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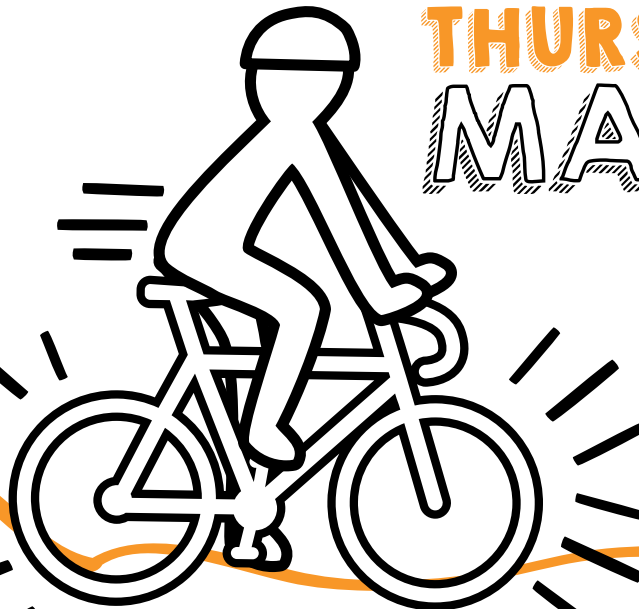
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20 YEARS OF BIKING



This year marks the 20th anniversary of Bay Area Bike to Work Day, and we're celebrating all May long!

The 20-year anniversary is a chance to pack the calendar with bike events (centerfold), but it's also a chance to reflect on how far we've come in two decades. It's an understatement to say that *a lot* has changed in the state of San Francisco biking in 20 years.

Twenty years ago, biking on Market Street was a lonely experience. Today, it's one of the busiest bike routes in the country, with bikes accounting for 67% of morning traffic on workdays. Twenty years ago, Valencia Street got its first bike lanes — even after a City official's protest of "over my dead body." Today, it has bike-timed lights, parklets and bike corrals up and down the corridor.

Twenty years ago, opening streets for people seemed impossible. Today, we have Sunday Streets and car-free weekend space in Golden Gate Park.

Twenty years ago, few parents were pedaling with their kids. Today, San Francisco hosts the largest bike to school event in the country (page 10).

Twenty years ago, there were few women biking and I knew most of them. Today, women make up 33% of San Francisco bike commuters, and we're working to make it 50%.

Twenty years ago, we celebrated every bike lane with fanfare, thankful for even the smallest bit of paint as "protection." Today,

the SF Bicycle Coalition is making progress on Connecting the City, 100 miles of cross-town protected bikeways.

Twenty years ago, we needed Bike to Work Day to win *any* positive attention for bicycling. The event was our chance to showcase "the best of bicycling" to prove that everyday people, not just bike messengers, ride bikes for transportation.

In the last 20 years, we've won more public and political support for biking. Slowly, City officials are starting to understand that more people biking is good for our city: it reduces crowding on public transit, stimulates the local economy and creates a healthier city.

The progress in the past 20 years is clear. You see it in the numbers of us on the streets — 96% increase since 2007 (page 2). You feel it in the miles of bike lanes striped last year and in being allowed to bring your bike on BART all day.

What's not clear yet is the City's commitment to making our streets safe and accommodating for all of us. The SFMTA still only spends 1% of its transportation budget on bicycling (page 3), and City leaders still water down crucial street safety projects or delay implementation for years.

We've made great progress, but we still have a long way to go. If you're not yet a member, join us in advocating day-in-and-day-out for a better city. It's easy: just go to sfbike.org/join or mail in the form on the back cover of this newsletter. If you are a member, thank you! You are the reason we've seen so much change in two decades. Whether you're new to biking or a long-time member, join us in riding proudly and celebrate how far bicycling has come in the past 20 years! Let's keep riding forward, but let's pedal a little faster.

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It's an understatement to say that a lot has changed.

SF BIKE COUNTS DOUBLED!



At the end of 2013, the City issued its annual Bicycle Count Report, which shows the growth in biking and how new bike projects have impacted the number of us riding. The results were exciting: the number of people biking in SF has grown 96% since 2007!

We're thrilled (though not surprised) to see more and more people pedaling on our streets. These counts have shown time and again that when you build better bikeways, more people will ride.

Areas with new bike improvements saw some of the largest growth. The intersection of Portola Avenue and O'Shaughnessy Boulevard saw a dramatic 83% increase in ridership after a new bike lane was added; Page and Stanyan Streets saw a 78% increase; and Fell and Oak Streets, where protected bikeways are finally underway, saw a 52% increase.

These counts also reaffirmed the importance of our Connecting the City campaign to get protected bikeways on key routes. Polk Street, where we continue to push for protected bikeways, saw some of the highest counts. Second Street, another key campaign, also had high numbers and reiterates why it's so important to get protected bikeways for employees and Caltrain riders who pedal here daily. Market Street, our busiest bike route, showed an average of 3,000 people riding inbound during a two-hour window — but you may have already known that from the new bike counter that displays daily counts.

More people biking in our city is a good thing — it reduces congestion on public transit, benefits local businesses and creates a more engaged community. These annual bike counts also showcase the need for more bike infrastructure. Biking is by the far the fastest growing form of transportation in our city, and when City leaders and the public see that more of us are riding, it helps with funding for more projects. Keep riding and invite your friends!



RIDERSHIP INCREASES ON STREETS WITH NEW IMPROVEMENTS:

36%↑
POLK STREET

78%↑
FELL & OAK

83%↑
PORTOLA &
O'SHAUGHNESSY

19%↑
14TH & FOLSOM

QUICK RELEASES

The City's Next Bike Network

Big news! The City released its list of the next wave of bike projects in February and has started working on designing and implementing spot improvements such as signal timing, intersection work and repaving.

