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TOGETHER

BIKE TO WORK DAY » MAY 11, 2017

PEOPLE POWER MAKES IT POSSIBLE



I've been biking to work for many years, and these days I have the privilege of being able to bike for work. It's always the best way for me to start the day with a positive energy boost, and you can't beat pedaling away the worries of the workday on the way home.

Our theme for this Bike to Work Day is **TOGETHER** and if you look closely at this issue's cover, you may see someone you know (or even yourself!) looking back. As I bike around SF, I see each person riding alongside me. When we see one another it is so much easier to understand how our struggles are connected. That's why we were proud to stand with our Vision Zero Coalition partners recently in denouncing deportations for traffic violations and it's why we will continue to fight to position our work at the intersections of movements for social, racial and economic justice.

Even under the threat of a reckless president, our city continues experiencing our own, unrelated challenges. A recent survey found that San Francisco has the fourth-worst traffic in the entire world. Our city is projected to keep growing, and the need for safe, green and affordable transportation choices will only grow. I see so many of you on our streets everyday. When you ride, you're a rolling demonstration that the choice to bike can be fun as well.

That's what Bike to Work Day is all about. This May 11, hundreds of SF Bicycle Coalition members and volunteers will be out in force cheering on commuters and spreading the word about the benefits of biking. You can locate Energizer Stations along your commute, get Employer Toolkits to support your colleagues riding and volunteer at sfbike.org/btwd.

As we continue to face an affordability crisis that has already displaced thousands of San Franciscans, Bike to Work Day reminds everyone, including

our City leaders, that biking is an affordable means of transportation that makes efficient use of precious urban space. With many new elected officials at City Hall, we need to speak up once more to remind them that one of the best solutions to problems like congestion and affordability is a simple, elegant machine invented hundreds of years ago.

Bike & Roll to School Week celebrates the same idea among our city's students, caretakers and educators. I was dismayed recently to read that a member of the SF Board of Supervisors claimed that "to be a good dad and a good husband ... I have to have a car," as well as a taxpayer-funded parking spot right outside City Hall. Any one of the hundreds of our members who bike their children to school from every corner of the city can tell him otherwise.

Cargo bikes with electric-assist motors make it possible for families to trade in their minivan for a breath of fresh air. Last year over 3,500 students, caretakers and school staff participated in Bike & Roll to School Week at over 90 schools, emphasizing healthy, active transportation choices for school communities. This year, we're celebrating Bike & Roll to School Week April 17 - 21. Registrations are open at sfbike.org/family until April 1, so don't miss the chance to involve young people in your life in the joy of biking.

Finally, if you have thoughts on what could make biking better in SF, you can tell us. Strategic Planning has begun in earnest and will guide our work for years to come. For ways to speak up and get involved check out sfbike.org/strategicplan. In the meantime, if you see me on the street, wave "hi" or ring your bell. I'll do the same.

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GEAR UP: MORE THAN EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO GET ROLLING

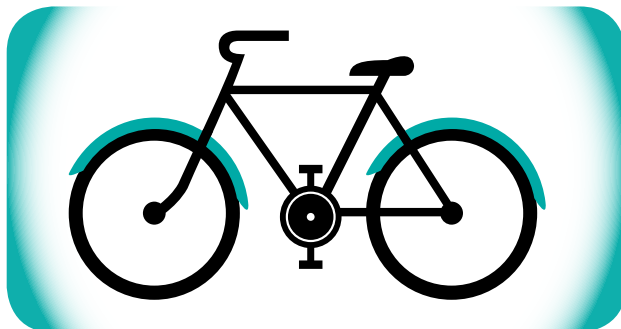
By Charles Deffarges

You don't need anything but a bicycle to get rolling. That said, there are accessories that can help you get around if you're looking to bike all times of day, in all sorts of weather and for all types of trips. Here are some of the basics to get you going.



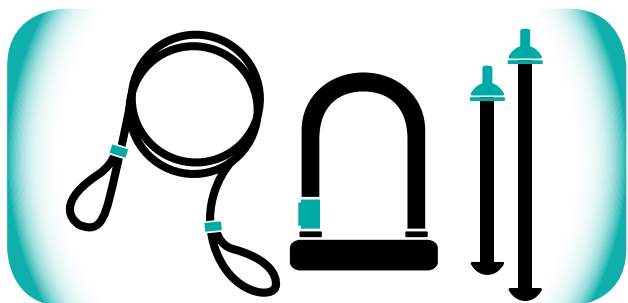
COVER YOUR HEAD

Helmets are required by law for those under the age of 18 and recommended for adults. Make sure your lid is snug and comfortable before you worry about its style points.



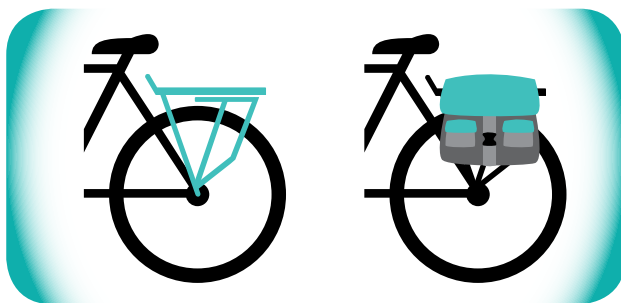
STAY DRY

Fenders for your front and rear wheel will catch road spray to keep you clean and dry when it's wet out. For extra weatherproofing, wear a waterproof jacket and pants.



