



PLEASANTON FIELD VISIT

On August 20, members of the EBBC were joined by Jim Townsend from the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) and John Ciccarelli from Korve Engineering on a tour of barriers, trails, and on-street facilities.

The highlights included an examination of the potential Alamo Canal connector between Dublin and Pleasanton where the I-580 and I-680 interchange acts as a barrier to the trails and on-street routes that approach from either side. The EBRPD has initiated a feasibility study and will work with Caltrans to investigate building a connecting trail along the canal under the existing roadways.

We also visited a future segment of the Iron Horse Trail in Pleasanton where work will soon begin by EBRPD to pave the path between Santa Rita Road and Valley Ave near Stanley Boulevard.

The prospect of connecting Pleasanton with Livermore appears promising. On Pleasanton's east side near the little-known El Chorro Road is a new set of fishladders in a park-like setting at the confluence of the Arroyo Mocho and Arroyo Las Positas. The abandoned Hanson bridge could become the Trial Junction for the bike path



Unused bridge to the abandoned Hanson quarry site could become the junction for two trails connecting Pleasanton with Livermore.

to Jack London Blvd next to Livermore Municipal Airport and the Arroyo Mocho Trail toward Shadow Cliff Regional Recreation Area.

On many Pleasanton arterials, Ciccarelli measured lane widths and found "bike lanes could be added simply by restriping" from the typical 13-foot lanes to 11-foot travel lanes. "If Pleasanton simply made these changes the next time each street was re-striped, it could greatly augment

Alameda County's bike lane network mileage and bikeway connectivity in just a few years at very little cost," according to Ciccarelli. A good place to start would be West Las Positas Avenue, already signed as a "bike route," that goes by schools, businesses, a popular gym, and residential areas.

-Robert Raburn

NEXT MEETING begins on Tuesday, September 20 at 7:30pm at the Rockridge branch of the Oakland Public Library, 5366 College Ave at Manila. A 30 minute board meeting will precede the General Meeting to discuss 2006 officers and potential Board members in preparation for nominations in November. The evening program will introduce Matt Todd of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (CMA). Please join us in welcoming Mr Todd as we review the history and scope of the CMA; discuss the Alameda County Bike Plan update and new pedestrian plan; how the CMA is involved in our routine accommodation campaign; and ways that this powerful agency affects your everyday transportation and recreation on streets and roads throughout Alameda County.

West Span Bike Path:

Excerpts from KQED *Forum*,
July 19, 2005

Background: Governor Schwarzenegger signed AB 144 by Assembly Member Loni Hancock to fund the bridge cost overruns and continue building the Self Anchored Suspension tower design by adding \$1 to the tolls in 2007.

Michael Krasny: Robert Raburn is Executive Director of the East Bay Bicycle Coalition. Before I go to your calls and emails, I wanted to speak briefly with him. This seems, Mr. Raburn, by your view, pretty fair to bike riders.

Robert Raburn: Well, we're very pleased to see the progress on the East Span path move forward. As I look out the transbay bus window, I can see the path under construction, and we're grateful it hasn't been sabotaged to pay for any cost overruns. However, I have to say that we're disappointed that the agreement did not include the West Span because we've always sought shore-to-shore public access.

MK: That's the next big fight then, I take it.

RR: Well, I think it's a fight that everybody can get involved with and I'm actually optimistic because we do bring back the control [of State-owned toll bridges] to the Bay Area, and the people in the Bay Area have stated repeatedly that they want to see this access, and we believe the West Span, in particular, deserves it, not just for the tourist dollars that would flow into San Francisco, but the path on the West Span is actually a bicycle/pedestrian maintenance path that would provide for increased safety on the bridge span itself. I need not remind folks that there are always lane closures going on that bridge. Those involve collisions that are unnecessary if we had people working on the bridge from the exterior of the structure from the maintenance path itself. As well, a maintenance path could provide a safety refuge. There is no shoulder on the West Span of the bridge.

MK: The use of a maintenance path also, I guess, would keep costs down.

