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Bike share can reflect the best of us. After 12 years of riding a bicycle in San Francisco, it finally happened to me. One Monday morning in January, I went to unlock the gate to the storage area in the building where I live, only to find the gateajar. My heart sank as I rushed down the stairs to confirm the worst: my trusty daily commuter bicycle was gone. I was devastated.

While I went through our bicycle theft checklist, holding out hope for recovering my ride (see issue 162 of the Tube Times for more on what we’re doing to combat bicycle theft), I was also confronted with a more immediate dilemma: How was I going to get to work? Luckily, I had a Ford GoBike membership, and thus began my month-long experiment in getting around San Francisco by bike share. It took adjusting my habits somewhat, but I began to get the hang of it once I did. What I noticed riding bike share during that time is that a growing number of San Franciscans are taking advantage of the systems that are now operating in our city. And those riders are beginning to reflect the communities where bike share is present.

I am so proud of the SF Bicycle Coalition members who spoke up for affordable and accessible bike share in our city. As a result, both Ford GoBike and Jump offer low-income annual membership options for just $5 in the first year through their Bike Share for All and Boost programs, respectively. Last year 1,500 individuals enrolled in Bike Share for All, and the number for both programs is growing. We were proud to lead grassroots community engagement focused on this program alongside our partners SF Yellow Bike Project and Chinese Newcomers Service Center (CNSC), sharing the fun and freedom of biking with hundreds of low-income San Franciscans. (Check out our story on culturally competent, multilingual community engagement featuring our work with CNSC on page 10.)

There were hiccups to my bike share experience, to be sure. I was “dock blocked” a few times, hoping to park my GoBike at a station that was already full. And the relatively limited number of Jump bikes currently deployed means that a nearby bike isn’t always guaranteed. I’ve also heard from members who are concerned that Jump bikes are taking up precious sidewalk rack space. Luckily, there is an easy way to solve this problem. Request a rack where you live, work or shop from sfbike.org/parking. (Side note to the SFMTA: Time to seriously step up your game installing sidewalk racks once they are approved — waiting over six months is inexcusable!)

Electric assist bikes, like those operated by Jump and being piloted in the Ford GoBike system, also proved to be an unexpected revelation. The first time I rode a Jump bike up a Market Street hill, I will admit that it felt a little bit like flying. Discovering e-biking brings me back to the joy I experienced when I first learned to ride as a child. And e-bikes’ elimination of topographical and geographical barriers is crucial for anyone who has ever said, “I would ride a bike in San Francisco if I didn’t live uphill or on the other side of town.” E-bike share has the potential to increase the accessibility of biking for tens of thousands of people in our city.

Overall, I am encouraged by the growth of bike share in San Francisco. More people riding more bicycles means fewer people hailing an Uber or Lyft on a busy bike route or crowding Muni Metro and BART during the morning commute. It also means another affordable, sustainable and fun transportation option in a city that is grappling with a serious crisis of affordability.

Brian Wiedenmeier
Executive Director
San Francisco Bicycle Coalition
Put two more in the win column: Turk Street and Upper Market mark two big protected bike lane successes for 2018. In the last year, protected bike lanes were constructed on San Jose Avenue, Valencia Green Gateway, Seventh, Eighth, Division, Folsom, 17th and Mansell streets. More than ever, our grassroots street campaigns have been leading to fast, meaningful change in our streets. These new safe streets don’t come easy, though. Most, if not all, of our campaigns for new bike lanes are hard-fought. At every step of the way, the push for the changes that are so desperately needed comes from thousands of voices. People power — the collective power of you, our members — is the secret to winning these campaigns.

Even before the City decides where to allocate resources for street improvements, members help shape the process. On Valencia, for example, there were until recently no plans for any type of bike lane improvements. As more and more SF Bicycle Coalition members organized and joined direct actions like the “people-protected bike lanes,” City officials began to pay attention to the dangerous riding conditions on Valencia, and things started to change. With the support of hundreds of members, we were able to push for funding and planning for Valencia. Protected bike lanes on Valencia by the end of 2018 are now a very real possibility.

In the case of bigger streetscape projects, flexing your people power muscle carries even more weight. Through surveys and public outreach events, the SF Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) invites members of the public to shape their projects. In the case of Folsom and Howard streets, we used these opportunities to tell the SFMTA what we wanted to see for these busy bike corridors. Our strong and effective SoMa Member Committee helped organize hundreds of people to attend various open houses and share with City staff our vision for Folsom and Howard streets. Now, protected, two-way bike lanes are on the table for the future of these streets.

The last hurdle for any street campaign is the approvals process. Any bike lane project will have to go through two or more public hearings before being fully approved. Members’ voices are the make-or-break element at the public hearing stage of the approvals process. Convincing City officials is very hard when the inevitable opposition to a needed bicycle lane project surfaces. At City Hall, it’s crucial that we have as many people as possible in support of the project. Ultimately, your stories and experiences are what convince decision makers that a protected bike lane is necessary.

As your San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, we stay on top of City projects, work with community partners and keep things on track. But it is your involvement, whether through neighborhood expertise or the continued energy to push towards a win, that fuels our work and allows us to win the street campaign victories that we’ve seen over the decades. Here’s to you, our members, as we work together for more victories in 2018 and beyond!