Your SF Bicycle Coalition's Connecting the City vision, a roadmap for developing a network of bikeways that is comfortable and welcoming to anyone in San Francisco, has inspired City leaders to launch their own vision for biking in San Francisco with their 2013-2018 San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) Bicycle Strategy. We're pleased to see that much of this vision overlaps with Connecting the City.

Thanks to the hundreds of members who gave feedback on the City's Bicycle Strategy list. We combined your feedback and used it to make an official request to the City to expand and tweak its list. You can see our recommended project list in map form or in more detail at sfbike.org/news.

Of course, none of these projects will be anything more than hopes and dreams unless the City commits to funding them. Right now the City only spends a shocking 1% of its transportation budget on biking. Join in the push for Connecting the City with these great projects by volunteering for our funding campaign. Email janice@sfbike.org to get involved.



Bay Area Bike Share is coming to a neighborhood near you.

Bay Area Bike Share Expanding!

Last year, San Francisco joined the ranks of other great cities in launching bike share. Bay Area Bike Share (BABS) began with a small 500-bike pilot, enough to cover the downtown corridor of San Francisco and a few areas near Caltrain on the Peninsula. But the network isn't far reaching enough to connect your home to your work to that favorite restaurant or yoga class, and the SF Bicycle Coalition has been pushing for a bigger expansion. We're pleased to say that BABS

will be expanding into the Mission, Hayes Valley, Castro and Mission Bay neighborhoods in the coming months. Want to see it expand even more? Sign our petition asking Mayor Lee to continue expand the network in San Francisco. The SFMTA determined that our city can sustain a network of 3,000 bikes, in line with other major cities. Sign the petition at sfbike.org/bikeshare.



Vision Zero, Eliminating ALL Traffic Fatalities in 10 Years

This year, the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition partnered with Walk SF to launch Vision Zero, a plan to eliminate all traffic fatalities in San Francisco in 10 years. It's an ambitious vision, but one that has already been adopted by cities around the globe. Using models from Europe and ones closer to home like New York City, we launched a comprehensive street safety campaign. Vision Zero focuses on the three E's — engineering, enforcement and education — to make our streets safer. In a short period of time, we've already made great progress on this campaign. Thank you to our members who spoke up in support of this initiative — it's working! Supervisors Kim and Avalos introduced a resolution calling on the City to officially adopt Vision Zero. In his state of the city address, the District Attorney announced his commitment to Vision Zero, and at an emotionally-charged hearing on police enforcement of bike/ped cases, the Chief of Police committed to Vision Zero. The education component is rolling forward with our program to teach Muni, taxi and Recology drivers classes.

Market on the Move

We're excited to announce that all the hard work of our members, staff, and community leaders has convinced the City that we need bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements to Market Street

now. Starting this summer, the City will be rolling out a series of safety improvements. The plan calls for red transit-only lanes and increased enforcement of existing turn restrictions this summer, with funding also secured for expanded restrictions for private automobiles from 5th to New Montgomery as early as this winter. While the transit lane improvements do not need any further approvals, we'll need to keep up the pressure for expanded auto restrictions. We expect the new restrictions to go to legislative approval in November/December 2014.

These immediate improvements are more important than ever, with bike counts on Market Street reaching record numbers and improvements from the Better Market Street plan still many years away. Thanks to the dedicated members who have flyered, attended countless community meetings and continued the push for a better Market Street for biking and walking.

This strong commitment from the City comes as the Better Market Street project heads into environmental review in 2014. Three proposed design options are still on the table, and we'll be sure to let you know about opportunities to provide public feedback during the review process. You can learn more at sfbike.org/market.

Polk: A Neighborhood Street for Everyone

Polk Street is much more than the flattest North/South route. It also has undeniable local flavor — it's a vibrant small business hub that caters to the largely car-free neighborhoods that surround it. Unsurprisingly, most people arrive to Polk Street by foot, transit or bike, and those surveyed agree that the most critical challenge faced by the corridor is the safety of people walking and biking. We have a vision of a Polk Street with bikeways that protect people biking, with calmer traffic and safer intersections for everyone. For years, we have worked hard to make this vision a reality.

Get involved in this key campaign at sfbike.org/polk. Thanks to your help, progress is being made, with the long-awaited Polk contra-flow protected bikeway — connecting Market Street to northbound Polk Street — underway! You can expect to be pedaling on this new bikeway by Bike to Work Day on May 8!



Celebration for Cesar Chávez Street

Cesar Chávez Street Improvements

After decades of work, Cesar Chávez Street's drastic improvements are finally on the ground! The former six-lane traffic sewer shrunk to four, with the extra space being dedicated to bike lanes, sidewalk bulb-outs and a center median with palm trees. These changes have tamed the formerly-hazardous thoroughfare for residents. SF Bicycle Coalition members and neighbors were the heart of this movement. This project was a great example of community-involvement and what happens when City agencies work together. Up next for major traffic taming: Masonic Avenue, which has been approved and funded, and which includes SF's first raised bikeways. See sfbike.org/masonic for designs.



Imagine biking on a better Wiggle

Love the Wiggle? It's Set to be Even Better!

The Wiggle is the flattest route between Duboce Park and the Panhandle. Featuring everything from greenery to Victorians and corner stores, the Wiggle is a wonderful snapshot of SF that thousands of people enjoy every day, including people on bicycles. In January, the City unveiled their proposed designs for improving this popular bike route based on popular opinion. Changes will include stormwater management, traffic calming initiatives and green infrastructure improvements. Planning and design should be completed before the end of 2015, and the improvements should be fully implemented by the end of 2016. For more details, visit sfbike.org/wiggle.