RR: I think that the path is a bargain in comparison to the overall cost of the bridge. We looked at this last weekend in Charleston, SC. A new bridge was dedicated with two towers over the Cooper River and it included bike lanes in it. Again, this was not a contentious item. We should be able to do that here in our own Bay Area.

MK: So, the West Span notwithstanding, you're pretty happy with what compromise was worked out yesterday, despite the raising of tolls?

RR: Certainly. This provides for the continuation of the bikeway on the East Span. We'll be able to get from Oakland to Treasure Island. But the residents of San Francisco need to get to Treasure Island which actually is part of their city. And, when I'm in the transbay terminal and I see the passengers boarding the buses to get to Treasure Island, all I can think of is that probably half of those people would love to be able to get on a bike and go home.

MK: Robert Raburn directs the East Bay Bicycle Coalition. Thank you for joining us.

At this point, Michael asks Transportation Secretary Sunne McPeak about the future of a bike path on the West Span. Her response is that it is basically a local decision.

Then came a call from "Holden:"

Holden: Good morning. Just a little follow up to the bike path question. And that is to say that Treasure Island is not the destination. We need to get from the East Bay to the City, period. It needs to happen; all this talk about regional transportation alternatives is rhetoric, and it's really quite frustrating. The only other point I want to make is that everyone in the Bay Area needs to remember when it comes time to vote again. Basically,

Schwarzenegger has held us all ransom in order to raise our taxes by a bridge toll, and that's all this had been.

In response to the last point, Sunne McPeak defended the governor as having been at the mercy of other forces; Loni Hancock laid much of the blame on the governor. An "unfortunate situation" all around. A bit later in the conversation, Assembly Member Loni Hancock stated:

Loni Hancock: I'm actually quite intrigued by the comments about the bicycle path and the maintenance road on the West Span. And even though it is unlikely to happen in the near future because transportation is so underfunded in this state. I'm just curious as to is this a possibility that we could actually add on a lane? I think it would be a tremendous thing.



View of new East Span under construction. The first decks of the Alex Zuckerman East Span Bikepath are attached to the support beams.

SHORT REPORTS

OAKLAND – The Safe Routes to Transit program has had an overwhelming response to its first call for projects – 39 project applications were submitted, requesting a total of \$17.2 million of funding. Now for the fun part—deciding how to divide up the money! The SR2T program's Advisory Committee will meet in September and October, to review the project applications and select the final list of projects to fund. The East Bay Bicycle Coalition worked with the Transportation and Land Use Coalition back in 2004 to secure \$20 million of Regional Measure 2 monies to improve bicycle and pedestrian access to transit. Voters approved RM2 in March, 2004 and a first call for SR2T projects of \$4 million was released in April, 2005. BART is well positioned to receive a share of SR2T monies, as 23 of the 39 project applications include bike/ped improvements for BART. AC Transit was included in 7 project applications. The East Bay as a whole is also well-positioned to receive a good share of the monies. Both Alameda County agencies and Contra Costa County agencies submitted 12 projects each. A full listing of the projects submitted for funding is posted on TALC's website at www.transcoalition.org. The final list of projects should be approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Board in December, 2005. This means that local jurisdictions can start spending the monies we fought hard for at the beginning of the year.

DELTA TRAILS – Port Chicago Hwy through access? Senator Torlakson and local elected officials touted making connections between Martinez and Baypoint through the Concord Naval Weapons Station at his September 2nd press conference launching a California Delta Trails program. A trail along the Contra Costa Canal would be great, but may be a few years-away. Reopening the Port Chicago Highway (closed in 1994) to bicyclists and hikers could quickly re-establish a level connection, versus the 550' Willow Pass climb that also requires traveling on the SR4 freeway shoulder.

PROKOP CASE – With the Carrol Case judgment in 1997 bicyclists lost the right to make a liability claim against jurisdictions for unmaintained or poorly designed paths—even if they are part of a bikeway transportation system. The EBBC strongly advocated against the decision. Now, the California Association of Bicycling Organization (CABO) hopes to overturn this decision and needs financial assistance to

appeal a similar case on behalf of David Prokop. The EBBC Board will consider support for CABO at our Sept 21 meeting. You can make a tax deductible contribution directly to CABO, c/o Ruth Barnes, Treasurer, 2601 E. Victoria St. #344, Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220-7259.