Three Key 2018 Campaigns Where People Power Will Make the Difference

Market: We’ve been talking about it for years, and now the time has come: We have an historic opportunity to completely transform 2.2 miles of our most popular bike route into a truly welcoming place for people who bike. It’s going to take a huge effort to win big changes, so join our member-driven effort for a Better Market Street. sfbike.org/market

SoMa: Everywhere you look, SoMa streets are transforming for the better. To keep the many bike lane projects in SoMa on track, we need your help in holding the City accountable. Join our campaign for safe SoMa streets. sfbike.org/soma

Valencia: Want to be part of shaping the future of a vastly improved Valencia Street? Thanks to members like you, we won funding to develop a protected bike lane on Valencia Street. Join the member committee to engage in a City-led planning process to make Valencia Street a showcase for a great bike lane. sfbike.org/valencia
QUICK RELEASES

TEN YEARS OF SUNDAY STREETS

It’s hard to believe, but it’s been 10 years since your SF Bicycle Coalition helped launch Sunday Streets, the popular program that temporarily opens car-free streets in neighborhoods throughout San Francisco for families and communities to enjoy on foot and bicycle. To celebrate the 10th anniversary, our partners at Livable City — the organization that now manages Sunday Streets — are offering more events than ever before. We’ll be out there, as always, in multiple places. Come visit the SF Bicycle Coalition outreach tent and the Bike Education tent, test ride a Family Bike, and enjoy popular programs like Freedom From Training Wheels (which teaches the wee ones to ride). Hit the pavement with us April 15 in the Bayview/Dogpatch, May 6 in the Tenderloin, and June 3 in the Sunset/Golden Gate Park. For a complete schedule and to learn more, visit sundaystreetssf.com.

THANKS, INTERSECTIONAL FEMINISM PANELISTS!

In January, Women Bike SF hosted an important conversation called Let’s Talk: Intersectional Feminism and Biking. This excellent panel was held at SF Environment and led by moderator Katie Styer, host of the Oakland Bikes! radio program. Huge thanks to our amazing panelists: Binky Brown, Brytanee Brown, Jenn Chan, Emilytricia Lopez Marchena and Jane Natoli. Want to meet other bike-minded women, trans*, femme and non-binary folks? Join us at our next coffee club, our monthly meetup for caffeine and conversation. Find out more at sfbike.org/women.

Our recent panel on intersectional feminism and biking featured panelists challenging the audience and each to recognize the complex diversity of experiences people have both on and off of their bikes.

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A TASTE OF WHEEL TALK FOR WHEEL PEOPLE

Wheel Talk is our monthly advice column about bikes, biking, and making our streets safe and joyous. Check out all the columns and submit questions at sfbike.org/wheeltalk.

Q: Wheel Talk, are bicyclists subject to the same requirements as motorists for signaling their maneuvers, as laid out in the California Vehicle Code? For example, if I’m braking, does the law require me to signal it? — Clueless in the Asphalt Jungle

Dear Clueless in the Asphalt Jungle: Imagine you’re speeding down the green-painted bike lane on Page Street towards Octavia. It’s a steep downhill with a red stoplight at the end. The brake lights of the cars to your right are all illuminated. Shouldn’t you similarly communicate to the folks behind you that you’re stopping? The problem is, of course, that your “brake light” is your palm—which needs to be squeezing your hand brake if you’re not going to fly through the light!

This is a case where the rules governing people in cars and people on bikes are a bit different. When operating a car, you must communicate your plans with brake lights and turn indicators. In the saddle, using your hands to do so is recommended for your own safety: when others know what you’re going to do, they can react appropriately. But if keeping both hands on the handlebars or your brakes will actually keep you safer, that should take priority. And the law agrees, with signals recommended for people biking but not required. Remember, you can also signal your intentions in other ways, such as lane positioning or a quick glance over your shoulder.

FOND FAREWELLS & WELCOMES

We’re sad to see some long-time staffers move on to new opportunities. After 12 years, Operations Director Frank Chan returned to his original relationship with the SF Bicycle Coalition as a member-volunteer. After five years on staff, Membership & Business Program Manager Anna Gore moved to Portland with her family. Community Organizer Julia Raskin also moved away to be closer to family in Philadelphia. And Graphic Designer Julia Schaber and Technology Coordinator Kevin Diep are now working in the East Bay. We wish Frank, Anna, Julia R., Julia S., and Kevin all the best in their new endeavors.

Along with sending our fond farewells to these great team members, we’re excited to welcome Community Organizer Kristen Leckie to the team. Kristen comes to us from CityRide Bike Rentals, where they worked as a manager, while also serving on the board of directors at Bike Walk Alameda.

The departure of staff presents an opportunity to review the staff structure to align with the ambitious goals of our new Strategic Plan. Current job openings at SF Bicycle Coalition are listed at sfbike.org/jobs.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

We are so grateful to our volunteers, who collectively gave over 10,000 hours in 2017 to keep our advocacy wheels spinning. At our Winter Volunteer Appreciation Party in December, we celebrated our family of volunteers and conferred Volunteer Service Awards on five extraordinary volunteers for their service in 2017. Congratulations to honorees Dani Arias (pictured on the cover of this Tube Times), Patrick Lindley, Victor Poon, Patti Schock and Asumu Takikawa! Want to become an SF Bicycle Coalition volunteer? See upcoming opportunities and sign up at sfbike.org/volunteer.