New Registration to Keep Your Bike SAFE

Bike theft is big problem in San Francisco. An average of 11 bikes are stolen. Until recently, there was little way for you to get your bike back, even if it was found by the police. Because there was no centralized database of serial numbers, it was difficult to prove that your bike was yours or for the police to break up known chop shops. That is all going to change, thanks to a new voluntary registration program. SF SAFE, the SFPD nonprofit, recently launched SAFE BIKES, a centralized database of SF bike serial numbers and photos. The SF Bicycle Coalition is pleased to be a partner in this program, which will help keep your bike safe. The database is free and easy to use: just go to safebikes.org to register your ride, locate the serial number, take a photo of your bike and fill out the form. You can also learn how to properly lock your bike at sfbike.org/theft or at one of SAFE's bicycle theft workshops.

Bike Lanes Mean Business

The number of people biking grows every day. This trend is great for our city's health and livability, and a recent report from People for Bikes and the Alliance for Biking & Walking reveals that the trend is great for our local economy, too. The report's main takeaways are: (1) people shopping by bike spend more at local businesses than those who drive; (2) having a business near bike lanes helps attract and retain quality employees; (3) more people biking to work creates a healthier workforce; (4) Americans are driving less and biking more. Does your company want to become more bike-friendly? Join the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition as a business member, sponsor an event or get involved in one of our campaigns! See sfbike.org/business for more details.

Community Bike Builds Underway

In San Francisco, the high cost of transportation disproportionately affects low-income residents. Free transportation dramatically reduces expenses and can help low-income residents gain access to jobs, schools and services. This year we hired two bilingual community organizers to expand our work to promote biking and organize for better biking conditions in neighborhoods and communities across the city.

This year we launched our Community Bike Builds, where we partner with neighborhood and community groups to refurbish bikes and donate them to at-risk youth and low-income residents. In March, the City formalized this process, passing an ordinance that helps get bikes to those who will benefit most.

Record-Breaking Valet

The SF Bicycle Coalition manages the oldest and one of the largest Valet Bike Parking programs in the country. Just last year, our talented valet staff parked 40,000 bikes at over 100 events, including 30 of the America's Cup races, the Folsom Street Fair and every Giants home game of the year. Valet is just like a coat check for your bike, and our professional Valet Supervisors make sure your bike is safe and well-cared-for throughout the event. If you're planning to host a public event, we would love to help make your next event bike-friendly by offering our complete services. Keep in mind that San Francisco requires that every major public event provides secure bicycle parking for attendees. Find out more about hiring us for your event and learn about getting involved as a volunteer at sfbike.org/valet.



Our valet bicycling parking crew parked a record-breaking 40,000 bikes this year!

Thank You to Our New Business Members

We are proud to welcome Trumark Urban, Grace Cathedral, Rackspace and Liftoptia as new San Francisco Bicycle Coalition Business Members!

The Business Membership program will help to make your place of work more bike-friendly, while supporting our daily advocacy work. Business Members receive a number of benefits, including in-office classes, custom bike rides, bike parking consultation, volunteer opportunities and more.

Do you own or work for a company that is looking for ways to become more bike friendly or more engaged in the community? Do you want safer streets outside your office? Go to sfbike.org/businessmembership to find out more about the program and to connect us with your business.



Thumbs-up for our new Business Membership program

Thursday, May 8 BIKE TO WORK DAY TURNS 20!

It's the 20th Anniversary of Bike to Work Day in the Bay Area, so we thought we'd ask some of our long-time members to share their memories of biking in San Francisco 20 years ago. Thanks to these dedicated members, our city streets have come a long way in the last two decades. See their comments on page 5 and more online at sfbike.org/news.



Bayview Bike Build participant getting her new bike ready.

Bert Hill

Member since 1997, LCI Bicycle Education Instructor

What do you remember about biking in SF in the '90s?

There were very few business commuters. Most motorists and police rejected bicyclists as equal road users. Bike messengers were prominent and set a style trend for younger cyclists — introduced fixies, baldies, messenger bags. Riders were almost all male and young.



Lawrence Li

Member since 1997, Current SF Bicycle Coalition Board President

What is the greatest change you've seen on our streets in the last 20 years?

My bike to work along Market Street says it all. There are sharrows, protected bike lanes and a bike counter that make bicycling feel more relaxing, more normal. This was not accomplished with one big project, but over years of improvements. We celebrate safety and confidence in numbers every day. Sometimes, I have to wipe the drool off my face.



Fran Taylor

Member since 1993, active leader on Cesar Chávez campaign

What campaigns over the years have made the biggest impact on your ride?

Improvements on Folsom and Howard and other SoMa routes helped my daily commute. In the 2000s I commuted to 2nd and Harrison and really appreciated that I could get almost door-to-door using bike lanes. I don't actually ride much on Cesar Chávez, but that project has consumed my life for the last decade, and the improvements have made it much better to walk, which is my main mode of transportation on that street.



Dave Snyder

First Executive Director of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, now ED of California Bicycle Coalition

What's your favorite Bike to Work Day memory?

Biking to Work with Tom Ammiano. He deserves credit as the first sitting Supervisor to ride with us on Bike to Work Day. We invited every Supervisor to ride with us but he was the only one who said yes. Ever a comedian, he would yell as we entered an intersection, "Don't hit me! You can't kill a Supervisor!"



Read more 20-year retrospectives at:

sfbike.org/news

VOLUNTEER LIKE JEAN

Meet Jean Kao, a longtime member and volunteer. You may have encountered Jean checking your ID at Tour de Fat or pouring a beer at Winterfest. In mid-April, you'll see her digital volunteer work when we launch our new sfbike.org website! In addition to all of that, she's already signed on to volunteer at Bike to Work Day again this year! We caught up with Jean to discuss her many years as a Bike to Work Day volunteer and Captain:



How did you get involved with Bike to Work Day? What motivated you to start volunteering?