BARRIERS such as highways, canals, and railroads, impose challenges for bicycles and pedestrians. EBBC Board member Bruce "Ole" Ohlson collaborated with East CoCoCo officials to write a chapter titled "Barriers to Bicycle Transportation" for the revision of the local bicycle plan. The barrier chapter notes that new or rebuilt interchanges need to incorporate safe access for bicyclists and that "bicycle facilities should be designed to accommodate utilitarian, recreational, family-group, and commuting bicycle trips for bicyclists of all skill levels." You can find a copy of the chapter at ebbc.org under "Resources."

EMERYVILLE PLAN - As a part of Emeryville's General Plan update process, the City will hold a series of panel discussions on various "hot topics" at our monthly General Plan Update Steering Committee meetings. Pedestrian and bicycle travel will be the topic at the committee's meeting on Tuesday, September 27th. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and is held in the Council Chambers at Old Town Hall, 1333 Park Avenue, at the corner of Hollis Street. For more information contact: Deborah Diamond, Project Manager, Emeryville General Plan Update, (510)596-4303 or ddiamond@ci.emeryville.ca.us.

BERKELEY BIKESTATION JOB - The Bicycle-Friendly Berkeley Coalition (BFBC) seeks a motivated and energetic advocate for alternative transportation, to serve in a dual-role, "Executive Manager" position, as manager of the Berkeley Bikestation and as Volunteer/Membership Coordinator of BFBC. Please send resumes and letter of interest to: BFBC, ATTN: Bikestation Manager/VC Position, P.O. Box 13357, Berkeley, CA 94712, Fax: 510-849-9972, Email: dcampbel@lmi.net. Please call 510-549-7433 with any questions.

FREMONT SCHOOLS – The City of Fremont issued an RFP for an in-school pedestrian and bicycle safety training program. For more information contact Rene Dalton, Fremont's BPAC staffer and bike facility planner at (510) 494-4535 or rdalton@ci.fremont.ca.us.

OAKLAND SCHOOL BIKE PROGRAM -

Diana Jenkins, a coach at Edna Brewer Middle School, is working to include a curriculum for a bike program, modeled after the Cycles of Change program, in her Fall classes.

ALAMEDA COUNTYWIDE SCHOOLS – Cycles of Change operates after-school youth bicycle adventure and training programs in Berkeley, Oakland, and Union City. Part of the funding is provided by the ½-cent transportation sales tax administered by Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority.

BERKELEY SPRUCED UP – Timothy Seavey notes that "after years and years of bumps, potholes, cracks, unevenness," the major asphalt replacement of the notorious concrete roadbed on Spruce Street almost caused him to "pop a bottle of champagne it was SO smooth and perfect and kind to me and my bike."

OAKLAND TELEGRAPH AVE - A proposal by the City to repave Telegraph Ave from 40th (MacArthur BART) to 46th (Shattuck Ave) presents an ideal opportunity to begin the long-delayed implementation of the bike lanes on Telegraph. Call your Councilmember to voice your support.

OAKLAND TUNNEL ROAD – The treacherous always slippery spot below Charing Cross was granted \$360,000 from Caltrans' Hazard Elimination funds for repair. The EBBC provided steady urging for correction of the hazard.

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE TOLL - Assembly Bill 748 is nearing a Senate vote. Sponsored by Assemblywoman Lois Wolk, D-Davis, and co-authored by Joe Nation, D-San Rafael, the bill would prohibit agencies from charging bicyclists and pedestrians to cross state bridges or roads. The bill is mainly aimed at the Golden Gate Transit District, which has been studying the idea of charging bikes and peds a toll to cross the bridge.

CHECK YOUR LABEL - The EBBC's database program miscalculated expiration dates over the past several months. The problem has been corrected and your label should show your correct current status.