CONGRATS TO NEW AND RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS

Congratulations to the winners of our recent board of directors elections. The new and returning board members are: Robin Abad Ocubillo, Mary Kay Chin, Shirley Johnson, Marie Jonas, Jean Kao, Jane Natoli and Andy Thornley. Thank you to all SF Bicycle Coalition members who voted in the election. And thank you also to John Beckmann, Bekki Bolthouse, Preston Shea, Dana Seabury, Kelli Shields, Abigail Tinker and Matt Wisniewski for their candidacy and for their ongoing commitment to the success of the SF Bicycle Coalition. See all board members’ bios and contact the board at sfbike.org/board.

THANKS BUSINESS MEMBERS!

Thank you to our latest new and renewing business members: Bike East Bay; By Discount Codes; Eisen Letunic; Law Office of Meisel, Krentsa & Burneikis; Presidio Trust; PromoCodeWatch; San Francisco Health Plan; Scoot; Shasta Living Streets; Spurcycle; and Sustainable Technologies.
At first, the main motivator for having an electric bike was to keep up with Howard’s faster pace, so that we could enjoy riding together,” Wendy said. “The surprise was that the e-bike makes cycling much more fun for me, especially in hilly San Francisco.”

Wendy first learned about e-bikes in 2015 when she stumbled into The New Wheel, a friendly bike shop on Cortland Avenue that specializes in e-bikes. In 2016, she gave one a try during a trip to France.

“It was so successful — and fun! — that I then purchased an e-bike after returning to San Francisco,” Wendy said.

E-bikes are increasingly popular in San Francisco, including for families hauling younger kids to school and extracurricular activities. And they are more widely available than ever before through Jump’s dockless bike share fleet. Ford GoBike is also adding e-bikes to their system this year.

Studies show that most people who acquire access to e-bikes see their amount of physical activity increase. Wendy is a shining example of that.

“I rode my e-bike almost 1,800 miles this past summer of a 4,000-mile road trip with Howard between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans,” Wendy said.

And it’s not just epic adventures her e-bike has made possible. For Wendy, it makes biking for everyday transportation more enjoyable and convenient.

“I’m much more inclined to head out on my bike for fun or errands,” Wendy said. “And I can carry lots of cargo in my panniers and on the back rack without feeling the weight because I can always just dial up the e-assist if I need to.”

Studies also show that when more people acquire e-bikes, private auto use decreases, which aligns with Wendy’s experience.

“Without my e-bike, I’d generally drive my car,” she reported. “But I love how the city seems so much smaller by bike than by car.”

The SF Bicycle Coalition advocates for safe, inviting streets, opening up the fun and freedom of biking to more people. Want to know the secret behind every campaign we win for more and better bike lanes across our city? It’s our 10,000-plus members like Wendy supporting that work. If you’re overdue to do your part for a more livable, bikeable San Francisco, make a difference by joining as a member today at sfbike.org/membership.
Schools Pick Their Own Dates From April 16-20

San Francisco’s annual celebration of students enjoying the fun and freedom of biking is coming soon! Bike & Roll to School Week celebrates students who bike to school and roll on other human-powered vehicles for embracing active transportation. From pre-K to high school, all SF schools — whether private or public — can participate. To reserve goodie bags for your school, sign up at sfsaferoutes.org/br2sw today.
May is Bike Month, and the centerpiece of the month is **Bike to Work Day** on May 10. There are many ways for you to have fun and get involved. RSVP to join our member-volunteers in handing out treats to people biking across the city on the big day.

Work at a bike-friendly place? Nominate your company for our Bike-Friendly Business Award. 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 to our City Hall rally with your Supervisor and neighbors. And don’t forget to share your #BikeToWorkDay experience on social media. Details for all of this and more are at [sfbike.org/btwd](http://sfbike.org/btwd).

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STOP BY A BIKE TO WORK DAY ENERGIZER STATION for free goodies and high-fives.

**MORNING STATIONS**
(7:30-9:30 am, unless otherwise noted)
- ALAMO SQUARE • Fulton St. at Scott St.
- BAYVIEW • Illinois St. at Amador St. (7-9 am)
- BERNAL HEIGHTS • Cesar Chavez St. at Harrison St. (7-9 am)
- CALTRAIN STATION • 4th St. at Townsend St. (7-9:30 am)
- CIVIC CENTER • City Hall steps, Polk St.
- DOWNTOWN • Market St. at Sutter St. (7:30 am-1 pm)
- EMBARCADERO • Ferry Building (6:30-9:30 am)
- INNER RICHMOND • Cabrillo St. at Arguello Blvd.
- INNER SUNSET • Irving St. at 6th Ave. (7-9:30 am)
- MID-MARKET • Market St. at 12th St. (7-9 am)
- MISSION • Valencia St. at 17th St. (7-11 am)
- MISSION BAY • 16th St. at Owens St.
- PANHANDLE • Fell St. at Masonic Ave.
- PRESIDIO • Main Post, Halleck St. at Lincoln Blvd. (6:30-10 am)
- SECOND ST • Second St. at Howard St.
- SF2G (PENINSULA COMMUTE) • 24th St. BART Station (5:45-6:30 am)
- SF STATE • 19th Ave. at Holloway St. (10 am-12 pm)
- SOMA • Folsom St. at 7th St. (7-10:30 am)

