



Bicyclists now have a convenient connection between Emeryville and Oakland along the new segment of Mandela Parkway between 32nd St in Oakland and Horton St in Emeryville. This project, running beneath the MacArthur Maze, was part of a series of public access mitigations that the EBBC pushed for from Caltrans in the early 1990s for their viewblocking HOV overpass to the Bay Bridge toll plaza.

NEXT MEETING begins at 7:30pm on November 20 at the Berkeley Center for Appropriate Transport (formerly the HubCAT), 1336 Channing Way, Suite C, in Berkeley, cross street is Valley, just west of Sacramento (call 510-549-7433 for directions). A meeting of the EBBC Board of Directors will start at 6:30pm immediately preceding the General Meeting and will include a discussion of new board members.

Our special program will feature Amanda Jones, BikeStation Coalition Chair and Palo Alto Transportation Coordinator, who will make an illustrated presentation, *A Comprehensive Overview of BikeStation Facilities in the Bay Area and Throughout the US*.

Also on the agenda will be Daryl Norcott, who will share with us information about a new car share program coming to the Grand Lake/Lakeshore area of Oakland.

View from the Saddle — “Coalition” on Eve of 30th Anniversary

When our coalition of bicycle clubs formed in 1972 to politically promote bicycling, the men and women, blacks and whites of the musical group, Sly and the Family Stone, had performed their way to the top of the charts three years in a row. The Family Stone’s musical strength was derived from their diverse backgrounds. Likewise, their appeal transcended narrow social or ethnic categories. It still does.

As we approach the EBBC’s 30th Anniversary in 2002, it is worthwhile to reflect on our own strengths. Whereas Sly Stone was unable to keep himself surrounded by creative musicians, the EBBC has steadily built upon a humble start when a few clubs united to seek access on BART. Now, page 7 of our newsletter is filled with lists of affiliated clubs and community advocates.

During the past decade, we have also grown more inclusive – as utility bicyclists developed critical mass to win room on roads in our urban core areas. Whether clad in lycra, jeans or a suit, we now have a tremendous amount of talent focused on improving the conditions for bicyclists.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines coalition as: “a combination into one body; a union.” True, but the EBBC is much more. My definition of the EBBC would also acknowledge our tenacity, grassroots appeal, individual empowerment and the aforementioned inclusiveness. As well, like the Family Stone, our collective sum is stronger than a mere multiple of the individual members.

The glue that holds us together goes

beyond tolerance. Not being without fault, we should strive for mutual admiration and understanding of each other. This is not an easy goal to achieve. Our own Michael “Two Gloves” Jackson, the former Contra Costa bicycle coordinator now living in Washington DC, liked to quip that “organizing bicyclists is like trying to train cats to line up.” Nevertheless, our successes as a coalition are attributable to cooperation – or “strength in numbers.” Success leads otherwise disparate folks who only share the joy of riding on two wheels to find a way to cooperate.

As you read this and future EBBC newsletters, please consider the breadth and diversity of individual talents behind each one of our successes. During the past month, I have enjoyed working with the Delta Pedalers’ on gaining access to the new SR 4 Bypass between Antioch and Brentwood. Closer to my Oakland home, I joined Oakland staff and BPAC members, Bay Trail staff, design consultants, and Oakland Yellowjackets on a celebratory ride of the new Embarcadero bikeway between Fruitvale and the Downtown. If you missed directly participating in these or other projects, additional challenges are always awaiting your attention.

If you missed the sixties and seventies, don’t despair; you can get the music on CD while enjoying better road conditions for bicyclists. I can’t resist sharing one final reference to the Family Stone: “I Want to Take You Higher.”

-Robert Raburn



Oakland Yellowjackets join EBBC and Oakland City Staff on a celebratory ride along the new Embarcadero bikeway.

SHORT REPORTS

BART STATION ACCESS PLANS will be completed by the BART Planning Dept. over the next fiscal year (by June 2002) for 14 stations. The plans will not necessarily address bicycle access according to BART planners. However, five Bicycle Access Plans will be developed by Wilbur Smith Associates as a subset of these 14 stations targeted by BART: Dublin/Pleasanton, Fruitvale, San Leandro, Union City, West Oakland, El Cerrito Plaza, Pittsburg/Bay Point, Pleasant Hill, Richmond, 16th Street, 24th Street, Balboa Park, Embarcadero and Coliseum. For more information, please contact Rochelle Wheeler, BART Customer Access, at 510-464-7295.