My first Bike to Work Day in 2007 was so much fun that next year I decided I wanted to return the favor and help cheer on those cyclists myself.

What keeps you coming back to volunteer at Bike to Work Day year after year?

It's fun to step aside and watch the commute from the sidelines. As someone who's usually in the scrum you don't really get to see the big picture. It's really amazing to see just how many cyclists are commuting to work now. Also, the cyclists themselves are so happy to get the snacks and goodies. It's nice to bring a smile to someone's face.

What advice would you give to someone thinking about volunteering with us on Bike to Work Day?

It's fun! It's easy! The captains will assign you a task so you don't need to worry about anything ahead of time. Everyone is super mellow. Think of it more like a social where you can hang out with other cyclists with a tiny bit of "work."

sfbike.org/volunteer



BIKE TO

WORK DAY

THURSDAY, MAY 8



It's the 20th Anniversary of Bike to Work Day in the Bay Area! Together, local bicycle advocacy organizations from the nine Bay Area counties have teamed up to host the world's biggest bike day of the year – and we want you there. Whether you're new to bike commuting or a seasoned pro, here are eight things you can do to celebrate this year's Bike to Work Day:

BEFORE:

VOLUNTEER: Join hundreds of San Francisco Bicycle Coalition Member-Volunteers in celebrating Bike to Work Day by handing out treats to bike riders across the city. Sign up at sfbike.org/volunteer.

BE A BIKE BUDDY: If you've already discovered the joys of commuting by bike, share your tips via social media at facebook.com/sfbike and on Twitter at [@sfbike](https://twitter.com/sfbike) #bikebuddy.

NOMINATE YOUR COMPANY: Does your workplace go above and beyond to encourage its employees to bike to work? Nominate your business for our bike-friendly business award at sfbike.org/friendly.

BE A WORKPLACE BICYCLE CHAMPION: Request a free Bike to Work Day Employer Toolkit for your office and help your employees pedal confidently on May 8. sfbike.org/btwd_toolkit

TAKE THE TEAM BIKE CHALLENGE: Recruit a team of coworkers or friends to bike to work! Every time your team pedals in May, you earn points and the chance to win cool prizes. Register online at teambikechallenge.com.

DAY OF:

PEDAL BY AN ENERGIZER STATION: Volunteers at 26 locations around the city will be giving away free snacks and beverages, as well as convenient reusable tote bags filled with goodies. See the map on page 9.

RIDE WITH A COMMUTER CONVOY: Get your morning bike commute started by joining your Supervisor and neighbors in a leisurely bike ride to downtown together. See the Energizer Station map on page 9 for details.

SPREAD THE WORD: Post your Bike to Work Day photos and stories on social media using [#btwd2014](https://twitter.com/btwd2014).

BECOME AN SF BICYCLE COALITION MEMBER: The best way to stay energized and engaged in biking all year is by being a member of the SF Bicycle Coalition. Sign up at sfbike.org/join.

Get Rolling at sfbike.org/btwd

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MAY IS BIKE MONTH in SF

Celebrate 31 days of Biking!



SOCIAL RIDES & EVENTS

TEAM BIKE CHALLENGE

THU., MAY 1 - 31 | teambikechallenge.com
Earn points for every mile you ride your bike in May! Sign up as a team or company.

SF CYCLING CLUB COFFEE RIDE

FRI., 5/2, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30 | 6AM | *Rapha Cycle Club*
Take a spin before the weekend on this weekly social ride ending with great coffee at Rapha Cycle. 17-20 miles, some hills, intermediate riders.

SAN FRANCISCO BIKE PARTY*

FRI., MAY 2 | 8-11PM | *Civic Center*
A monthly celebration of biking! SFBP rides fun and safe with stops to dance and socialize.

BIKES TO BOOKS

SAT., MAY 3 | 1-4PM | *Jack London Alley*
A ride that combines San Francisco history, art, literature, cycling and urban exploration.

SURVEY RIDE: NORTH BY NORTHWEST BY BIKE

SAT., MAY 3 | 1:30-4PM | *Velo Rouge Cafe*
Come on this survey ride with long-time member Andy Thornley to hear stories of how neighbors and public agencies worked together to reshape the streets.

CRAFTS + CRAFT BEER

SAT., MAY 3 | 3-5PM | *Mission Bowling Club*
Create unique bike crafts, enjoy local craft brews and meet other crafty, community-minded cyclists.

SPORTS BASEMENT GROUP RIDE*

SUN., 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25 | 8:45 AM | *Sports Basement, Crissy Field*
Weekly no-drop rides for a "beginnermediate" level group bike ride over the GG Bridge into Marin.

PEDALS TO PRODUCE

SUN., MAY 4 | 10AM-2PM | *Glen Park Village Farmer's Market*
Join us on an adventure to several community gardens to explore what's happening with urban agriculture right in your own backyard!

TOUR DE TANDEM

SUN., MAY 4 | 11AM-1PM | *Panhandle*
We'll take an easy-paced ride from the Panhandle to Ocean Beach and back. Pack a lunch and we'll stop along the way. Regular bikes welcome!

10 MISSION SECRETS

SUN., MAY 4 | 1-4PM | *Mission Bicycle Company*
Expose dozens of bizarre, salacious and intriguing secrets — at least 10 of which will be news to you. \$15 for SFBC members, \$20 for non-members

BUTTERFLAP RIDE*

WED., 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28 | 7PM | *Ferry Building*
Weekly bike ride that follows the northern coast and ends at a bar in the Mission.

BREAKERS TO BAY

SAT., MAY 10 | 8AM | *The New Wheel*
Ride across San Francisco with pleasure and speed on a pedal assist e-bike. Electric bicycles from Felt will be supplied based on RSVP.