**EVENING STATIONS**
(5-7 pm, unless otherwise noted)
- 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. (4:30-7 pm)
- OCTAVIA ISLAND • Market St. at Octavia St. (5-7:30 pm)
- PANHANDLE • Fell St. at Masonic Ave. (4:30-7 pm)
- FILM MORE • Webster St. at McAllister St.
- SOMA • Howard St. at 8th St. (5-7:30 pm)

**COMMUTER CONVOYS**
(7:45 am, unless otherwise noted)
- BAYVIEW • Mendell Plaza, 1609 Oakdale Ave. (7:30 am)
- CASTRO • Jane Warner Plaza, Corner at Market St. and Castro St.
- EXCELSIOR • Persia Triangle, 4650 Mission St. (7:30 am)
- INGLESEIS • Multi-Use Building CCSF, 50 Phelan Ave. (7:30 am)
- MARINA • Rapha Cycle Club, 2196 Filbert St.
- MISSION • Tiffany Wiggle, Mission St. and Tiffany Ave.
- NORTH BEACH • Washington Square Park, Corner at Union St. & Powell St.
- OUTER SUNSET • Nomad Cycler, 2555 Irving St. (7:30 am)
- RICHMOND • SF Public Library, 351 9th Ave. (7:30 am)
- SOMA • Sextant Coffee Roasters, 1415 Folsom St.
- WESTERN ADDITION • Ella Hill Hutch Community Center, 1050 McAllister St.

**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!

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

**BIKE DOCTORS**
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**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING LOCAL BIKE SHOPS FOR BEING BIKE DOCTORS ON BIKE TO WORK DAY:**
- AVENUE CYCLERY
- BIKE CONNECTION
- BIKENOUN
- BOX DOG BIKES
- CITIZEN CHAIN
- CIVIC CYCLERY
- FUZION WORKSHOP
- HUCKLEBERRY BICYCLES
- MARKET STREET CYCLES
- MIKE’S BIKES SAN FRANCISCO
- MISSION BICYCLES
- ROARING MOUSE CYCLES
- SPORTS BASEMENT
- VALENCIA CYCLERY
Bike to Work Day is our biggest day of the year for signing up and renewing members, and we wouldn’t be able to do it without our amazing volunteers! We caught up with one of our longtime Energizer Station Captains, Constance Cavallas, to find out why she loves leading a station year after year.

Ten years ago, Constance joined the SF Bicycle Coalition team as a communications intern. Her internship was only the beginning of her journey into bicycle advocacy. She’s volunteered on just about every Bike to Work Day since!

“There are two things I really like about Bike to Work Day. First, it’s all about support! For the bike-curious, it’s an opportunity to give biking a try with full support from the biking community and beyond. For those dedicated bike commuters, it’s a chance for high-fives and to grab a quick snack,” Constance said about her passion for Bike to Work Day.

“Second, I love that it’s a regional event. Biking is embraced by the Bay Area, although we’ve definitely got more work to do. Props to all the multi-modal commuters out there — that’s dedication,” she added.

Constance’s involvement doesn’t stop at Bike to Work Day, though. She is a dependable presence at many of our volunteer activities.

“Volunteering is an essential form of civic engagement. I’m grateful for those who dedicate their careers to making important societal changes, so I try to contribute my free time when I can,” Constance said. “Plus, volunteering helps build community — you can’t go wrong with that!”

Show your civic pride and join Constance as a volunteer. For current volunteer opportunities to support our work for more and better bike lanes all over San Francisco, check out sfbike.org/volunteer.

With our team taking on so many different campaigns and programs, we lean on our interns to contribute substantially. After an internship with us last year, Yi Wen came back to help with even more heavy lifting this spring. We sat down with Yi to find out what makes interning at SF Bicycle Coalition so special to him.

“From my graduate studies, I realized how impactful transportation is to the environment,” Yi said. “From then on, I decided to pursue a career that aims at reducing pollution by promoting sustainable transportation.”

Yi’s passion for sustainability and active transportation aligns perfectly with our Advocacy team’s efforts to see more and better bike lanes delivered across San Francisco.

“Yi’s main duties with the SF Bicycle Coalition include conducting streetside outreach to connect folks with opportunities for change, advocating for more and better bicycle infrastructure, and supporting advocacy work in Chinese communities.

“The thing I enjoy the most when interning here is exploring the city on a bike,” Yi said. “San Francisco is so fascinating and diverse that I learn something new every day.”

As a veteran intern, we asked Yi what he’d tell someone thinking about applying for an internship here.

“We are living in an exciting era of transforming our cities into more livable communities. An internship with the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition will give you the opportunity to be part of the transformation,” Yi said. “When you get a chance to help make a street safe, improve downtown traffic or contribute to cleaner air for all San Franciscans, the sense of achievement is irreplaceable.”

Three times annually, SF Bicycle Coalition seeks interns eager to contribute to our work in a variety of ways. To see available internships, go to sfbike.org/jobs.
In our new Strategic Plan, we embrace the value of transportation justice and promise to advocate for everyone’s equitable access to safe, affordable and healthy transportation. To achieve those goals, we’re upping our game when it comes to multilingual and culturally competent engagement.