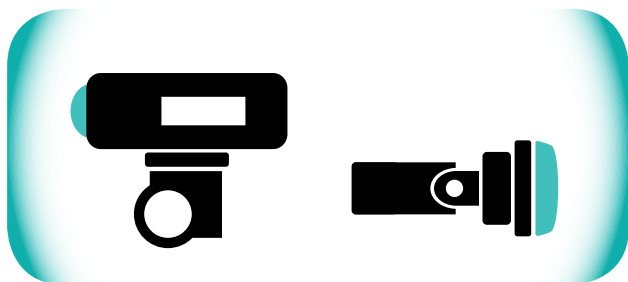
LOCK UP

A hardened steel U-lock will allow you to park your bike securely on the street. For extra security, add a cable and secure your wheels as well. Locking skewers, which replace quick-release levers, can give you extra peace of mind.



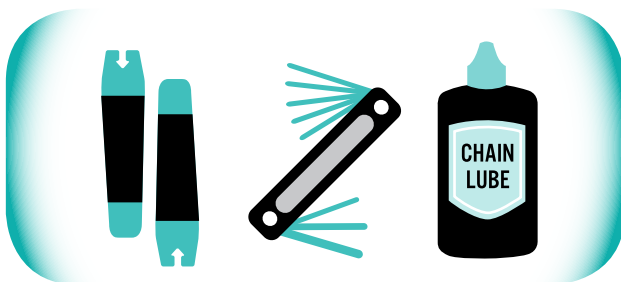
CARRY ON

Whether you're hauling groceries, books or bike parts, a front or rear rack (or both!) can help lighten the load. You can add additional capacity by attaching bungee cords, a milk crate or a set of panniers, which are bags designed to clip right onto your racks.



BE VISIBLE

State law mandates a white front light, red rear reflector or red light, and yellow or white reflectors on sides and/or pedals (reflective whitewalls count). A set of lights will light up the road and make you visible to other road-users when it's dark. Reflective or light-colored clothing can also enhance visibility.



FIX IT

A few simple tools can make basic repairs a breeze. Tire levers and a patch kit will get you out of your next flat, a bottle of lube will keep your chain spinning effortlessly and a multi-tool with Allen keys will help you stay on top of any loose nuts and bolts. ***Not sure how to fix a flat or when to grease your chain? Check out our Chain of Events for an upcoming maintenance class at one of our partner organizations: sfbike.org/events.***



A white line-art illustration of a bicycle on a teal background. The bicycle has a large front wheel, a smaller rear wheel, a seat, handlebars, and a basket on the back. The basket contains a small rectangular object, possibly a book or a box. The bicycle is facing right.

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SAN FRANCISCO

**BIKE & ROLL
TO SCHOOL WEEK**



APRIL 17-21

SIGN UP YOUR SCHOOL TODAY

sfsaferoutes.org

Until recently, Mansell Street's four lanes of fast-moving vehicle traffic divided McLaren Park. To open up access throughout the park and reduce vehicle speeds, a citywide effort led by SF Recreation and Park re-dedicated two lanes of Mansell Street to a novel use: people. The redesigned space now boasts a two-way bike lane, a running path and ample space for people walking.

We are immensely grateful to each of the 800-plus people who collectively gave over 10,000 hours last year to improve biking in San Francisco. At our Winter Volunteer Appreciation Party, we celebrated these volunteers and highlighted five extra-special people with our 2016 Volunteer Awards. The winners are [Sindy Cho](#), [Paddy O'Flynn](#), [Volker Neumann](#), [Ivan Abeshaus](#) and [Jenn Chan](#), and we are enormously grateful to each of them. Want to volunteer in 2017? See all our upcoming opportunities and sign up: sfbike.org/volunteer.

In 2016, your SF Bicycle Coalition worked hard to train nearly 600 professional drivers on how to share the road safely and respectfully with people on bikes. Google shuttle bus drivers and new San Francisco taxi drivers all participated in our one-hour class, which covers topics such as safe driving practices when passing a person on a bike, how to correctly use San Francisco's biking infrastructure and how to make safe right turns. Keep up with our professional driver training work at sfbike.org/driver.



Our 2016 Volunteer Awards, including Snapshot Super Star, Volunteer Night Champion and Ivan of the Year, were announced at our Winter Volunteer Appreciation Party.

BAY AREA BIKE TO WORK DAY

MAY 11, 2017

THE NIGHT WAS LIT

We are pleased to wrap up another season of Light Up the Night, our annual bike light distribution program. Thanks to our generous sponsor Bay Area Bicycle Law and support from the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, our amazing member-volunteers installed nearly 1,000 front white lights and rear red lights on the bicycles of people riding at night. This season, 47 SF Bicycle Coalition member-volunteers donated over 160 hours of time to install lights at five different locations around San Francisco. Light recipients signed a pledge to use their lights at night and received educational materials about riding legally in the dark. We want to give an enormous thank you to the amazing member-volunteers who helped make the event a success. There are plenty more ways to get involved as a volunteer, so check out our upcoming projects to sign up: sfbike.org/volunteer.

NEW BUSINESS MEMBERS

Looking for ways to get more people at your workplace rolling for Bike to Work Day? We're here to help.

Become a Business Member at the Bronze Level or above, and we'll host an in-office Urban Bicycling Workshop for you and your team. The course is perfect for people considering biking in the city or looking to brush up on urban bicycling skills. sfbike.org/business

Thank you to our new and renewing Business Members: BAR Architects; Google SF; HNTB; PromoCodeWatch; Salesforce; San Francisco Housing Action Coalition; San Francisco State University; Shasta Living Streets; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; SportWorks; SpurCycle; Streets of San Francisco Bike Tours; Sustainable Technologies; Swirl; The Law Offices of Meisel, Krentsa & Burneikis; Tishman Speyer; and Velofix.