Feds Fund Safe Routes to School

On August 10th, the President signed into law a bill designed to meet this nation's transportation needs for the next six years: the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA). The bill includes a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program that will make hundreds of millions of dollars available to schools to help more kids walk and bike to school and thus realize huge benefits in public health, neighborhood cohesion, and other important areas.

Section 1404 of the bill establishes the new SRTS program, which will provide every state with a minimum of \$1 million in funding each year. "This money will give communities at least some of the resources they need to help get children walking and biking to school again," said Bill Wilkinson, executive director of the National Center for Bicycling & Walking (NCBW).

While much of this money will no doubt be used for projects such as building sidewalks and improving crosswalks near schools, a percentage of the funds has been set-aside for programs intended to actively encourage walking and bicycling to school; conduct public awareness campaigns to change the behaviors of students, parents, and drivers; and for planning and training, among other activities. The funds will be distributed by the state departments of transportation; they will be made available to public agencies and nonprofit organizations; and the bill authorizes the use of 100% federal funds for projects and activities.

"Today, we've got our first generation of children who don't know what it is like to walk or ride a bicycle to school," Wilkinson noted. "The health effects of this inactivity are devastating: childhood obesity has nearly tripled and diabetes is now an epidemic among our youth. We've got to do something now to change the direction we're headed."

For more about Safe Routes to School, please visit the NCBW website: <http://www.bikewalk.org>



New bike cage at Twin Creeks Elementary School, San Ramon.

SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

- **Alameda Cycle** 1522 Park St, Alameda
- **Bay Area Bikes** 1050 West Grand Ave, Oakland
- **Cycle California! Magazine** <http://www.cyclecalifornia.com>
- **Cycle City** 1433 High St., Alameda
- **Cycle Sports** 3530 Grand Ave, Oakland
- **Dublin Cyclery**, 7001 Dublin Blvd, Dublin
- **Encina Bicycle Center**, 2901 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Walnut Creek
- **Electric Bike Network** <http://www.myebike.com>
- **Hank & Frank Bicycles** 3377 Mount Diablo Blvd, Lafayette
- **Hank & Frank Bicycles** 6030 College Ave, Oakland
- **Left Coast Cyclery** 2928 Domingo Ave, Berkeley
- **Montano Velo** 4266 Piedmont Ave, Oakland
- **Missing Link** 1988 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley
- **Omafeits** 2001 Milva St, Berkeley
- **Palmer Group** <http://www.bikeparking.com>
- **The Pedaler** 3826 San Pablo Dam Rd, El Sobrante
- **Perfection Cyclery** 1341-H N. Main St, Walnut Creek
- **REI Berkeley, Concord, Fremont**
- **Sharp Bicycle** 969 Moraga Rd., Lafayette
- **Stone's Cyclery** 2320 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda
- **Wheels of Justice Cyclery** 2024 Mountain Blvd, Oakland
- **Wilson Bicycle Sales** <http://www.wilsonbike.com>

Present your valid EBBC membership card (clip mailing label on back cover) to obtain member discount at participating retailers. Soon, you will be seeing the EBBC logo on bike shop windows to indicate that the shop is an EBBC supporter and offers member discounts (typically 5-15% on parts and accessories). The mailing label must indicate that the membership is "Current" to qualify.

Twin Creeks Elementary Bike to School Day

On Tuesday June 7, 2005 the City of San Ramon hosted their first Bike to School Day. The event was held at Twin Creeks Elementary School, at 2785 Marsh Drive in San Ramon. The event was a success, with approximately 175 students participating. Therefore, the City has embarked on making Bike to School Day an annual event at all schools within the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

Though the event was first scheduled in collaboration with Bike to Work Day, on Thursday May 19, 2005, poor weather and heavy rains forced program coordinators to reschedule the event. Through support and public announcements on behalf of Twin Creeks Elementary, along with press releases and publicity from the City of San Ramon, the event was rescheduled for Tuesday June 7th.

On Tuesday the 7th, students were spotted riding their bikes towards Twin Creeks as early as 7:15 am. Once the school-grounds were set-up and ready to distribute the breakfast goodies, the party began. Kids poured into the new bike cage in a single file line, directed by Principal Loflin. After parking their bikes, they came to the courtyard. Surrounded by happy parent volunteers the students filled their tummies with apple cinnamon and cheddar flavored rice cakes, while helping themselves to juice and water choices. As the rice cakes went down, the students began filling out raffle cards for a chance to win cool prizes.

