 - The tour organizers have indicated that the tour will happen at least for the next 2 years; they seek EBBC help in 2007. Robert suggested to them that they should work with Capitol Corridor to help with marketing, and should consider Martinez as a stage destination.

Upcoming events

- May 20, the Bay Area Outreach Project, which works with disabled, is having a kick-off party for their new bicycle program, a major media event including a talk by Mayor Bates, at Touchstone (800 Potter in Berkeley)
- Oakland Museum of CA BikeTrippers docent-led tours, Sunday May 21 at 10th St. entrance, 10-1 (one tour from museum entrance, other in Alameda at Fruitvale bridge)
- Transportation Fair, May 23, Safeway, 5928 Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton
- Bicycle Sale, fund raiser for Cycles of Change, May 27th 10-1 at Tinker's Workshop, Aquatic Park
- Temescal St. Fair, June 17, 12-5:30
- Next meeting will have Phil Ohlmstead talking on East Bay Greenway

EBBC Secretary, and long-time member, Yehuda Sherman, age 76, very sadly reported that he is no longer able to ride a bicycle because he has trouble balancing, and has repeatedly fallen while riding. The problem started about six months ago when he learned that his younger daughter, Tamar, age 36, was diagnosed as having metastatic breast cancer. Her cancer had spread to other parts of her body, and therefore is not curable. Yehuda is considering buying a recumbent adult tricycle.

Respectfully submitted by,
-Tom Ayres

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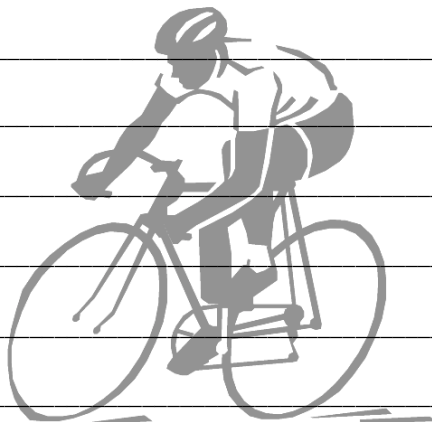
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Lafayette June 5 (joint with Circulation Commission), BAC 6:30 pm 3675 Mount Diablo Blvd, Room 265; joint meeting with Circulation Commission will be at 7:00 pm Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road (June 5). On the agenda for both meetings will be the draft Lafayette Bikeways Plan. **Staff:** Leah Greenblat, LGreenblat@ci.lafayette.ca.us, 925-299-3229, **Chair:** Bart Carr, Bart_Carr@yahoo.com, 925-299-1664. **EBBC Rep:** Yehuda Sherman, YehudaSherman@aol.com, 925-284-5363.

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

Oakland June 15, July 20, 5:30 pm at Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, see www.oaklandpw.com/bicycling/bpac.htm for room number and other information. **Staff:** Jennifer Stanley 510-238-3983, bikeped@oaklandnet.com, **Chair:** Heath Maddox, HMaddox@ci.berkeley.ca.us; **Vice-chair:** Paul Russell, PRussel@excite.com.

Pittsburg Community Advisory Committee June 7, July 5, 7:00 pm, City Council Chambers, 65 Civic Ave **EBBC Rep:** "Ole" Ohlson, BruceOleOhlson@hotmail.com, (925) 439-5848, **Staff:** Paul Reinders, PREinders@ci.Pittsburg.ca.us, 925-252-4822.

Pleasanton Trails Committee June 26, July 24, 6:30 pm, Council Conference Room 200 Old Bernal Avenue, **Staff:** Fan Ventura, FVentura@ci.pleasanton.ca.us, (925) 931-5348, For establishment of a BAC, contact Pleasanton's Senior Planner, Janice Stern

(925-931-5606) about the Circulation Element of the General Plan.

Union City 3:00 pm, City Hall, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, call staff for next quarterly meeting date. **Staff:** Joan Malloy, 510-675-5327, JMalloy@ci.union-city.ca.us.

UC Berkeley Call Staff for date & time of next meeting. **Chair** Karl Hans, KHans@uclink4.Berkeley.edu; **EBBC Rep:** Rachel Hiatt 510-325-6665 RHiatt@uclink.berkeley.edu, **Staff** Alicia Arellano, alicia_a@berkeley.edu, 510-643-4949.

Walnut Creek June 13, July 12, 7:30 pm, 3rd Floor conf. Room, City Hall, 1666 N. Main. **Staff:** Mike Vecchio, Community Development, 925-943-5899 x 216; Vecchio@walnut-creek.org, **Chair** Gary Locke 925-288-2499, Gary.Locke@shawgrp.com **EBBC Rep:** Dave Favello, DaveVelo@aol.com.

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