THIRD ANNUAL DUMPLING TOUR

SAT., MAY 10 | 10:30AM-4PM | *TBA*
Join a friendly ride through some of SF's Western neighborhoods, with stops to eat at dumpling shops along the way.

WOMEN RIDE THE WATERFRONT

SAT., MAY 10 | 10AM-12PM | *Cupid's Span Statue*
Join for this no-drop ladies-only ride along the scenic perimeter of San Francisco from the Embarcadero to the Great Highway.

GALS WITH GEARS

SUN., MAY 11 | 10AM | *Bandshell, Golden Gate Park*
Join the Gals for a bike ride on roads you might use for commuting, shopping or running errands. Gals with Gears is a fun group of women 50+ years young!

SAN FRANCISCO BICYCLE BALLET? MAIS OUI!*

FRI., MAY 16 | 6:45-9:45PM | *Top Secret*
Performance of synchronized bicycle riders to be viewed from above.

BIKE EAST BAY SESSION FEST*

SAT., MAY 17 | 12-4:30PM | *Jack London Square*
Celebrate with Bike East Bay and Drake's Brewing.

CLIMATE RIDE WINE COUNTRY 2014

SAT., MAY 17-MAY 20 | *SF to Sacramento*
An exciting 4-day cycling adventure from SF through wine country: climateride.org.

MIDNIGHT MYSTERY RIDE*

SAT., MAY 17 | Midnight | *Secret location*
It's kind of like a bike flash mob where dozens of total strangers converge at a location.

PARADISE LOOP

SAT., MAY 17 | 8AM-1PM | *Academy of Science*
Marin's classic "Paradise Loop" ride targeted at beginner and intermediate riders.

BIKE TO WORK DAY THURSDAY, MAY 8

Join us for Bike Month, a celebration of San Francisco's huge and diverse bicycling community!

BIKE CAMPING OVERNIGHT TRIP

SAT., MAY 17-MAY 18 | 10:30AM | *Swell Bicycles*
Love camping & biking? A guided overnight adventure to iconic Half Moon Bay State Beach.

CITY SIGHTS ON MOUNTAIN BIKES

SAT., MAY 17 | 12-2:30PM | *Glen Park BART*
Take a tour of the city on the roads less traveled. Consisting of streets and trails. A mountain bike or cyclocross bike is highly recommended.

RIDE OF SILENCE

WED., MAY 21 | 5-7PM | *Sports Basement, Bryant St.*
Riders take to the roads in a silent procession to honor people who have been killed or injured while riding a bicycle on public roadways.

MOUNTAIN BIKE FROM WORK WITH SF URBAN RIDERS & MIKE'S BIKES

THU., MAY 22 | 5:30-7:30PM | *Mike's Bikes, Howard St.*
Commute home with an urban adventure ride up to the dirt trails of Twin Peaks and Mount Sutro.

SURPRISE RIDE WITH SOSF BIKE TOURS!*

FRI., MAY 23 | 4-7PM | *Streets of SF Bike Tours*
Explore the culture, art and history of SF. The route? It's a surprise! We love sharing the hidden authentic San Francisco.

SURVEY RIDE: SAFE ROUTES TO JFK DRIVE

SAT., MAY 24 | 1:30-4PM | *Velo Rouge Cafe*
JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park is a treasured bike space. Join this ride to take a look at bike access into GG Park and help plan solutions.

LET'S PRACTICE RIDING TOGETHER

SUN., MAY 25 | 10:30AM | *Pompeii Circle*
New to biking? Come practice with Juli, alumna of the Adult Learn How to Ride Class. We'll do an easy ride in car-free Golden Gate Park, then a bit in traffic and end with tasty treats in the Richmond!

DASBIKE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

TUE., MAY 27 | 7:30PM | *Cyprian's Center*
Community, food, beer, and bike-related films.

BIKE-IN MOVIE*

THU., MAY 29 | 6:30-10PM | *Rickshaw Bagworks*
Join for a casual snack-filled movie!

CRITICAL MASS*

FRI., MAY 30 | 5:30PM | *Justin Herman Plaza*
Bicycle ride that takes place on the last Friday of each month in cities around the world.

ROCK AND ROLL RIDE

SAT., MAY 31 | 1-3:30PM | *Ferry Building*
Tour San Francisco's history and contribution to Rock music, passing through some of the most famed musical venues and buildings.



See the full calendar and more event details online.
Many events fill up fast, so please RSVP at

sfbike.org/events



GIVE BACK

COMMUNITY BIKE BUILD

SAT., MAY 10 | 10AM-2PM | *Bayview Park*
SF Bicycle Coalition, POWER and the Rotary Club host a fun day in the Bayview donating bikes! Help refurbish bikes for people who will benefit from the affordable transportation. Bike build recipients are chosen by partner organizations.

BIKE-BY SOCK DONATION

FRI., MAY 23 | 7:30AM | *Market by 10th & 9th Streets*
Help St. Anthony's on your commute! Bike a pair of new socks by the Market St. Bike Counter. All socks will be given to homeless and low-income veterans on Memorial Day.

CENTRAL CITY SF BICYCLE COALITION MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING

MON., MAY 26 | 5:30-7PM | *Location TBA*
Discuss the most important projects and strategies in the Tenderloin and SoMa.



CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

TRAFFIC SKILLS 101: IN-CLASS WORKSHOP

SAT., MAY 3 | 10AM-2PM | *SF Day School*
A four-hour course using the curriculum of the League of American Bicyclists. Perfect for anyone wanting to hone their urban biking skills.

BICYCLE BASICS CLINIC*

SAT., MAY 3 | 10-11AM | *Treat St. Bicycle Works*
This helpful clinic will provide some tips and pointers on properly locking a bike, on changing a flat and on helpful emergency procedures.