From 11:20am to 12:40pm, prizes were handed out to the 1st-5th grade students. Principal Loflin began each lunch by congratulating and encouraging students to ride their bikes, and then proceeded to announce the winners. Three winners were chosen out of each grade level. Students were extremely excited and thankful for the event.

Dublin Cyclery and the San Ramon Police Department worked together to set-up the bike safety clinic after-school at 2:00pm. They were responsible for checking tire pressure, replacing brakes, and making minor adjustments. They also guided students on proper bike-riding technique, seat and handlebar height adjustments, and safety equipment requirements.

At 2:35pm students proceeded into the bike rack in a single file line, directed by the Principle and volunteers: all measures were taken to make sure students remained on the sidewalk, and did not ride their bikes onto the parking lot or driveway. Students proceeded straight to the safety clinic with their bikes.

Once bike checks were successfully performed, students received a sticker. With this sticker they had access to both the refreshments stand and the Wheel of Safety. The Wheel of Safety was a fun way of asking kids questions about wearing helmets, crossing at crosswalks, and so forth in exchange for letting them spin the wheel and collect a prize. The event concluded around 3:15pm as kids and parents began to depart.

Looking back onto the first annual Bike to School Day, the following recommendations may help improve next year's event:

- Hold Bike to School Day on the same day as Bike to Work, so that parents and children are both reminded and encouraged of the event.
- Set-up two Bike Safety Clinic stations, so that each student can have more time to interact with the training materials.
- Adjust school schedules, to allot more time towards pre-school and after-school activities.

- **Prabhjot "PJ" Sekhon**
Planner, City of San Ramon

BAC Calendar

compiled by: John Ruzek

Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority 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 Traffic & Safety Committee 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 (Bicycle Accessibility Task Force) 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 bi-monthly 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 Hubsmit, 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 Arti-

"BAC" continued p. 8.

Minutes of the General Meeting of August 16, 2005

CHAIR was Craig Hagelin.

MINUTES of the previous meeting of Tue, July 19, 2005, were amended as follows: Ms Trish Keats was hired as our bookkeeper to assist our treasurer. BTWD expenses totaled \$8,533.38. We received \$5,657.50. Hence, the out-of-pocket expenses for EBBC total \$2,875.88. **BAY BRIDGE** - Assemblywoman Loni Hancock's AB 144, which funded the East Span, including the bike path, was passed and signed by the Governor.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Our Treasurer, Debbie Lewis, has been overwhelmed recently, but Dave Campbell has assisted her in depositing checks, and Raburn is working with Debbie so as to keep our bills paid. Thanks to Debbie, our books and sales tax liabilities are in good order.

We will reprint 5,000 Bicycle Safety Quizzes in English in time for the Solano Stroll on Sun, Sep 11.

Electronic notifications (\$0.20) by the Post Office for Address Service Request (of undeliverable mail) is not available for an account our size. The fee for notification and forwarding is \$0.92.

After much discussion we agreed investigate the use 100% recycled paper for our newsletters and brochures. Raburn and Jennifer Stanley will investigate costs.

WEST CoCoCo GAMBLING CASINOS - Supervisors Gayle Uilkema and John Gioia have invited EBBC to help participate in a "comprehensive transportation study". A motion was passed to contribute \$3,000 and look for grant money as well. Regardless of whether casinos get built or not, a study is needed to plan bike facilities in that location.

SR4 BYPASS and the MOKE-LUMNE AQUEDUCT PATH - Ole Ohlson continues to force the government agencies involved in this project to honor their legal obligations. Letters from EBBC have been sent urging bridge construction and continued bicycle access along the SR 4 Bypass. A meeting is being proposed between the Bypass Authority, CalTrans, EBRPD, local jurisdictions, and EBBC.

WEST SPAN OF BAY BRIDGE - EBBC is working with BABC and TALC to create a UCB research position to update plans for the bicycle-pedestrian-maintenance path, and promote funding in the next RTP.