FRUITVALE BART BIKESTATION ranked highest among project proposals for State Bicycle Transportation Account funds. The Unity Council, sponsor for the project, intends to include the attended BikeStation in their Transit Village construction. Meanwhile, the demand for secure parking at Fruitvale BART from Oakland and Alameda bicycle commuters continues to overwhelm the recently augmented bicycle parking at the station. Now if we can only unlock the bathrooms so that folks will not urinate on the bicycle lockers...

CROW CANYON ROAD pipeline construction is now in progress between Norris Canyon and Castro Valley. Even with the temporary surface put down each day, it is not a good riding destination at this time because of the uneven surface and debris. The bike lane, such as it was, is nonexistent at this time.

BAY BRIDGE EAST SPAN replacement is slated for final permit approval on November 1, 2001 by the Bay Conservation and Development Commission. The permit application specifies, "... a 10.5-foot-wide, two-way bicycle lane, a 5-foot-wide pedestrian lane and six scenic overlook platforms." Caltrans intends to begin construction this winter. The EBBC continues to press for path users' comfort by requesting an alternative to the noisy concrete roadbed proposed by Caltrans.

SAN LORENZO'S Lewelling Blvd is slated to grow from a two-lane road to a four-lane arterial with bicycle lanes. Murmurs of opposition to the bicycle lanes did not arise at a public meeting on October 9. Instead, members of the San Lorenzo

Village Home Association spoke out in favor of bicycle safety in the vicinity of four public schools. The EBBC noted that the proposed 12-foot traffic lanes are unnecessarily wide and would encourage speeding. Another community meeting is slated for 6:30pm on December 10 at 377 Paseo Grande.

BAY TRAIL PROJECTS FUNDED – The 400-mile Bay Trail, initially promoted by East Bay Senator Bill Lockyer in 1988 (now CA Attorney General), received \$2.8 million in "seed" funds for 13 projects from the Coastal Conservancy. A total of \$35 million in funds will be spent to extend the Bay Trail. Three important East Bay segments are included in the project mix: Milpitas' Coyote Creek Trail; The East Bay Regional Park District's Damon Slough trail near the Coliseum in Oakland; and the West Oakland Bay trail through port areas.

EMBARCADERO BAY TRAIL completion by the Port of Oakland and the City of Oakland was cause for a celebratory ride that attracted a diverse group of advocates, club riders, City staff and Bay Trail staff. Alex Zuckermann, EBBC founder, recalled his role in preparing the initial study in 1995 for the over 3-mile on-street route between Broadway and Fruitvale Avenue. Also participating were Cathy Garrett and Christopher Kent, with Patillo & Garrett, who designed the handsome historical plaques that pepper the route and offer map guidance. To get acquainted with the route, a good starting point is the plaque at the Jack London Amtrak station. The bicycle parking at Quinn's Lighthouse beckons riders to stop for food or drinks. Cheers!

SB473 was vetoed by Governor Davis. The bill would have conducted an independent audit of how the MTC does business and would have institutionalized quantified metrics of MTC performance (or lack thereof).

TBT FUNDING VETOED Davis also vetoed a bill that would have transferred ownership of the Transbay Terminal to San Francisco. This step is needed so that money could be raised to pay for a new rail and bus terminal. However, Davis did indicate in his veto message that Caltrans would pursue the transfer administratively.

BAC Calendar

Compiled by: John Ruzek

Alameda County Meets as required, 1333 Broadway Suite 220, Oakland. **Staff:** Beth Walukas, 510-836-2560, x13, BWalukas@acma.ca.gov, www.acma.ca.gov.

BART Dec 3, 6 pm MTC, 101 8th Street, Oakland. Bimonthly, first Mondays. Staff: Laura Timothy, 510-464-6425; Chair Dave Favello, 925-939-9462, davevelo@aol.com, County representatives: Alameda - Raines Cohen 510-337-9427 raines@raines.com; Contra Costa – Dave Favello, Craig Hagelin 925-937-7610, chagelin@ccnet.com.

Berkeley Dec 5, 4-6 pm, (call to confirm date and time) 2118 Milvia St., 2nd floor, Staff: Carolyn Helmke 510-705-8131, CHelmke@ci.berkeley.ca.us; Chair: Stephen Wheeler, SWheeler@uclink.berkeley.edu; EBBC rep Hank Resnik, hankr@earthlink.net, 510-524-4488.

Brentwood Nov 8, Dec 13, 3:30 pm (2nd Thurs) Parks & Recreation Department 740 3rd St. Staff: Craig Bronzan, Director Parks & Rec (925) 516-5365, CBronzan@ci.brentwood.ca.us; Delta Pedalers rep Dave Stoeffler 925-634-1793, Daves@ecis.com.