GET THRIFTY

Make a tax-deductible donation at **Community Thrift**, a nonprofit agency that works with Bay Area charities. Choose the SF Bicycle Coalition as your beneficiary when you donate anything from gently-used clothes and books to housewares and furniture. You can also shop an eclectic mix of items ranging from antique and collectible to Danish modern and mid-century. Visit the store at 623 Valencia St. any day between 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, or arrange furniture pick-up in San Francisco Sunday through Thursday.

BICYCLE RULES OF THE ROAD

LEARN MORE AT:
sfbike.org/safety



Pedestrians always have the right of way.



Take the lane on narrow streets.



Obey all signs and lights, including stop signs and red lights.



Leave the bike lane if you don't feel safe.



Stop behind the crosswalk.



Ride legally at night: front white light and red rear reflector or light.



Ride on the street, not the sidewalk, if you are over 13 years old.



Keep one ear free of headphones.

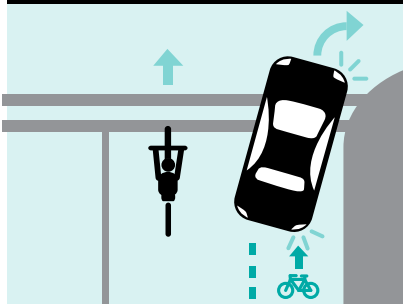


Ride with – never against – traffic.



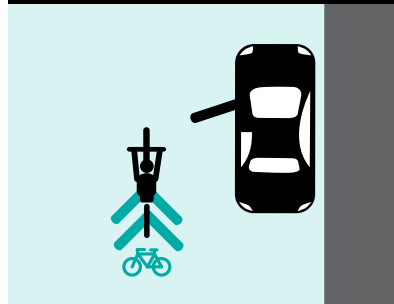
Make room: Paratransit may drop passengers in bike lanes.

AVOID THE RIGHT HOOK



BIKE RIDER SHOULD PASS ON LEFT AS DRIVER MERGES INTO THE BIKE LANE

AVOID THE DOOR ZONE



RIDE OVER THE CENTER OF BICYCLE ARROWS TO STAY CLEAR OF DOOR ZONE

BIKE & ROLL TO SCHOOL WEEK

April 17-21

GET READY TO ROLL!

The annual celebration of fun, healthy ways to arrive at schools is coming up, so it's time to see how and where to get involved. **Bike & Roll to School Week** welcomes anyone and everyone with wheels! So get out your bicycles, skateboards, wheelchairs, rollerskates and strollers. Any San Francisco school, from pre-k to high school, is invited to participate in the fun. Last year over 80 schools and thousands of children were a part of Bike & Roll to School Week.

DON'T MISS OUT! sfsaferoutes.org



Neighbors in Bayview-Hunters Point turned out enthusiastically for Carver Elementary's 2016 Bike & Roll to School Week celebrations. **Photo courtesy of SF Shared Schoolyards.**

LAFAYETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE SPOTLIGHT

On Tuesday, April 19, city officials will join dozens of children and their parents for a bright and early bike ride together to Lafayette Elementary School in the Richmond District. Lafayette is a model participant in the San Francisco Safe Routes to School program. Many families enjoy a healthy morning commute to Lafayette.

WHEN

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 from 7:40 - 7:50 am

WHERE

4545 Anza St. at 37th Ave.,
San Francisco, CA 94121

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SIGN UP YOUR SCHOOL TODAY: sfsaferoutes.org



A Bike & Roll to School Week celebrant pedals around Carver Elementary School. **Photo courtesy of SF Shared Schoolyards.**

NEW TO BIKING TO SCHOOL?

Don't let that hold you back. There will be a series of **free Family Biking Workshops**, hosted by Safe Routes to School, at playgrounds around you. These workshops will take place from 11:00 am– 2:00 pm, at the locations listed below.

APR 8 ► SUNSET: LAWTON ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

APR 15 ► JOSE ORTEGA ELEMENTARY: SAFETY FAIR HOSTED BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER PHIL TING

APR 17-21 ► SAN FRANCISCO BIKE & ROLL TO SCHOOL WEEK

APR 22 ► CHINATOWN: JOE DI MAGGIO PLAYGROUND COSPONSORED BY SF RECREATION & PARKS

MAY 13 ► MISSION: LOCATION TBA

MAY 20 ► RICHMOND DISTRICT: ARGONNE ELEMENTARY



Parents, caretakers and school staff led a bike train to Commodore Sloat Elementary.



COMMUNITY BIKE BUILD PROGRAM GOING STRONG IN 2017

By Paloma Rezende

Above: Volunteers and attendees at a Community Bike Build organized in partnership with the Chinese Newcomers Association.

"This is what Community Bike Build is all about: helping give others opportunities to share knowledge, build relationships, learn safety and grow to be better people," Ingrid Wynn said after attending a Bike Build at Northridge Cooperative Housing. We were inspired by Ingrid and the hundreds of other folks we met during a banner year for our Community Bike Build program in 2016. Last year, we hosted 13 Community Bike Builds and distributed over 280 bikes. We're looking to build on that momentum by dramatically expanding the reach of our Bike Builds in the year to come.