CALDECOTT TUNNEL - EBBC participated in the Alameda Co CMA meeting on Aug 8 focused on the Temescal Park-SR 24 crossing and approaches. CalTrans agreed to map study the area. CMA will draft project goals and seek funds for a feasibility study.

NOMINATIONS for next year's officers and board. Members are asked to nominate enthusiastic candidates.

FUTURE EVENTS were listed, including the Solano Stroll.

NEXT MEETING will be Tue, Sep 20, 2005, at the Rockridge Library. Board meeting at 7 PM. General meeting at 7:30 PM. Program at 8:30 PM will feature Matt Todd, Alameda Co CMA, who will discuss the bike plan revision, new pedestrian plan, "routine accommodations", and Caldecott Tunnel access and mitigations.

Respectfully submitted by Yehuda Sherman, sec'y.

Caltrain Experiences Big Jump in Ridership

Despite a 17.5% fare increase, Caltrain has posted a 17% increase in ridership compared to last year. The expanded "Baby Bullet" service is largely credited for the increase. The Baby Bullets provide express service, providing a much faster trip down the Peninsula. As was the case with AC's "Rapid Bus" program, transit services which are time-competitive with the automobile are very successful in building ridership and getting people out of their cars.

Meanwhile, the other Peninsula rail provider — the BART-SFO extension — continues to see ridership figures far below what had been promised. Although a plan for weekend closures has been put off for the time being, BART-SFO service will be cut back to 15 minute headways beginning Sept. 12. As well, BART fares for Peninsula riders will be increased by \$1.

The rail advocacy group *BayRail Alliance* notes that the \$1.5 billion BART project generated just 13,000 new trips. Samtrans, the regional bus operator which operates the extension and "loaned" \$200 million for its construction, has had to cut back bus routes and increase bus fares. Since 1995, Samtrans bus ridership has declined by 30% from nearly 70,000 passengers/day to 48,000 in 2004; i.e. "a reduction of more trips than the SFO extension gained." The full report is at http://bayrailalliance.org/bart/sfox_ridership.html.

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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*.

Emeryville Sep 8, Oct 13, 5:30 pm, 1333 Park Ave **Staff:** Peter Schultze-Allen, 510-596-3728, *PS-schultze-allen@ci.emeryville.ca.us*. **Chair:** Ken Bukowski, *Bukowski@earthlink.net*.

Fremont Sep 21, Oct 19, 7:00 pm, Niles Room, 39550 Liberty Street, (call to confirm) **Staff:** Rene Dalton, 510-494-4535, *RDalton@ci.fremont.ca.us*. **Chair:** **EBBC Rep** Michael.Graff@pobox.com.

Lafayette Next date TBD, 3675 Mount Diablo

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

Oakland Sep 15, Oct 20, 4:00 pm at 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 4314. **Staff:** Kathryn Hughes 510-238-6493, *KHughes@oaklandnet.com*; **Chair:** Ron Bishop 510-652-4667, *RBishop747@aol.com*.

Pittsburg Community Advisory Committee Sep 7, Oct 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.

San Leandro (BAC being formed.) Call Anna Vickroy, 510-577-3310, *AMVickroy@ci.san-leandro.ca.us*, for further info.

Pleasanton Next meeting TBD. **Staff:** Mike Tas-

sano, 925-931-5670

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

UC Berkeley TBD 3-5 pm 2150 Kittredge St., 3rd Floor. Refer to www.berkeley.edu/transportation or call staff for meeting dates. **Chair** Karl Hans, *KHans@uclink4.Berkeley.edu*; **EBBC Rep:** Rachel Hiatt 510-325-6665 *RHiatt@uclink.berkeley.edu*, **Staff** Rita Bond, *RitaBond@uclink4.berkeley.edu*, 510-642-7194.

Walnut Creek Sep 14, Nov 9, 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** Peter Cartwright, *px-cartw@prodigy.net*, 925-930-0993 **EBBC Rep:** Dave Favello, *DaveVelo@aol.com*.

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