We’re increasingly approaching our work so as to show up in communities with a view toward community-generated outcomes. While we continue to promote the bicycle for everyday transportation throughout the city, we know that the best solutions for safe streets come about when community members design the solutions they value most.

**Show up:** This past February was a great month for our increasing efforts to celebrate community events that matter most to the communities where we work. At the Chinese New Year Festival we sent staff with both Mandarin and Cantonese fluency to talk about bicycle safety and tips. The previous weekend, we partnered with 100% College Prep, which provides academic resources in Bayview-Hunters Point, to co-host a Community Bike Build. And we were thrilled to host a February ride with Bayview youth as part of that community’s Black History Month Parade.

**Listen:** As an example of listening, consider our latest work in Chinatown as part of our Safe Routes to School partnership. We are hosting community meetings in partnership with Chinese Newcomers Service Center, where we listen to the stories that grandparents, parents and caregivers tell us about the challenges they face crossing some of the city’s most dangerous streets to and from Gordon Lau, Jean Parker and John Yehall Chin elementary schools. In order to better understand the challenges that Chinatown residents face along their commutes, the SF Bicycle Coalition started organizing large-scale “walking school buses,” improving the visibility of families walking to school.

**Learn:** When I first started working at the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, we had already distributed over 500 bicycles to low-income community members as part of our Community Bike Build program. Yet we found that residents in low-income neighborhoods where we hosted Bike Builds didn’t really embrace bicycling. So we asked ourselves what we could do better.

We spent three months during the summer of 2017 surveying recipients from our Community Bike Build program to better understand what would support past participants in feeling more confident biking in their neighborhoods.

We learned that residents wanted more informal neighborhood rides. As a result, we partnered with ¡PODER! to launch Community Cruises — rides led by and for people of color. We also learned that if parents didn’t know how to ride a bike themselves, they did not feel comfortable letting their children bike around their neighborhoods. Knowing this, we now lead family rides for parents interested in biking with their children in conjunction with Learn-to-Ride biking events for children at schools.

Very importantly, we are working to better understand the real and perceived barriers that many people face when riding their bikes in San Francisco. We continue to increase our network of community partners, take an intersectional approach to our work and teach bike safety classes in culturally competent ways.

If you would like to volunteer to be a part of our culturally competent programmatic outreach efforts, please visit sfbike.org/volunteer and sign up.
With the sudden passing of Mayor Ed Lee last year, this June presents the first of two opportunities for San Francisco voters to determine our City leadership for years to come. It’s been 10 years since the SF Bicycle Coalition weighed in on two elections in one year, and we are ready to exercise our political muscle to endorse the most bike-friendly candidates in both the June and November elections in 2018.

The June 5 elections will determine the new Mayor of San Francisco at a particularly important time for our city. The city’s affordability crisis continues unabated; national politicians are attacking the values that make San Francisco a model for the nation; and federal agencies and officials are assailing programs for the most vulnerable among us. If we’re going to maintain San Francisco’s focus on safety and quality of life, we believe that San Francisco needs leaders who will champion the bicycle for everyday transportation, who will prioritize achieving Vision Zero, and who will fight to preserve and improve upon safe, affordable and accessible transportation options for everyone.

In addition to the mayoral election, June will also feature a race to fill the remainder of now-State Senator Scott Wiener’s term in Supervisorsial District 8. This district includes Noe Valley, the Castro, Duboce Triangle, Glen Park and other surrounding neighborhoods.

As we prepare for June 5, we have received questionnaire responses from every candidate, describing their positions on key issues related to bicycling as everyday transportation in San Francisco, and posted them on our website. We then invited members to vote on our endorsements. With this information, our member-elected board of directors will determine which candidates to endorse in furtherance of our mission.

We aim to finalize endorsements in early April, leaving two months to get out the vote for the bike-friendly candidates we’ve endorsed. We will give members opportunities to help canvass, phone bank and engage voters through streetside outreach.

We are only as strong as our membership, which is why this is a perfect time to volunteer and make a difference in local politics. So much is on the line this year. Let’s get loud and BIKE THE VOTE: sfbike.org/bikethevote.
For residents and visitors alike, the Embarcadero is an unparalleled gem of San Francisco.

“For me, it’s all about the fresh air and amazing views combined with a nice flat run in SF,” member Reggie Snowden said. “It’s great for running and biking.”

Since moving to San Francisco in 1992, Reggie has run along the Embarcadero weekly. He also commutes there daily by bike to his job at Pier 39. As someone who enjoys the Embarcadero by foot and bike, Reggie has special insights into the challenges facing different road users.

“Too many people biking don’t realize how fast they’re going.” Reggie said about the shared sidewalk along the Embarcadero. He would like to see bikes off the sidewalk — provided there’s a safe alternative on the road.

A concern for people walking, running and biking — as well as observing conflicts between people biking and driving — fuels Reggie’s passion for seeing protected bike lanes delivered on the Embarcadero.

Along with members like Reggie, we’re campaigning for physically protected bike lanes to reduce conflicts between all types of road users along the Embarcadero. In the long term, these improvements will be delivered in conjunction with repairs to the disintegrating seawall. Though not visible to most people enjoying the Embarcadero, the seawall is a hugely important piece of infrastructure, protecting 500 acres of San Francisco from earthquake-related flooding, especially as sea levels rise. The seawall is roughly 100 years old and susceptible to serious damage in its current state.

