

## Wheel Talk from the Executive Director

Dear members,

I am delighted to wish you — and the entire city — a joyful Bike Month! It's my absolute favorite time of year, and not only because there are so many opportunities to enjoy biking. It's a time to celebrate riding together, in community.

This feeling of interconnection I get during all of May's activities can feel like a given, but I'm choosing to embrace it fully this year. As people who habitually ride in San

Francisco, we know that riding helps us feel connected to our city, our neighborhoods, and the people around us. That feeling is a balm. If you feel grave concern, like I do, about the long-term effects of growing division and disconnection in our culture, Bike Month is a time to think about how you can spread bike joy to those who don't yet know it. Who could you invite on a ride? Who might gain confidence from SFBike's free bike classes? How can biking be a cornerstone of your family time or social life this month?

And there's so much to celebrate, all made possible by our incredible members! With the newly-named Sunset Dunes open at Ocean Beach, there's a new bikeable destination, which is itself an incredible two-mile scenic ride. The recently passed Biking and Rolling Plan promises crosstown routes and a commitment to all-ages-and-abilities bike corridors. And recently passed projects like the Oak Street Quick Build will create key connections for people biking and rolling. This is what we achieve when we act from a place of interconnection and togetherness. Our power intensifies: the links form a chain, and the chain turns the wheel.

We hope to see you on Bike to Wherever Day, May 15, at an Energizer Station or the lunchtime rally at City Hall. Bring a friend and grow the movement!

With gratitude,  
Christopher White  
Executive Director



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## Bike To Wherever Day is almost here! Thursday, May 15

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### Are you ready for the best bike holiday of the year?

On Thursday, May 15, join people all over the city in riding your bike to get to wherever you need to go — or just for fun! Here's how to make the most of your Bike to Wherever Day!



- ♥ Bike to a morning, evening, or all-day Energizer Station and
- ✓ Renew your membership
- ✓ Grab an iconic tote bag and swag
- ✓ Pick up a limited edition #BTWD2025 sticker
- ✓ Collect a stamp at 10 or more Energizer Stations to be entered into the giveaway for a Space Age bag and bottle holder!
- ♥ Gather at City Hall for our Bike Rally at 12:30pm
- ♥ Join our #BTWD group ride from 4:45-6pm (happy hour after!)
- ♥ Post fun pics of the day on Instagram and tag @sfbike

### Head to [sfbike.org/btwd](https://sfbike.org/btwd) for all the details and Energizer Station Map!

Take the pledge to ride your bike during the month of May and on BTWD, and be entered to win a prize bundle including a gift card to The Front Porch, a Spurcycle bell, and SFBike merch. [sfbike.org/pledge/](https://sfbike.org/pledge/)



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## Meet this year's Bike Champion of the Year, Tony Guan!

Tony is an 8th grader at MLK Jr. Middle School and student assistant to a bike elective course run by his teacher, Ms. Delfino who nominated him. Tony helps teach 6th graders how to ride bikes and bike maintenance, plus repairs bikes for the program. Ms. Delfino says, "his love and passion for working on and riding bikes exudes from him."



### Tell us about yourself and how biking is part of your life here in the Bay.

I live here in San Francisco and biking helps me explore nature, explore SF, and have fun with friends. A few times a month my friends ride with me on trails and explore the city. We go on different trails, and that's how I discovered my favorite place to bike, John McLaren Park.

### How do you bring biking to your community?

I joined the biking elective at school last year. Every time someone has a problem, I help them fix it. I always love seeing the sixth graders riding around while smiling. I also think that it's nice for them to learn because it's a skill you can carry on with you forever.

### What advice do you have for people who want to try biking for the first time?

My advice is...why not! Once you start to bike you will love it. It reduces cars on the road, it's free, and most importantly, it promotes a healthier life. So get on a bike and start riding!

See our full interview at [sfbike.org/btwd](https://sfbike.org/btwd) to learn more about Tony.

**Help us celebrate more bike champions in our community! Nominate your favorite bike-friendly small business now through May 10 at [bit.ly/bike-small-biz](https://bit.ly/bike-small-biz)**





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## Can you help power Bike to Wherever Day this year?

With your support, we can make Bike to Wherever Day 2025 the best ever! With tighter funding and sponsorship this year, you can help us bridge the gap with a contribution so we can activate our city with bike joy and advocacy.



## Quick Release

### Car-free Market St is under attack

We're deeply disappointed in Mayor Daniel Lurie's declaration to permit Waymos on car-free Market Street this summer. This isn't about Waymo or AVs — the unilateral decision has opened the door to demands from other rideshare services like Uber, Lyft, as well the driving public, to also be permitted to drive on Market. It will slow Muni, which has seen valuable gains in speed and efficiency on this street. No matter how safe Waymos are individually, more car traffic makes the street more dangerous for vulnerable road users. Sign up to join us in defending car-free Market Street here: [bit.ly/defending-car-free-market](https://bit.ly/defending-car-free-market)

### Digital membership cards are coming!

Time for an upgrade! Starting this June, SFBike is moving to digital membership cards in place of physical cards. We're excited to be going a little bit greener and to keep getting you the same great member benefits. Check out the full list of benefits you receive as a member: [sfbike.org/membership/](https://sfbike.org/membership/)

### Get ready to bike & roll to school from May 5-9

This spring, we're celebrating all the fun and healthy ways to get to school safely and joyfully on bikes, scooters, skateboards and wheelchairs with Bike & Roll to School Week, part of the SF Safe Routes to School program. Any San Francisco school, from Pre-K to high school, is invited to participate in the fun! Register at [bit.ly/bike-and-roll-register](https://bit.ly/bike-and-roll-register)

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# BIKE EVERYWHERE IN MAY

It's officially Bike Month! Thursday, May 15 is Bike to Wherever Day — the best day in May — but there are great events all month long from us, partner organizations, and fellow advocates all over the city. We'll see you out there!