Our Community Bike Build program collects unclaimed and abandoned bicycles from the San Francisco Police Department, the San Francisco

Municipal Transportation Agency and other agencies. With the help of volunteer mechanics, these bikes are repaired and provided to folks who want to bike, but for whom bikes are otherwise out of reach. Mechanics also teach participants the basics of bike maintenance so they can continue to care for their bikes. Every recipient leaves a Community Bike Build knowing how to safely ride a bike in San Francisco thanks to an Urban Bicycling workshop taught by an SF Bicycle Coalition staff member.

To get even more people on two wheels this year, we are partnering with PODER, a local advocacy group that works with Latino immigrant families and youth, on a new bicycle storage and wrenching space. This new facility means that we have more space to store tools and bikes. It also opens up the possibility of offering mechanic skill-building trainings for Community Bike Build volunteers.

also need help registering recipients, distributing helmets and organizing tools. Among these wonderful Registration and Tool Guru volunteers is member Cathy Kora, a constant presence at our Bike Builds.

"Looking at the recipients' faces when they are given their bikes is a priceless moment," Cathy said.

In addition to spreading joy, our Community Bike Build program also helps address the increasing price of living in our city. Transportation is the second-highest household expense in San Francisco, putting a strain on already-overburdened budgets. New Program Coordinator Miles Stepto aims to reach as many people as possible who might otherwise not have access to the affordable transportation that they need and deserve.

"We all have places we need to be, whether it's work, running errands or doctor's appointments," Miles said. "Through our Community Bike Build program, we're working to make those essential trips possible and more affordable for folks."

It's not just freedom from high transportation costs that Bike Build attendee Rheema Calloway appreciates, however. She also believes biking gives people the chance to be more connected with their surroundings and explore their city in a healthy way: "Riding a bike gives you the opportunity to see your community from a different perspective."

"We strategically looked for a storage and wrenching space in Bayview-Hunters Point because we want to be close to the communities we aim to serve through our Bike Build program," Program Director Ana Vasudeo said. "At these events, all skill levels are welcome and apprentice mechanics can gain more experience by volunteering for this great community-building initiative. As long as you're comfortable getting your hands dirty, we'll teach you what you need to know to take care of your new bike."

None of these events could succeed without the dedication of our volunteers, who generously donate their time to help us achieve our mission. Mechanical skills aren't required to pitch in; we

Free classes
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SAFELY & CONFIDENTLY
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- NEVER LEARNED TO BIKE?
- WANT TO REFINE YOUR SKILLS?
- BIKING PREGNANT OR WITH KIDS?

Upcoming classes:
sfbike.org/education

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Bike to Work Day

**THURSDAY
MAY 11**

sfbike.org/btwd

May is Bike Month, and there are many ways for you to have fun and get involved. RSVP to join our member-volunteers in handing out treats to bike-riders across the city on the big day. Work at a bike-friendly place? Nominate your company for our bike-friendly business award, and join the Team Bike Challenge with your friends or coworkers for a chance to win cool prizes.

On Bike to Work Day itself, pedal by one of the 25 Energizer Stations across the city for free coffee and snacks. Need bike buddies? Join a Commuter Convoy for a trip downtown with your Supervisor and neighbors. And don't forget to share your [#BikeToWorkDay](#) experience on social media. Want to keep the wheels spinning? Become an SF Bicycle Coalition member and stay engaged in biking activities all year round.



PEDAL TO A BIKE TO WORK DAY ENERGIZER STATION

for free goodies and high-fives.

BIKE TO WORK DAY

THURSDAY, MAY 11

TOGETHER

RIDE WITH YOUR SUPERVISOR
AND NEIGHBORS IN A
COMMUTER CONVOY.

JOIN US AT CITY HALL!

Bike to Work Day rally with the Mayor
and City leaders from 8:30-9 am.
Free Valet Bicycle Parking.



COMMUTER CONVOYS

(7:45am, unless otherwise stated)

Join your district's Commuter Convoy to head
downtown with fellow riders on Bike to Work Day!
sfbike.org/commuterconvoy

BAYVIEW ▶ Mendell Plaza, 1609 Oakdale Ave. (7:30am)

CASTRO ▶ Jane Warner Plaza,
Corner at Market St. and Castro St.

EXCELSIOR ▶ Persia Triangle,
Corner at Persia Ave. and Mission St. (7:30am)

MARINA ▶ Rapha Cycle Club, 2198 Filbert St.

MISSION ▶ Arizmendi Bakery, 1268 Valencia St.

NORTH BEACH ▶ Washington Square Park,
Corner at Union St. & Powell St.

OUTER SUNSET ▶ Nomad Cyclery, 2555 Irving St. (7:30am)

RICHMOND ▶ Cumaica Parklet, 200 Clement St. (7:30am)


SOMA ▶ Brainwash Cafe, 1122 Folsom St.

WESTERN ADDITION ▶ Mojo Bicycle Cafe,
693 Divisadero St.


WEST PORTAL ▶ West Portal Branch Library,
190 Lenox Way. (7:30am)

MORNING STATIONS


(7:30-9:30am, unless otherwise stated)


 **ALAMO SQUARE** ▶ Fulton St. at Scott St

BERNAL ▶ Cesar Chavez St. at Harrison St.

 **CALTRAIN STATION** ▶ 4th St. at Townsend St.
(7-9:30am)


 **CIVIC CENTER** ▶ City Hall steps, Polk St.

 **DOWNTOWN** ▶ Market St. at Battery St.
(7:30am-1pm)

 **EMBARCADERO** ▶ Ferry Building (6:30-9:30am)


INNER RICHMOND ▶ Cabrillo St. at Arguello Blvd.