California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) Dec 6, 10:00 - 3:00 pm Meetings held bimonthly in Sacramento at Department of Food and Agriculture Building, Conference Rm A-317, 1220 N Street. CBAC addresses bicycle issues regarding facilities, standards and legislation of statewide significance. Staff: Jim Douglas, Caltrans, 916-653-2451, Jim_Douglas@dot.ca.gov; Chair: Alan Wachtel, CABO, 650-494-1750, Wachtel@aol.com; REBAC rep: Alex Zuckermann, 510-452-1221, REBACazu@earthlink.net

Caltrans District 4 Jan 8, 1:30 pm, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland. Meets quarterly to review state highway projects which impact bicycle facilities. Staff: Julian Carroll, 510-286-5598, Julian_Carroll@dot.ca.gov; Chair: Doug Kimsey, MTC, 510-464-7794, dkimse@mtc.dst.ca.us; EBBC rep Doug Faunt, 510-655-8604, Faunt@netcom.com.

Concord (Trails Advisory Group) Call for date & location or check www.ci.Concord.CA.gov.us, Staff: Ginger Gessner, Parks

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Golden Gate Bridge Hysteria

Despite the public outcry to reopen the paths 24 hours, no credible evidence of any ongoing threat to the bridge, recommendations from both staff and management to reopen, an overly emotional, paranoid (almost hysterical) board still only voted on 9/28/01 to open the bridge from 7am to 7pm.

The Bridge District will be running bicycle shuttles while the sidewalks are closed. The public information number for the Bridge District is: 415-455-2000 or 415-923-2000.

1. GG Bridge STAFF recommended to the board to reopen the paths for 24 hour access. Security was no longer a concern (even NYC bridge management didn't close their paths).
2. No special presentations or standing warnings regarding security have been made to the board by any of the CHP, Coast Guard, FBI, Park Service, or National Guard.
3. The CHP, Coast Guard, FBI, Park Service, or National Guard have daily communication with bridge manager Kary Witt regarding security. His recommendation to the board members was also to OPEN THE BRIDGE PATH FOR 24 HOUR ACCESS.

Governor Davis Signs Safe Routes to School Bill Popular Program Extended for Three Years

Sacramento - Governor Gray Davis has signed Safe Routes to School legislation — Senate Bill 10 authored by State Senator Nell Soto (D-Pomona) — that extends the popular statewide program for three years.

“It’s wonderful to see Governor Davis recognize that Safe Routes to School is a smart investment in the future of this great state,” says Chris Morfas, executive director of the California Bicycle Coalition (CBC), a co-sponsor of the bill. SB10 is expected to provide approximately \$70,000,000 over the next three years for new sidewalks, bike lanes, trails and other projects to encourage students to walk or bike to school.

“It’s a little bit of money that will go a long way towards safer streets, more vital neighborhoods and healthier kids,” states James Corless, California Director of the Surface Transportation Policy Project (STPP), the other co-sponsor of the bill. The legislation responds to sobering statistics showing that fewer children are walking or bicycling to school, and that parents now driving their children to school makes up nearly a quarter of morning and afternoon rush hour traffic. Demand for the program has been tremendous. Schools requested more than five

times the funding that was available during the first two rounds of grant applications. (\$230 vs. \$44 million)

Morfas further declares that “This is a sweet victory for bicycling. The child cyclist has become an endangered species, and our triumph with this Safe Routes to School legislation will get kids back on bikes in California. Now it’s time to go national with Safe Routes to School construction, education and encouragement programs.”

More than 60 organizations statewide supported the bill including the California PTA and the League of California Cities. California Bicycle Coalition extends a special thanks to its members, Bikes Belong, local bicycle advocates, Interbike, the League of American Bicyclists, the Thunderhead Alliance and Chunky Flyrite Enterprises for their help throughout the SB10 campaign.

The nonprofit California Bicycle Coalition is creating healthier, safer and more livable communities. CBC represents the interests of California’s 7,000,000 bicyclists and its 3,000 members.

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- The Pedaler 3826 San Pablo Dam Rd, El Sobrante
- Geoff Palmer <http://www.bikeparking.com>
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- Twofish Unlimited 510-524-2309
- Stone’s Cyclery, 2320 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda

Traffic Congestion Relief Act Initiative may be launched by Planning and Conservation League

by: Dave Campbell

The Planning and Conservation League is evaluating the potential for launching a transportation related initiative for the November 2002 ballot that would, among other projects, provide up to \$16 million/year statewide for bicycle facilities. The initiative would also make the \$20 million/year Safe Routes to School program permanent and provide up to \$800,000 annually to bicycle advocacy organizations for education, safety and promotion programs. Funding for these and other projects would come from a 30% reallocation of the state's share of sales tax resulting from the purchase of motor vehicles. Money from the initiative will primarily be used for transit capital and maintenance, road capacity and repair, along with other rail and enhancements-type projects. The proposed initiative can be found on-line at www.pcl.org/transportation/summary.html.