BASIC BIKE MAINTENANCE CLINIC*

TUE., MAY 6, MAY 20 | 6:30-7:30PM | *Sports Basement, Bryant St.*
Rock-star mechanics will walk you through basic bike repairs and adjustments.

GET READY FOR BIKE TO WORK DAY!*

WED., MAY 7 | 5PM-9PM | *Yellow Bike Project*
Stop by the Open House and have a mechanic prep your bike. You can also decorate your ride and learn more about Yellow Bike! Sliding scale \$0-10/hr.

WTF NIGHT AT BIKE KITCHEN*

FRI., MAY 9, MAY 23 | 6-9PM | *SF Bike Kitchen*
Open to all women, trans*, genderqueer folk and femmes who want to learn how to repair bicycles.



Thank you to our
Bike Month sponsors!

*Events not organized by the SF Bicycle Coalition staff or volunteers are marked with an asterisk. For questions about these events, contact event organizers.

ADULT LEARN TO RIDE

SUN., MAY 10 | 10AM-2PM | *Waller St.*
You're never too old to learn to bicycle! Instructors will work one-on-one to teach the basics of balancing, starting, stopping and steering a bike. RSVP at sfbike.org/edu3.

INTRO TO BIKE CAMPING WORKSHOP*

SAT., MAY 10 | 6:30-9PM | *Swell Bicycles*
Want to go camping...by bike? Where to start, what to pack, where to go and more!

HAPPY HOUR + CHOOSING THE RIGHT BIKE*

MON., MAY 12 | 7-8PM | *Market Street Cycles*
This helpful and fun clinic will help you select the right bicycle for your personal needs.

INTRO TO URBAN BICYCLING WORKSHOP

TUE., MAY 13 | 6-7PM | *Sports Basement, Bryant St.*
This presentation covers the basics of how to pick a bike for everyday riding in SF, the rules of the road and route planning.

INTERMEDIATE BIKE MAINTENANCE CLINIC

WED., MAY 21 | 6:30-7:30PM | *Sports Basement, 610 Old Mason St.*
This clinic will cover topics such as brake, derailleur and headset adjustments, how to keep your drivetrain clean and running smoothly.

FLAT TIRE REPAIR WORKSHOP

WED., MAY 28 | 6:00-7:30PM | *Pedal Revolution*
Step by step instructions on how to repair/replace a punctured inner tube aka "flat tire."



BIKE TALKS

COMMUTE BY BIKE Q&A

THU., MAY 11 | 6-7PM | *SF Bicycle Coalition HQ, 833 Market St., 10th Floor*
Share tips and learn new ways to make your commute more fun and enjoyable — just in time for Bike to Work Day on May 8!

DESIGNING AND PLANNING FOR THE CAR-LESS CITY*

WED., MAY 14 | 12:30-1:30PM | *SPUR*
Learn what a car-less future might look like and what it means for planners and urban designers. \$10

WHICH FAMILY BIKE IS RIGHT FOR ME?

THU., MAY 15 | 12-1PM | *Cupid's Span, Embarcadero*
Want to start riding with your kids? Come try a range of family bikes to see what works for you.

HOW TO WIN YOUR ARGUMENTS ABOUT BIKE LANES

THU., MAY 15 | 6:30-7:30PM | *SF Bicycle Coalition HQ, 833 Market St., 10th Floor*
Aaron Bialick, editor of Streetsblog SF, will discuss the way we talk about bicycling, and why it's as important as making the most convincing points.

CROWDFUNDING BIKE PROJECTS

THU., MAY 22 | 6:30-8PM | *Huckleberry Bicycles*
Join a diverse group of Kickstarter campaign creators for an in-depth look at what it takes to create a bike design that could disrupt an industry.

ANY BIKE BOOK CLUB

THU., MAY 29 | 6:30-8PM | *SF Bicycle Coalition HQ, 833 Market St., 10th Floor*
Simply read any book related to bicycles, urban planning or transportation and bring your feedback to share with the group.



COMMUTER CONVOYS

SF2G FRIDAY FRIENDLY FROLICS

FRI., 5/2, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30 | 6:30AM | *Ritual Coffee*
Commute from the Mission to Mountain View and witness all parts in between. These no-rider-left-behind rides take the Bayway route.

COW HOLLOW + MARINA

FRI., 5/2, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30 | 7:15AM | *Rapha Cycle Club*
Meet up with the SF Cycling Club after their weekly Coffee Ride for some social time at Rapha Cycle Club and a for group bike commute to downtown.

E-BIKE TO WORK DAY

WED., MAY 7 | 8-10AM | *The New Wheel*
Ride across SF with pleasure and speed on a pedal assist e-bike. Electric bicycles from Felt will be supplied based on RSVP.

BIKE BAYVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUTE

FRI., MAY 16 | 7:45-9AM | *Mendell Plaza*
Join your neighbors for a bike commute from the Bayview to either Civic Center or the Embarcadero.

SUPERVISOR MAR + RICHMOND

FRI., MAY 23 | 7:45AM | *Cumacia Coffee Parklet*
Join Supervisor Eric Mar, SF Bicycle Coalition staff and neighbors on a ride to Civic Center and beyond!

SUPERVISOR WIENER + DISTRICT 8

FRI., MAY 30 | 7:45AM | *Jane Warner Plaza*
Join Supervisor Scott Wiener to learn and share ideas on bicycle happenings in your neighborhood.

SUNDAY STREETS

BAYVIEW AND DOGPATCH

SUN., MAY 4

11AM-4PM
Sunday Streets will transform the Bayview and Dogpatch into an open space for people to walk, run, skip, jump, bike and play. The SF Bicycle Coalition will have a Service Station at the event as well offering free air for your tires. Sign up to volunteer or come say hi!

FREEDOM FROM TRAINING WHEELS

11AM-2:30PM
Instructors helping kids learn the joys of balancing, pedaling and biking.