While the seawall repairs may be many years away, that vital project should not delay near-term solutions for people travelling along the Embarcadero. We will continue working with our members and City staff to identify ways to deliver physically protected bike lanes sooner, making the iconic stretch of the Embarcadero welcoming for more people to enjoy by bike — whether for their commute or just for pleasure.

“One of the reasons I choose to bike is that it’s just as fast as driving a car and faster than public transportation,” Reggie said of his commute along the Embarcadero. “When I ride my bike, I arrive at work every time in 20 to 24 minutes. Time is money and money is time.”

Want to help make the Embarcadero better to bike for folks like Reggie and the many, many people who would enjoy biking better infrastructure there? Email our Community Organizer kristen@sfbike.org to plug into our active campaign to see protected bike lanes built as soon as possible.
WALK TO WORK DAY* Thu, Apr. 5 | 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. 6 | Equator Coffee & Teas, 222 Second St. Fri, May 4 | Ritual Hayes Valley, 432b Octavia St. Fri, June 1 | Verve Coffee, 2101 Market St. Women Bike SF is a San Francisco Bicycle Coalition program to encourage and inspire more women, trans*, and femme-identified individuals to ride bikes through social events, rides and workshops. On the first Friday of every 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, questions and friends. sfbike.org/events

SUNDAY STUDENTS* 11:00 am - 4:00 pm Sun, Apr. 15 | Bayview/Dogpatch Sun, May 6 | Tenderloin Sun, June 3 | Sunset/Greenland Park Gate Saturday 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. 23, May 28, June 25 | 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 and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, the SFMTA, and other City and County agencies. sfgov.org/bac

A.C.T. BIKE TO THEATER NIGHT: FATHER COMES HOME FROM THE WARS* Wed, Apr. 25 | 7:00 pm | The Geary Theater, 405 Geary St. Come out to this special night of theater’s that’s specifically for people who bike! Patrons who bike to the theater receive a special discount on refreshments, snacks, and other goodies. sfbike.org/btwd

WALK & BIKE TO WORSHIP WEEK Sat, May 26 - Sun, Jun. 3 | 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

SCHOOL LOOP FAMILY BIKE RIDE IN THE SUNSET Sat, Apr. 7 | 1:00 - 2:00 pm | Playland at 43rd Avenue, 1360 43rd Ave. Get ready for Bike & Roll to School Week by taking an easy loop on neighborhood streets. The route passes Francis Scott Key Elementary and Sunset Elementary, then doubles back to Playland in Golden Gate Park before returning to Playland. sfbike.org/family

SF BICYCLE COALITION BOARD MEETING Tuesdays, Apr 24, May 22, June 26 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm | SF Bicycle Coalition, 1720 Market St. The SF Bicycle Coalition is governed by a 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

ORGANIZING 101 SERIES 6:00 - 7:30 pm | SF Bicycle Coalition, 1720 Market St. Tue, May 1 | Choosing Your Issue Tue, May 15 | Power-mapping to Win Tue, May 29 | Driving Home the Victory The Organizing 101 series will give you the tools to become your own advocate and build campaigns for safe streets and other issues. Sessions will cover how to choose your issue, tell your story and build a strategy and tactics around your chosen issue. sfbike.org/events

HOWARD STREET PEOPLE-PROTECTED BIKE LANE* Wed, May 2 | 5:00 - 6:30 pm | Howard and Seventh streets We’re partnering with People-Protected Bike Lane to call attention to serious safety issues on Howard Street. Join hands and help create a safer Howard Street.

BAY AREA-BIKE TO WORK DAY Thu, May 10 | 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 celebration. Join the SF Bicycle Coalition and thousands of others who will be biking to work. Twenty-seven Energizer Stations will be set up in neighborhoods across the city to offer free tote bags, coffee, bike tune-ups, snacks and other goodies. sfbike.org/btwd

BIKE & ROLL TO SCHOOL WEEK Thu, May 10 | 11:00 am - 6:00 pm | Presidio YMCA, 63 On 43rd Ave. Bike & Roll to School Week will be celebrated by 90-100 schools and thousands of students, parents and teachers. Join us for a 2-hour volunteer shift at the Presidio YMCA and earn credit toward an SF Bicycle Coalition membership. We’ll assemble 7,000 giveaway packets for participating students and then box them with organizer materials. Refreshments, snacks, and cool company all day. Supervised children are welcome to join and assist. sfbike.org/family

BIKE & ROLL TO SCHOOL WEEK Apr. 16 - 20 | Citywide Join thousands of students, parents and school staff across San Francisco in this annual celebration of active, healthy transportation to schools. Any parent or school staff member may organize the event at your school, and everyone from pre-K through high school is welcome to participate. sfbike.org/family

FAMILY sfbike.org/family

LEARN TO RIDE WITH YBIKE IN THE PRESIDIO* Sun, Apr. 1 | 11:00 am - 2:00 pm | Joe DiMaggio Playground Clubhouse, 651 Lombard St. Safe Routes to School and SF Rec & Park present YBike’s “Learn-to-Ride” and the SF Bicycle Coalition’s “Freedom From Training Wheels.” We introduce biking in a fun, safe and structured way. Children practice bike handling and balance skills at their own pace. Our instructors help new riders and their parents work together based on each child’s ability. sfbike.org/family