INNER SUNSET ▶ Irving St. at 6th Ave. (7-9:30am)

 **MID-MARKET** ▶ Market St. at 12th St. (7-11am)

 **MISSION** ▶ Valencia St. at 17th St. (7-11am)

MISSION BAY ▶ 16th St. at Owens St.


 **PANHANDLE** ▶ Fell St. at Masonic Ave.

 **PRESIDIO** ▶ Main Post, Halleck St. at Lincoln Blvd.
(6:30-10am)

SECOND ST ▶ Second St. at Howard St.

SF2G (PENINSULA COMMUTE) ▶ 24th St. BART Station
(5:45-6:30am)


SF STATE ▶ 19th Ave. at Holloway St. (10am-12pm)

 **SOMA** ▶ Folsom St. at 7th St. (7-10:30am)

WESTERN ADDITION ▶ Kaiser Hospital,
Geary Blvd. at St. Joseph's Ave.


EVENING STATIONS


(5-7pm, unless otherwise stated)

 **CALTRAIN STATION** ▶ 4th St. at Townsend St.

CENTRAL MARKET ▶ Market St. at 4th St.


 **MISSION EAST** ▶ Harrison St. at 17th St.

 **MISSION WEST** ▶ Valencia St. at 19th St. (4:30-7pm)

 **OCTAVIA ISLAND** ▶ Market St. at Octavia St. (5-7:30pm)

 **PANHANDLE** ▶ Fell St. at Masonic Ave. (4:30-7pm)

 **POLK STREET** ▶ Polk St. at McAllister St.

 **SOMA** ▶ Howard St. at 8th St. (5-7:30pm)

BIKE DOCTORS

Local bike shop mechanics get you rolling
on Bike to Work Day with free basic bike
maintenance like lubing chains, adjusting
seats and fixing flat tires. For locations,
check the map or go to sfbike.org/btwd.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING LOCAL BIKE SHOPS
FOR BEING BIKE DOCTORS ON BIKE TO WORK DAY:

AVENUE CYCLERY
BOX DOG BIKES
BIKE CONNECTION
CALTRAIN BIKE STATION
CITIZEN CHAIN
GOLDEN GATE PEDICABS
HUCKLEBERRY BICYCLES
MARKET STREET CYCLES

MIKE'S BIKES
MISSION BICYCLE
ROARING MOUSE CYCLES
SPOKE AND HUB BIKES
SPORTS BASEMENT
VALENCIA CYCLERY
VELOFIX



COMPLEXITIES OF PEOPLE & POWER

By Janice Li

From left to right, Advocacy Director **Janice Li** hosting a Bike Talk with panelists **Renee Rivera** (Bike East Bay), **Lateefah Simon** (now serving on the BART Board) and **Tamika Butler** (LA County Bicycle Coalition).

On Nov. 9, 2016, we woke up to a reality unfamiliar to some, while already painfully obvious to others: We live in a divided, fractured country with the frayed binds that tie us together under attack.

In the few months since, many of us have begun some version of soul-searching and trying to move forward. Many of us are refocusing locally and wrapping our heads around a simple concept: What does it mean to build community? What does it look like? And how do we make it happen?

I want to burden all of us with one more crucial, weighty question: Who is building your community, and for whom are they building it?

At the SF Bicycle Coalition, we strive to prioritize people in our work, our goals and our language. Our work isn't about commutes, it's

"As a queer woman and an immigrant that lives somewhere in the hyphenated space between 'Asian' and 'American,' I am a messy set of identities before I get on my bike."

about communities. It's not bikes that bring us together; it's people who bike. We advocate and raise our voices when needed because we believe that there can and should be more people enjoying our city by bike.

Last September, I was fortunate to host an incredible panel, including Lateefah Simon (since elected to the BART Board with our endorsement), Renee Rivera (executive director of Bike East Bay) and

Tamika Butler (executive director of LA County Bicycle Coalition). Over the course of two hours, we talked about what it means to grow our movement, and at one point, Tamika quoted Audre Lorde: "There is no such thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives."

As a queer woman and an immigrant that lives somewhere in the hyphenated space between "Asian" and "American," I am a messy set of identities before I get on my bike. That shapes how I ride in the city, where I go and why I'm biking in the first place. If life is some version of learning how to navigate the self, then my bike is how I navigate my life in San Francisco. As I heard Audre's words offered by Tamika, I was reminded that we need to not only see our city from the saddle.

Therefore, my 2017 resolution is to embrace intersectionality and challenge myself to do my work at the SF Bicycle Coalition through this lens in every moment. Intersectionality is not just a theory, but a concept that needs to be lived, informing the how and the why of every action.

What does it mean to be "intersectional"? First introduced by civil rights advocate Kimberlé Crenshaw in a 1989 essay, this term has come to mean the space where overlapping social identities and oppressions converge. The idea acknowledges the fact that we do not live single-issue lives because our identities are at the intersection of all the things we are, all the things we do, and all the privilege that we do or don't hold.

How does this apply to the world of bicycle advocacy? With the power of our 10,000-plus members, the bread and butter of our work has been street campaigns – to fight for (and win) better

Intersectionality IN ACTION

When we think of civic engagement, we think of City approval processes: engineering hearings, board and commission approvals, environmental reviews, and so forth. Here are a few ways to take civic engagement a step further and build community.

Join your local neighborhood association.