WHICH FAMILY BIKE IS RIGHT FOR ME?

11AM-12PM
Want to start riding with your kids? Come try a range of family bikes to see what works for you and your kids. Children welcome!

FAMILY BIKE PARADE AT SUNDAY STREETS

2-3PM
Celebrate your family's Bike to School success! We'll stop at any bike fun stations along the way and end at AT&T Park. Bring your own picnic!



Sign up for these
great classes and talks at
sfbike.org/events

PEDAL TO A BIKE TO WORK DAY ENERGIZER STATION

Pedal by an Energizer Station for free goodies and high-fives.

Ride with your Supervisor and neighbors in a Commuter Convoy.

BIKE TO WORK DAY

THURSDAY, MAY 8



☀ MORNING STATIONS (7:30-9:30AM, unless otherwise stated)

- Bayview:** Illinois St. at Cesar Chavez St.
- Bernal:** Cesar Chavez St. at Harrison St.
English/Spanish
- Caltrain Station:** 4th St. at Townsend St.
- Civic Center:** City Hall, Polk St. steps
- Downtown:** Market St. at Battery St. co-hosted with Craigslist (7:30AM-2PM)
- Embarcadero:** Ferry Building (6:30-9:30AM)
- Inner Richmond:** Cabrillo St. at Arguello Blvd.
English/Mandarin/Cantonese
- Inner Sunset:** Irving St. at 6th Ave.
- Mid-Market:** Market St. at 12th St.
- Mission:** Valencia St. at 17th St.
- Mission Bay:** 16th St. at 7th St.
- Panhandle:** Fell St. at Masonic Ave.
- Presidio:** Main Post, Halleck St. at Lincoln Blvd. (6:30-9:30AM)
- SF2G (Peninsula Commute):** 24th St. Mission BART Station (6-6:30AM)
- SoMa:** Folsom St. at 7th St.
- Western Addition:** Kaiser Hospital, Geary Blvd. at St. Joseph's Ave.

🚲 COMMUTER CONVOYS (7:45AM, unless otherwise stated)

Join your district's Commuter Convoy to head downtown with fellow riders on Bike to Work Day! You can also depart for the Peninsula (as far as Mountain View) with a convoy — no rider left behind! For locations, see the map or go to sfbike.org/commuterconvoy.

- Bayview:** Mendell Plaza, Palou at 3rd St.
- Castro:** Jane Warner Plaza at 17th St.
- Excelsior:** Naples St. at Geneva Ave.
- Marina:** Rapha Cycle Club, 2198 Filbert St.
- Mission:** 78 29th St. at Tiffany Ave.
- Nob Hill:** 1800 Polk St. at Washington St.
- NOPA:** 2095 Hayes St. at Cole St.
- Portola Heights:** 673 Portola Dr. at Teresita
- Richmond:** Cumacia, 200 Clement St. at 3rd Ave.
- SF2G (Peninsula Commute):** 24th St. Mission BART Station (6:30AM)
- SoMa:** Brainwash Cafe, 1122 Folsom St. at 7th St.
- Sunset:** Swell Bicycles, 4002 Irving Ave. at 41st Ave.

🚲 EVENING STATIONS (5-7PM)

- Caltrain Station:** 4th St. at Townsend St.
- Central Market:** Market St. and 4th St. co-hosted with Levi's
- Chinatown/North Beach:** Washington Square Park **English/Mandarin/Cantonese**
- Duboce Bikeway:** Duboce St. at Market St.
- Embarcadero:** Ferry Building
- Marina:** Marina Green at Scott St.
- Mission East:** Harrison St. at 17th St.
English/Spanish
- Mission West:** Valencia St. at 19th St.
- Panhandle:** Fell St. at Masonic St.
- SoMa:** Howard St. at 8th St.

JOIN US AT CITY HALL!

Bike to Work Day press conference with the Mayor and City leaders from 8:00-9:30AM. Free bike valet supported by Rahman Law PC.

🔧 = 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/btwdd.

BIKE & ROLL to SCHOOL WEEK SAN FRANCISCO APRIL 21-25

Last year, San Francisco hosted the biggest bike to school event in the country! More than 50 schools and 2,500 parents and students participated in biking and rolling to class. This year, we hope it will be even bigger!

Sign Up Your School at:
sfsaferoutetoschool.org



PRACTICE BIKING TOGETHER AT SUNDAY STREETS

Tenderloin: April 13 | Bayview/Dogpatch: May 4 | 10AM-4PM

Want a great place practice biking with your family? Go to Sunday Streets and ride together! The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition teaches little ones to bike at Freedom From Training Wheels, and we'll be out at Sunday Streets showing off our raffle family bike and letting you test it out.

GET READY FOR THE BIG EVENT!

Saturday, April 19 | Marina Middle School | 10AM-4PM

Join us for a Bike & Roll to School Week kick-off party! The fun day will be filled with a children's bike obstacle course, Freedom From Training Wheels, an on-road practice ride at 2PM, information on family bike equipment and tips get your whole family pedaling together. First 300 families receive free bike gear for children. See you there!



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Creating More

What We Do:

As your advocates, we're working to make our streets better, more enjoyable places for you and those you love. From winning protected bikeways on key streets, to advising new and experienced riders about urban biking, to expanding our education courses for professional drivers, we're working to create more civil streets. Here are a few of our key outreach programs and how you can get involved:



A Bicycle Ambassador leading a Bike Polite event in the Wiggle

Winning Protected Bikeways

Protected bikeways reduce chaos on streets and make it safer for everyone. For those of us biking, protected bikeways create much-needed separation from vehicle traffic; for people walking, protected bikeways reduce the distance they have to walk across streets with fast-moving cars; and for people driving, protected bikeways clearly delineate bike and car space. Join the SF Bicycle Coalition in helping us Connect the City with more protected bikeways at sfbike.org/connectingthecity.