LEARN TO RIDE AND FAMILY BIKING FAIR IN CHINATOWN* Sat, Apr. 21 | 11:00 am - 2:00 pm | Joe DiMaggio Playground Clubhouse, 651 Lombard St. Safe Routes to School and SF Rec & Park present YBike’s “Learn-to-Ride” and the SF Bicycle Coalition’s “Freedom From Training Wheels.” We introduce biking in a fun, safe and structured way. Children practice bike handling and balance skills at their own pace. Our instructors help new riders and their parents work together based on each child’s ability. sfbike.org/family

LEARN TO RIDE AND FAMILY BIKING FAIR IN CHINATOWN* Sat, Apr. 28 | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm | Francis Scott Key Elementary School, 1530 43rd Ave. Stop by this annual Bike Safety Fair open to all San Francisco families to test ride a family bicycle, or have your little ones learn how to ride a bike. sfbike.org/family

LEARN TO RIDE AND FAMILY EVENT AT FAIRMOUNT ELEMENTARY* Sat, May 12 | 11:00 am - 2:00 pm | Fairmount Elementary School, 65 Chenery St. Safe Routes to School presents a YBike “Learn-to-Ride” event open to the community. Learn to ride your bike with YBike’s awesome instructors at Fairmount Elementary School’s annual Festivalk. We provide bikes and equipment — you just bring your game face and a little determination. sfbike.org/family

RIDE sfbike.org/rides

GALS WITH GEARS 10:30 am Sun, Apr. 11 | Ride to Rodeo Beach - Level C Sun, May 6 | Location TBD Sun, June 3 | Location TBD Explore the bay with the Gals! These monthly scenic rides are geared for women aged 50-plus-years young, but all riders are welcome. Four levels of rides are offered to accommodate everyone from new to experienced riders. No rider is left behind. For ride details and to RSVP, see sfbike.org/gals.

OFF-ROAD CYCLING RIDE: SAN MIGUEL HILLS Sun, Apr. 8 | 10:00 am | McKinley Monument (Panhandle at Fell and Baker) The SF Bicycle Coalition and SF Urban Riders are teaming up to explore some unpaved bike trails in San Francisco. The ride begins at the Panhandle, but quickly climbs into the (fifty) heart of the city to explore the trails of Mt. Sutro, Twin Peaks and Laguna Honda. sfbike.org/rides

WEST SIDERS’ VOYAGE TO HERON’S HEAD Sat, Apr. 21 | 1:30 pm | Velo Rouge Cafe, 798 Arguello Blvd.
From its origin as an illicit dumping ground for a new bridge landing, to its lyrical transformation into bayfront habitat and environmental education center, Heron’s Head Park is a little-known treasure, especially to folks on the west side of town. Join this crosstown joyride to the southeastern waterfront and discover (or re-discover) a wondrous place in our own backyard. sfbike.org/rides

MARKET STREET PRACTICE RIDE
Sat, Apr 28 | 1:00 pm | California Academy of Sciences, 55 Music Concert Dr.
If you (or someone you know!) are new to urban biking, nervous about biking on Market Street or want to practice bike-commuting in a supportive setting, this ride is the perfect opportunity to give it a try. We’ll ride at a comfortable pace and no one will be left behind. The ride will end at the Ferry Building where we’ll gather together for an ice cream treat. sfbike.org/rides

VICTORY LAP: TOUR OUR NEWEST BIKE LANES
Sat, May 5 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm | San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, 1720 Market St.
Join us in looking at some of San Francisco’s southernmost bicycle corridors. We’ll look at the bicycle network in the Excelsior as well as neighborhood connector streets. sfbike.org/rides

RIDE OF SILENCE
Wed, May 16 | Time and location TBD
A group ride to honor those who have been injured or killed while biking. This ride takes place in over 50 countries on the third Wednesday each May with thousands of riders coming out in support and solidarity. This ride sends a powerful message for the need to make our streets safer. sfbike.org/rides

EXCELSIOR STREETS RIDE
Sat, May 19 | 10:00 - 12:00 pm | Ocean Avenue and Mission Street
Join us in looking at some of San Francisco’s southernmost bicycle corridors. We’ll look at the bicycle network in the Excelsior as well as neighborhood connector streets. sfbike.org/rides

FREE CLASSES
Don’t see a class date that works for you? We’re always adding more. For the most up-to-date list of classes, and to submit the required RSVP for any class, go to: sfbike.org/education

ADULT LEARN TO RIDE
Ongoing
You’re never too old to learn to ride a bicycle. Instructors will work one-on-one to teach the basics of balancing, starting, stopping and steering a bike, as well as proper helmet fit and adjustment. Most people learn to ride their bikes while taking the class, but even if they don’t, they will leave with tips to continue teaching themselves to ride. sfbike.org/education

FAMILY BIKING CLASSES
Ongoing
Your SF Bicycle Coalition offers a range of family biking workshops for all ages, including family on-road practice: Biking with Babies, Freedom From Training Wheels and more. For dates, times and more information, see sfbike.org/family

INTRO TO URBAN BICYCLING WORKSHOP
Ongoing
Come learn the basics of biking in San Francisco at our Intro to Urban Bicycling Workshop. Our one-hour course covers bicycling for everyday riding in SF, the rules of the road, route planning and more. sfbike.org/education