Money from this Initiative would be allocated directly to the Metropolitan Transportation Agency for bicycle transportation projects, i.e. there would not be a statewide competitive awards process and recreational bicycle facilities would not be eligible. Interestingly, the Initiative would allow for construction of multiple use trails that will help reduce automobile trips.

In addition, \$3 million annually would be provided for bicycle and pedestrian education, to be administered by the Department of Education in consultation with bicycling organizations and another \$5 million annually would be available to local law enforcement for bicycle diversion training programs (bicycle traffic school).

Furthermore, there is potential for bicyclists to gain additional monies from the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Funds, which states that bikeways can be funded that are directly or indirectly related to the environmental impact of existing transportation facilities; the design, construction or expansion of new transportation facilities; or the modification of existing transportation facilities.

The East Bay Bicycle Coalition will consider endorsing this Initiative at its November meeting.

Highway 4 Success!

Eastern Contra Costa County is in a freeway building frenzy. Not only are we widening the freeway portion of the highway from Hwy 242 to Hwy 160, but also additional miles of virgin freeway are being built so that the route may bypass the downtowns of Oakley and Brentwood.

The construction of the first segment of the bypass, slated to open in late spring 2002, cut the only safe and reasonable direct cycling route between Southeast Antioch and Northwest Brentwood.

When cyclists began using this two mile stretch of almost completed two-lane road with nice eight-foot shoulders, they complained about the longitudinal drainage grates. The Bypass Authority replied that cyclists would be prohibited from the new road when it was officially opened because, someday, two additional lanes

would be built and the road declared a freeway.

The local recreational club, the Delta Pedalers, requested help from the EBBC. Letters were written; meetings were attended. City planners from Brentwood and Antioch were cooperative. Caltrans was invited to the table (DD-64 helped). The Bypass Authority, elected officials from East County communities, changed their mind: cyclists can use the new bypass until the additional freeway lanes are built and a Class I path is constructed.

WE WON!

-Bruce "Ole" Ohlson



Delta Pedalers examine bike caught in SR 4 Bypass storm grate during August 4 ride with EBBC.

MINUTES of the General Meeting of Tuesday, October 16, 2001 held at the Rockridge Branch of the Oakland Public Library

CHAIR was Robert Raburn.

MINUTES of the previous meeting of Tues, Sept 18, 2001, by Craig Hagelin were approved.

ROUTE 4 BY-PASS Raburn, Bruce Ole Olson, and Donald Bierey convinced the folks at the East (Co Co) County Transportation Plan meeting to allow bikes on the wide shoulders of the newly built Route 4 by-pass, to replace the hazardous storm drain grates with bike-safe ones, and to extend the Lone Tree Road bike lanes — all by Feb 2002.

ROUTE 4 WORKSHOP meets tomorrow at the Pittsburg City Hall. We approved a resolution to ask that the bridge over the RR tracks on Wilbur Road in Antioch to be widened or re-built so as to accommodate bike lanes, since this is part of the East County Bike Route Network.

LEWELLING BLVD (in San Lorenzo) We approved a resolution to ask that the traffic lanes be made more narrow so as to have space for bike lanes.

SAN LORENZO CREEK has a trail running along side it from the Bay to Castro Valley. We voted to advocate that a bridge be built across the creek, going from the trail to Western Blvd.

REGIONAL BIKE PLAN (RBP) We are on record for: (a) asking that the Plan be approved, (b) that the Plan include bicycle access right up to public transit platforms, (c) that 2% of the \$81 billion be allocated for bike facilities, and (d) that the Plan adopt language such as was in the Good Roads Bill of last year (that the Governor vetoed) and that is in the CalTrans Deputy Directive DD-64 of 3-26-01.

CITY OF ALAMEDA Michael Mar-

guly, (mmarguli@ci.alameda.ca.us) who has several jobs with the City, including being the bicycle co-ordinator, reported on several items, including a TDM proposal for a bike connection between the west end of the City (formerly the Naval Air Station) to the US mainland. This includes a bike ferry from Jack London Square to Alameda, bike lockers at the Fruitvale BART station and at various work sites in Alameda, secure bike parking at newly built business structures, bike parking at all public events, and a TDA or BTA grant to repair inadequacies in the bike bridge to Bay Farm Island.