From microhood to microhood, every inch of San Francisco is covered by at least one neighborhood association. Look up your local group and meet your neighbors to find out what's happening where you live. This is your opportunity to learn what your community cares about. Chances are, it's not biking.

Explore local political clubs.

What better way to elect officials you believe in and pass ballot measures you want than to endorse them directly? San Francisco has political clubs for every persuasion, and there are a variety of issues that clubs take on when it comes to endorsements. Gear up for 2018 by connecting with your local political clubs.

Attend a City-led task force.

From immigration rights to financial justice, the City has a variety of active task forces focusing on particular issues to move local policies and laws forward. Many of the city's biggest advocates serve on these task forces, and it's a great way to dive right into the tough issues San Francisco faces. Task force meetings are generally open to the public and provide a space for participants to listen in.

Say hello in the bike lane.

If you're an everyday bike commuter, take time to say hello to those biking around you. We ride with countless people on a regular basis. Next time you're waiting at a red light, say hi to your fellow bike riders. For this brief minute, you share a space on the street together, and that little space just might be where we find fleeting moments of community.

bike infrastructure and transform our streets into more bike-friendly places. Our work has made San Francisco a better place to live, a healthier place for families to grow and a more beautiful city to get around, and the starting point has most often been from the saddle.

There is something elegant in the bicycle as a symbol of intersectionality in San Francisco. We feel it acutely on our streets, as we try to establish ourselves between fast-moving traffic, parked cars, Muni vehicles, curbs and crosswalks. Often, we need to fight for that space to exist: We mobilize at City Hall, stuff an elected official's inbox or make noise out on the streets.

While biking in San Francisco has advanced, the city has changed. It seems that San Francisco ranks on a new list of "most expensive cities" every week, while more and more people are displaced by gentrification. Diversity in San Francisco is plummeting; the latest 2010 Census showed that our black population has dwindled to less than six percent, down from over 13 percent in the 1970s. The affordability crisis has pushed out families, too; children only make up 13 percent of our population, which is the lowest percentage of children in any of the largest 100 cities in the country.

Viewing biking in San Francisco intersectionally means we cannot look at the bicycle without the context of what's happening in our city, and that bike improvements are not neutral in how they affect people's lives. It means accepting a new starting point and different perspectives of our work. It means examining how our identities – race, gender, age, income, occupation, et al. – do and don't intersect with biking.

We have to remember that the bicycle isn't always front and center, and to be good partners in making a great city, we have to recognize that we face different experiences before we even get on a bike. Join me in 2017 to build community and intersectionality with the bicycle.

Attendees at a Women Bike SF party, building community for women, trans* and femme people who bike or are interested in biking.

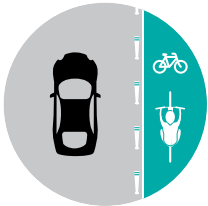


GETTING TO KNOW YOU: STANDARD SAFE STREETS TREATMENTS

By Chris Cassidy

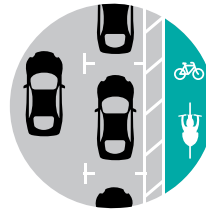
PROTECTED BIKE LANES

Protected bike lanes offer a physical barrier between people who bike and other traffic lanes. They dramatically decrease serious collisions and are proven to make biking more welcoming to people of all ages and backgrounds.



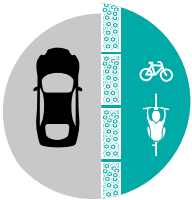
SOFT-HIT POSTS

Often lining a painted bike lane, these plastic bollards deter delivery trucks and other vehicles from double-parking, while maintaining curb accessibility for paratransit and other vehicles with access needs.



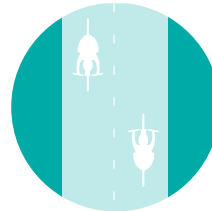
PARKING PROTECTED BIKE LANES

Like the lanes on JFK Drive and 13th Street, parking-protected bike lanes add physical protection to the bike lane by moving vehicle parking from the curb to the space between the bike lane and other traffic lanes.



CONCRETE SAFETY BARRIERS & PLANTERS

Also used to divide narrow, two-way highways, concrete safety barriers like those coming to San Jose Avenue prevent bike lane incursions, as can curbs like those lining bike lanes on Oak and Fell Streets east of the Panhandle.



OFF-ROAD, DESIGNATED BIKE PATHS

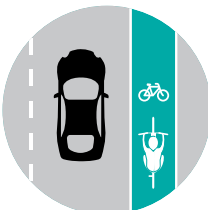
Sometimes cities establish special, shared places for people walking and biking that are completely separated from streets. Examples in San Francisco include the Panhandle, the Embarcadero Promenade and the recently-opened Mansell People Path.

UNPROTECTED BIKE ROUTES



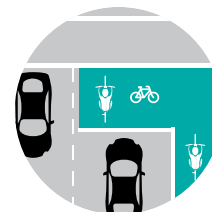
SHARROWS

Providing no physical protection, sharrows designate and guide people biking on San Francisco's official bike routes where better bike infrastructure is often desired.



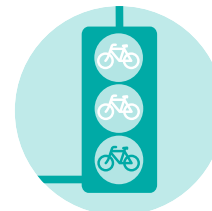
UNPROTECTED BIKE LANES

Standard, unprotected bike lanes offer a single line of paint to separate the bike lane from other traffic lanes. With no physical protection, unprotected bike lanes often host illegally parked vehicles, requiring people biking to merge in and out of other traffic lanes.