NIGHT AND ALL-WEATHER BIKING
Ongoing
In a city that (almost) never sleeps, where mist and precipitation might roll in at any moment, it’s important to feel confident riding in any condition. This class, designed for riders who feel comfortable navigating urban streets, will teach you how to be prepared for whatever comes our way. sfbike.org/education

TRAFFIC SKILLS 101: CLASSROOM WORKSHOP
Ongoing
Looking to get comfortable riding in San Francisco? Join us for a presentation covering all you need to know for biking in SF and the Bay Area. This is the perfect class for those who already ride to hone their skills, or for people interested in riding but who are intimidated by urban traffic. No bicycle is necessary for this class. sfbike.org/education

TRAFFIC SKILLS 101: ON-ROAD Ongoing
Practice what you learned in the Traffic Skills 101: Classroom. This on-bicycle class follows a comfortable progression onto city streets, beginning with a short review of the lessons from the classroom course. After a basic bike maintenance session, the class will practice bike maneuvering skills in a car-free practice area before riding on the streets in small, intimate groups led by instructors. You will gain experience riding alongside moving traffic in different traffic conditions and apply the safe-riding techniques practiced in the car-free space into real life. sfbike.org/education

VOLUNTEER
RSVPs required except where noted. sfbike.org/volunteer

SF BICYCLE COALITION PHONE BANK
Wednesdays, Apr 4, Apr 18; May 2, May 23 and Tue, June 5 | 5:30 - 8:00 pm | SF Bicycle Coalition, 1720 Market St.
Join the volunteers who keep the SF Bicycle Coalition membership strong. No cold-calling, just calls to friendly lapsed members offering an easy way to renew. Plan to stay for the thank-you afterward and get to know your fellow volunteers.

COMMUNITY BIKE BUILD
Sat, Apr 7 | 11:00 am | Rosa Parks Elementary School, 1601 O’Farrell St.
Your SF Bicycle Coalition works with a variety of community-based organizations around San Francisco to organize Community Bike Builds. Each event is an opportunity for the community to come together and refurbish reclaimed bicycles for its members. Each Community Bike Build needs more than a dozen volunteers to help out with both mechanical and nonmechanical tasks. Lunch will be provided. We’d love your help. RSVP at sfbike.org/volunteer

VOLUNTEER NIGHT
Tuesdays, Apr. 10, June 12; and Thu, Apr. 19 and June 21 | 5:00 - 8:00 pm | SF Bicycle Coalition, 1720 Market St. This SF Bicycle Coalition tradition has been happening for as long as we can remember, and newcomers are always welcome. So stop by, snack on tasty treats, chat with fellow members, and help us keep our organization rolling as we work together on group and solo tasks. Dinner is provided. Bring a friend — the more the merrier! We have ample indoor bike parking, so don’t forget to bring your bike into the office. No RSVP necessary.

COMMUNITY REPAIR NIGHT
Wednesdays, Apr. 11, Apr. 25, May 23, June 13, June 27 | 5:30 - 8:30 pm
Want an opportunity to practice working on bikes? Are you an experienced mechanic and want to donate your skills to help make sure all San Franciscans have affordable transportation? Or do you just want to get your hands a little dirty? Come on out and get greasy at our Community Repair Night. We’ll be fixing up bikes to get them ready to give away at future Community Bike Builds. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

BIKE TO WORK DAY BICYCLE AMBASSADOR TRAINING
Wed, Apr. 11 and Thu, Apr. 26 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm | SF Bicycle Coalition, 1720 Market St.
Sat, May 5 | 10:30 am - 12:30 pm | Sports Basement, 1590 Bryant St.
Flex your advocacy muscle and become an official SF Bicycle Ambassador! Come to our training to get up to date on what’s going on with the SF Bicycle Coalition and learn how to grow the movement for a more bikeable city by signing up new members. This training will prepare you to volunteer at Bike to Work Day, as well as at races, festivals, Service Stations and other events. Please note that you must be a current member of the SF Bicycle Coalition to become a Bicycle Ambassador.

BIKE TO WORK DAY BAG-STUFFING PARTY
Thu, May 3 | 4:00 - 9:00 pm | Sports Basement Parking Garage, 1590 Bryant St.
Join us for the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition’s biggest volunteer night of the year and be part of the magic behind Bike to Work Day. We will stuff 6,000 reusable canvas shopping totes full of goodies. Enjoy good company, snacks and dinner on us.

VALET BICYCLE PARKING
Ongoing
Justifiably famous in SF, the SF Bicycle Coalition’s Valet Bicycle Parking is like a coat check for bikes. Volunteers are trained onsite by our friendly and experienced Valet Supervisors; no previous experience required. View upcoming opportunities and sign up at sfbike.org/valetvolunteer.

POP-UP SERVICE STATIONS
Twice monthly | Citywide
Twice a month, your SF Bicycle Coalition pops up in different neighborhoods with our friendly, volunteer-staffed Service Stations, offering high fives and free coffee or other goodies to folks riding by. If you’d like to volunteer to brighten the rides of fellow commuters, view our upcoming Service Stations dates and locations, and sign up at sfbike.org/volunteer.

BARTER MEMBERSHIP
Volunteer for 10 hours in a three-month period and earn a year’s membership for free! If you’d like to get started with our Barter Membership program, please visit sfbike.org/membership.
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