COLISEUM BIKE TRAIL needs a bridge across I-880 and the RR tracks so as to get from the Coliseum BART station to the Bay Trail.

12th STREET DAM AT LAKE MERRITT Raburn reported on efforts to slow vehicular traffic at this point so as to make it safer for bikes and peds. He has been in contact with Oakland City Manager Robert Bob.

TOILET & ELEVATOR PROBLEMS AT BART In order to prevent terrorists from planting bombs in the BART toilets and elevators, the BART staff has locked all their toilets and made many of their elevators very difficult to use. Fortunately, the ADA and the disabled folks forced BART to make the elevators available. We voted to lodge a protest against these misguided "security" actions, at least by making portable potties available.

UCB BICYCLE SUB-COMMITTEE representative Rachel Hyatt (rhiatt@uclink.berkeley.edu) reported on efforts to make the UCB campus more bicycle-friendly.

BAY BRIDGE The Governor signed a bill extending the \$2 bridge toll for 30 years. We passed a motion to ask that the roadway on the new bridge not be made of concrete since such surfaces are very noisy.

CENTURY BLVD IN PITTSBURG We passed a motion suggested by Ole Olson requesting that Century Blvd have a bike lane.

UPCOMING EVENTS: BFBC will have a 6th birthday party this coming Friday evening. All are invited.

There will be an Oakland Museum bike ride this coming Sunday, Oct 21, at 10 AM.

Volunteers are needed for bike parking at the Sunday, Oct 28, "Dia de los Muertes" event at International Blvd (East 14th St) from Fruitvale Ave to 40th Ave.

NEXT MEETING will be Tues, Nov 20, and it will be preceded by a 6:30 PM Board meeting. Unfortunately, it will not be at the Rockridge Library. We will look for another location for our Nov 20 meeting. However, the first three meetings in 2002 will be at the Rockridge Library.

KURT ABRAMS will present pictures, at our Nov meeting, of his recent bike trip to St. Petersburg, Russia.

JASON MEGGS, founder of the Bike the Bridge Coalition, presented a slide show of his recent bike trip in Ecuador. It featured the rain, mud, bad roads, poverty, little automobile traffic, and oil company exploitation that characterize the rural areas of that country.

Submitted by Yehuda Sherman, sec'y

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Contra Costa County Meets yearly in late fall to review TDA Article 3 projects. Staff: Joe Yee 925-313-2258; Chair: John Ruzek, 925-939-5181, John_Ruzek@yahoo.com.

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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) Nov 26, 7:30 pm, Board Room, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland

94605 Staff: Ro Aguilar, Legislative Analyst, 510-635-0138 x2006, Chair: Henry Losee, 510-276-2271, EBHIKER@aol.com.

Lafayette Nov 5, Nov 19, 7:00 pm (1st & 3rd Mondays, but call to confirm dates), Community Center Manzanita Room, 500 St. Mary's Road Staff: Leah Greenblat, 925-299-3229, Bicycle Liaison: Commissioner Lynn Hiden 925-283-5487. EBBC rep *YehudaSherman@aol.com*, 925-284-5363.

Livermore. Nov 27, 7:00 p.m.(4th Tuesdays) City Council Chambers, 3575 Pacific Avenue, Staff: Anna Vickroy, 925-373-5796, Chair: Steve Howard, 925-455-8090.

Oakland Nov 15, Dec 20, 3rd Thursday at 3:30 pm at 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 4314. Staff: Kathryn Hughes 510-238-6493; Chair: Ron Bishop 510-652-4667, rbishop747@aol.com.

Pittsburg Traffic & Circulation Advisory Committee Dec 6, 7:00 pm, Civic Center 3rd Fl, 65 Civic Avenue, Staff: Paul Reinders, PREinders@ci.Pittsburg.ca.us, 925-252-4822, Chair: Peter Carpino.

Pleasanton Next meeting TBD. Staff: Mike Tassano, 925-931-5670

UC Berkeley To be scheduled. Staff: Karl Hans, KHans@uclink4.Berkeley.edu, EBBC rep: Rachel Hiatt 510-325-6665 rhiatt@uclink.berkeley.edu

Walnut Creek Dec 19, 7:30 pm, City Hall, 2nd Floor. Meets bimonthly, 3rd Wednesdays. Staff: Mike Vecchio, Community Development, 925-256-3529; Chair: Jeff Thomas, JWT6@pge.com, 925 945-7781.

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