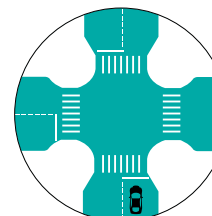
BIKE BOXES

For folks biking busy wide streets, but looking to turn left, bike boxes can provide clear directions for two-stage turns. Seen eastbound on Market Street at Polk, bike boxes offer people biking an indication of where to wait while the light turns.



BIKE SIGNAL HEADS

Like those on the Panhandle crossing Masonic, and coming out of Golden Gate Park at Page and Stanyan Streets, bicycle signal heads clearly inform people biking when it's safe to cross the street. They are often timed to give people biking a head start before people driving parallel routes may accelerate.



BULB-OUTS

Also known as curb extensions, bulb-outs align curbs with parking lanes. The benefits of bulb-outs include reducing traffic speeds, increasing the visibility of people walking, reducing the distance for crossing streets, and additional curb space for amenities like bike parking and planters.



WORKING IN SACRAMENTO TO IMPROVE BIKING IN SF

By Amanda Rivas

The future is now, and we need laws to match.

Your SF Bicycle Coalition's advocacy has always found strength within San Francisco's borders. In recent years, we've also seized opportunities to advance state-level policies that make SF streets more livable and bikeable. While we always look to our state partners at the California Bicycle Coalition for their leadership on an array of statewide issues, we've begun complementing their efforts by advocating for legislation in Sacramento that urgently impacts San Francisco's streets.

And we've been busy in the state capitol lately.

Late last year, the promise of autonomous vehicle technology was becoming more and more real. Each week, it seemed that a new company began testing their LiDAR-equipped vehicles on our streets, looking to deliver a future of driving that could significantly reduce traffic collisions. Uber invited Brian Wiedenmeier, our executive director, to see this technology first hand. After his first test ride, in which a vehicle made an illegal and unsafe right-hook-style turn across a bike lane, it was clear that the technology was not there yet. Nevertheless, Uber started relying on those very same autonomous vehicles to pick up passengers, engaging in illegal, dangerous behaviors and operating without the required permits. State regulations were crucial in our successful campaign to see that those unready vehicles were removed from San Francisco streets shortly thereafter.

To ensure that our City continues toward our Vision Zero goal of eliminating serious traffic collisions, we appealed to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), which is in the process of overhauling existing autonomous vehicle regulations. Supported by San Francisco's Vision Zero Coalition, we sent the DMV strong, detailed recommendations for updating these regulations to

ensure the safety of everyone using our streets. In particular, the regulations must ensure the safety of those most vulnerable: people walking and biking.

We also support Assembly Bill 87, penned by Assemblymember Phil Ting to increase fines for companies skirting autonomous vehicle regulations. Realizing the potential of autonomous vehicles to reduce collisions is a big goal of the SF Bicycle Coalition, as is ensuring that this technology is tested and deployed in ways that do not expose people to additional danger in the interim.

Another technological innovation already reducing speeds and collisions in over 140 communities across the country is Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE), which is the use of camera and radar technology to automatically enforce speed limits. In Washington, D.C., for instance, fatal collisions have fallen by a jaw-dropping 70 percent since ASE use began. Speeding is the number-one cause of collisions in San Francisco, and ASE could be an immensely effective tool to make our streets safer. Before San Francisco can implement ASE, however, it must be legalized at the state level. Assembly Bill 342, introduced by Assemblymember David Chiu with support from Assemblymember Phil Ting and Senator Scott Wiener, would create a five-year pilot program permitting ASE in San Francisco and San Jose.

As with our advocacy here at home, our efforts in Sacramento are directed towards delivering the safe streets that all San Franciscans deserve. Through updated regulations for autonomous vehicle technology and implementation of ASE, we envision city streets that are inviting and safe for people of all ages to walk and bike.

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CHAIN OF EVENTS

For additions to the Chain of Events, visit sfbike.org/events. To submit an event or organize a ride, go to "Submit an Event" at the bottom of our website. Events not officially organized by the SF Bicycle Coalition are marked with an asterisk.



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EVENTS

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WALK TO WORK DAY*

Thu, Apr. 6 | All Day | Citywide

Walk SF hosts a fun and festive day of encouragement celebrating healthy, sustainable transportation.

walksf.org/walk2work

WOMEN BIKE SF: COFFEE CLUB

8:00 - 9:00 am

Fri, Apr. 7 | Location TBD

Fri, May 5 | Equator Coffee, 986 Market St.

Fri, Jun. 2 | Cafe La Flore, 1340 Irving St.

Women Bike SF is an SF Bicycle Coalition program aiming to encourage and inspire more women, trans* and femme-identified individuals to ride bikes with social events, rides and workshops. Once a month, an informal gathering of people who bike meet to talk bikes, share tips and caffeinate together. This is a perfect place to find riding buddies and answer some of your questions about biking in SF. Bring your ideas, your questions and your friends. sfbike.org/women

SUNDAY STREETS*

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sun, Apr. 9 | Bayview/Dogpatch

Sun, Apr. 30 | Tenderloin

Sun, Jun. 11 | Sunset/Golden Gate Park

Sunday Streets open streets to people by closing them to cars and creating recreational space for everyone. You can visit the SF Bicycle Coalition's Service Station at every Sunday Streets event to join or renew your membership. We also teach our Freedom From Training Wheels workshop there. Stop by and say hi or join us as a volunteer: sfbike.org/volunteer.

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING*

Mondays, Apr. 24, May 22, June 26
6:30 - 7:30 pm | City Hall, Room 408, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.