## Flat Class

Thursday, May 1, 7:15-8:15pm

Learn the ins and outs for fixing a flat tire on your bike from Scenic Routes SF! All supplies are included, but you can bring your own flat tire to work on too! Check [scenicroutessf.com](https://scenicroutessf.com) for more details and other events.

## Women & Non-Binary Bike SF Coffee Club\*

Friday, May 2, 8am

Kickstart your morning with a warm beverage, and meet new bike buddies and friends at our monthly Women & Non-Binary coffee meet up. Location TBD.

## SF Bike Party

Friday, May 2  
7:30pm, rollout at 8pm

SF Bike Party's monthly celebratory ride is a chill and accessible route and stops to dance and socialize — a great way to kick off Bike Month! The route is posted the week before the ride, check [sfbikeparty.com](https://sfbikeparty.com) or @sfbikeparty on Instagram.

## Ride to the Movies\*

Saturday, May 3, 8:45am

Ride your bike to attend the world premier of member Kristin Tièche's feature documentary "The Invisible Mammal" in San Rafael. Ride starts at Golden Gate Bridge Parking lot and the film starts at noon followed by a Q&A with the filmmaker! Get your tickets and RSVP!

## Ride with Team SF\*

Sunday, May 4 +  
Saturday, May 10, 9am

Team SF is prepping for the Green Fondo Climate Ride, and invites anyone looking for a fun bike ride to join in on their prep rides! Meet-up locations TBD.

## Bike & Brew Rides

Tuesday, May 6, 13, 20, 27

Join beer and bike lovers on a social, no drop-ride with Bike & Brew every Tuesday this month to beloved bars all over SF! Check out @sfbikeandbrew on Instagram for detailed information and routes.

## Smart City Cycling 1\*

Thursday, May 8, 6-8pm

We're partnering with People's Climate Week to host our core Smart City Cycling 1 class, perfect for beginners or those interested in learning how to ride a bike for the first time!

## Women & Non-Binary Bike SF Friday Morning Ride\*

Friday, May 9 and May 23, 7:15am

Join in on a social, no-drop Friday morning bike ride with your new Coffee Club bike buddies down to Sunset Dunes (formerly known as Great Highway) and back before heading off to work. Ride meets up at McLaren Lodge.

## Family Ride to Sunset Dunes\*

Saturday, May 10, 12:30-1:30pm

Join Safe Routes to School for a mellow bike-ride for the whole family. Meet at Francis Scott Key Elementary and ride down Sunset Dunes (formerly known as Great Highway) and back.

## Jersey Ride

Saturday, May 10, 8:45am-3:30pm

Join Different Spokes, an LGBTQ club that welcomes all riders, for a fun ride with great views. The ride will loop from Peet's in the Castro to Sausalito and around the Tiburon Peninsula, and is recommended for intermediate riders. [bit.ly/42tfi5D](https://bit.ly/42tfi5D)

## BTWD Group Ride\*

Thursday, May 15, 4:45pm

Join SFBike for a Bike to Wherever Day group ride! We'll meet at the Ferry Building, bike up Market St, across Valencia, and end in Bernal for a happy hour at Rock Bar. The ride will be about an hour long, beginner riders welcome!

## Rally at City Hall\*

Thursday, May 15, 12:30pm-1:30pm

Join us on the steps of City Hall to celebrate Bike to Wherever Day and the recent approval of the Biking and Rolling Plan! Plus, we'll get to hear from elected officials what they're doing to get our city closer to our climate and sustainability goals.

## BTWD After Party at the Exploratorium\*

Thursday, May 15, 6-10pm  
Exploratorium Pier 15,  
San Francisco

Party with us at the Exploratorium's bike-themed After Dark: Ride On! event (18+). SFBike members get 50% off tickets purchased in-person with a current membership card. Ride your bike, we'll have bike valet! [bit.ly/4ipJzZd](https://bit.ly/4ipJzZd)

## Ride of Silence

Wednesday, May 21, 7-9pm

Join people across the city, and the world, by riding to remember those that have lost their lives while biking on our city's streets. [bit.ly/4iertcu](https://bit.ly/4iertcu)

## Bike Month Wrap Party at Standard Deviant\*

Sunday, May 25, 2-6pm  
1070 Maryland St., Suite 295

Celebrate the end of Bike Month with us at Standard Deviant Brewing's new location at Pier 70. Make sure to RSVP so we know you're coming — plus, we're unveiling a special surprise!

## Day Grooves Ride

Sunday, May 25, 11am-12pm

Scenic Routes SF's Day Grooves ride is a chill, no drop social ride. This is for the girls, the gays, the theys, and allies. Get ready to have a good time! Check [scenicroutessf.com](https://scenicroutessf.com) for more details and other events.

\* For these events, head to [bit.ly/sf-bike-month-2025](https://bit.ly/sf-bike-month-2025)

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