The committee meets monthly to consider bicycle transportation projects and policies to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, the SFMTA, and other City and County agencies. sfgov.org/bac

SF BICYCLE COALITION BOARD MEETING

Tuesdays, Apr. 25, May 23, Jun. 27
6:30 - 8:30 pm | SF Bicycle Coalition, 1720 Market St.

The SF Bicycle Coalition is governed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors. The board is responsible for the organization's financial health and achievement of its mission. SF Bicycle Coalition members are invited to attend all board meetings. No RSVP needed. sfbike.org/board

NEW MEMBER MEET AND GREET

Wed, Apr. 26 | **6:00 - 7:30 pm** | SF

Bicycle Coalition, 1720 Market St. New members who joined over the past year are invited, and any members who want to get involved are welcome as well. Stop by for snacks, games and prizes followed by a short presentation on what we're doing to make San Francisco a safer and more fun place to bike. You'll come away with information, enthusiasm, new friends and excitement about all of the great things your membership is bringing to our city. sfbike.org/new

A.C.T. BIKE TO THEATER NIGHT: BATTLEFIELD*

Wed, Apr. 26 | **7:00 pm** | The Geary Theater, 405 Geary St.

Come out to a special night of theater that's specifically for people who bike. Complimentary Valet Bicycle Parking and free pre-show happy hour at the American Conservatory Theater's Sky Bar. Patrons who bike to the theater receive a special discount on tickets (\$35 Orchestra, \$25 Mezzanine, and \$10 Balcony) using code **THEATERSFBC**. act-sf.org

CONVINCING DECISION MAKERS: A PUBLIC COMMENT WORKSHOP

Wed, May 3 | **6:00 - 7:30 pm** | SF Bicycle Coalition, 1720 Market St.

How do you convince someone of your position in just two minutes? Join us at this workshop where we'll teach you how to craft stellar public comment for an upcoming hearing or board meeting. sfbike.org/events

SOMA SPECIAL: LET'S TALK UPCOMING PROJECTS

Mon, May 8 | **5:30 - 7:00 pm** | The Driftwood, 1225 Folsom St.

Come grab a drink (alcoholic or otherwise) with our Community Organizer Charles Deffarges and other members to talk street projects in SoMa. sfbike.org/events

BIKE TO WORK DAY

MAY 11, 2017



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BAY AREA BIKE TO WORK DAY

Thu, May 11 | SF Bay Area

The Bay Area loves biking, and one of the most fun and rewarding days to bike is the annual Bay Area Bike to Work Day celebration. Join the SF Bicycle Coalition and thousands of others who will be biking to work on this great day. Energizer Stations will be set up in neighborhoods across the city to offer free coffee, bike tune-ups, snacks and other goodies. sfbike.org/btwd

WALK & BIKE TO WORSHIP WEEK

Sat, May 27 - Sun, Jun. 4 | Citywide

SF Bicycle Coalition members are working with Walk SF, the SF Interfaith Council and leaders of local congregations to create Walk & Bike to Worship Week. Throughout the week, various congregations will celebrate walking, biking and taking transit to their place of worship. All local places of worship are invited and encouraged to participate. sfbike.org/worship

HOSTELLING BY BIKE WORKSHOP

Thu, May 25 | **7:00 - 9:00 pm** |

Huckleberry Bikes, 1073 Market Street

Join us for the lowdown on how, where, and when to bike to some of the world's most amazing hostels with co-hosts HI USA. Then join us for a special-offer bike trip to one of HI USA's eight Northern California hostels for an overnight stay soon thereafter. sfbike.org/events

WOMEN BIKE SF: LAKE MERRITT PICNIC WITH BIKE EAST BAY

Mon, May 29 | **1:00 - 4:00 pm**

Lake Merritt, Oakland

Looking for Memorial Day plans? Meet for a picnic at beautiful Lake Merritt in Oakland, joining our women, trans* and femme friends at Bike East Bay. Bring snacks to share, your favorite picnic blanket and all of your bikey and bike-curious friends. Details at sfbike.org/women.

SAN FRANCISCO PRIDE PARADE

Sun, Jun. 25 | Time & location TBD

Get your Byke Pride on with the SF Bicycle Coalition contingent in the 46th annual San Francisco Pride Parade. There is nothing quite like the thrill of riding down Market Street to the cheers of hundreds of thousands in one of the biggest Pride celebrations in the world. You must be a current member of the SF Bicycle Coalition to ride in the contingent. **Registration required** at sfbike.org/pride.

FAMILY

sfbike.org/family

BIKE & ROLL TO SCHOOL IN THE EXCELSIOR

Tue, Apr. 4, May 2 | **8:00 - 9:15 am** |

Excelsior Playground, 579 Madrid St.

The SF Bicycle Coalition leads a Bike & Roll to School "bike train" from Excelsior Playground to nearby elementary schools. Join parents, teachers and students who gather with bikes and scooters (and helmets). Live further away? Park the car nearby or hop off Muni at Madrid and Persia to join the fun. The bike trains roll on the first Tuesday of every month. There are also weekly "walking school buses" for walkers and strollers. Heavy rain cancels bike rides. We walk rain or shine. sfbike.org/events

LEARN TO RIDE WITH YBIKE*

Sun, Apr. 2, May 7 | **11:00 am - 2:00 pm** | Presidio

Learn to ride your bike with YBIke's awesome instructors. They provide bikes and equipment—you just bring your game face (ideally a big, toothy grin) and a little determination. All ages of children welcome. Free. First Sunday every month. Program details subject to change.

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