Free Bicycle Education Classes

Last year we reached more than 5,000 people in our free bicycle education classes. Thanks to our member support, we're on track to teach even more this year. We lead a series of in-class, on-road and family biking classes to teach people how to bike confidently and legally. Check out our classes at sfbike.org/edu.

Teaching Professional Drivers

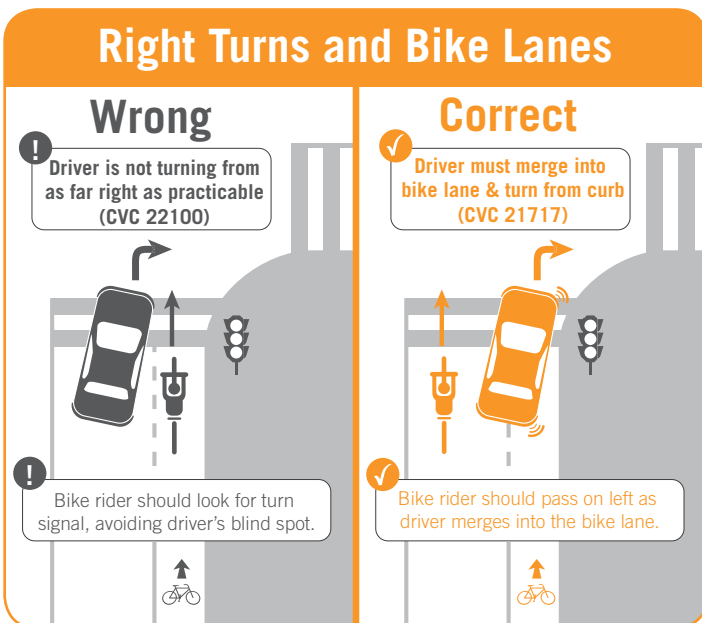
Professional drivers — such as bus, taxi and large truck operators — spend hours on the streets every day and help set the tone on our city streets. We teach all SF taxi drivers, Muni operators and, most recently, Recology drivers how to share the streets with people biking. See sfbike.org/edu for more info.

Streetside Outreach

Thanks to our team of Bicycle Ambassadors, we reach thousands of people every year on the streets. Our Ambassadors lead regular streetside outreach stations where we hand out Rules of the Road, pump up your tires and give out bike lights and high-fives! Ambassadors also help with Bike Polite events where we act as crossing guards for pedestrians. Join our on-street action by becoming a Bicycle Ambassador at sfbike.org/ambassadors.

Digital and Print Communications

We are proud to be one of the leading resources for street safety in the nation. Through our digital communications, we reach hundreds of thousands of people with urban biking tips — like this graphic to the left that went viral when we posted it on Facebook. Follow us at [@sfbike](https://twitter.com/sfbike) or facebook.com/sfbike and stay up-to-date on our urban biking tips!



Our graphic on right-turns went viral when we shared it in social media.

Civil Streets

What You Can Do:

The number of people biking in San Francisco has doubled since 2007 — and that’s a good thing! More people biking reduces crowding on public transit, opens up spaces on the streets and makes for a healthier, more engaged community. But it also means our key bike routes can be a little crowded. Here are a few tips for being a good *velocitizen* and sharing the bike lanes with your fellow riders!

Keep Right and Pass On Your Left

Just like when driving, faster riders should pass others on the left, never on the inside. If you’re on a street with car parking, keep right but make sure you stay out of the door zone.

Signal Your Turns and Stops

Simply pointing where you’re going makes it calmer for everyone. If you’re passing another rider, give a gentle ding of your bell or say “passing on your left.”

Wait Your Turn

When you get to a stop sign or light, stop behind the riders in front of you. Get to know your fellow riders (hey, we know members who have met their bike-loving sweeties this way).

Set a Great Example

If you’re the first person at a light, be sure to stop behind the crosswalk. Chances are others behind you will do the same, and that keeps the crosswalks free and clear for our pedestrian friends.



KNOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD



Pedestrians Have the Right of Way.

In the crosswalk or not, bike riders and drivers should yield to pedestrians. (CVC 21954 (b))



Stop Behind the Crosswalk. Leave crosswalks free and clear for pedestrians. Always stop behind the line. (CVC 21950, 21455)



Stay on the Streets. It’s illegal and unsafe to ride on the sidewalk if you are over the age of 13. (SF Transportation Code Sec. 7.2.12)



Go With the Flow. Ride the same direction as traffic. Walk your bike on the sidewalk if you find yourself on the wrong block of a one-way street. (CVC 21650)



Mind the Signs and Lights. Stop at stop signs and obey red lights, just like all other vehicles. (CVC 21200)



Light up the Night! Reflectors and a front white light are required by law. We recommend you use a rear light as well. (CVC 21201)



Take the Lane. Whether you’re next to parked cars, or there are hazards in the bike lane, you can take the lane and ride outside the door zone. (CVC 21202)



It’s OK to Leave the Bike Lane. If you feel safer outside the bike lane, you can ride in other vehicle travel lanes. (CVC 21208)



Be a Friend to Disabled Neighbors.

Vehicles carrying people with disabilities may need access to the curb and have to enter the bikeway to drop them off. Be a good neighbor and give them room. (SFMTA Policy)



Keep an Ear Clear. Just like drivers, bike riders are required to keep at least one ear free of headphones. (CVC 27400)



CHAIN OF EVENTS



APRIL | MAY* | JUNE

*see centerfold spread for May Bike Month Events

Does the Chain of Events look smaller than usual? That's because we moved the May events to the BIKE MONTH SPREAD! Check out our centerfold for a packed calendar of 31 days of biking!

Events

SUNDAY STREETS | 11AM-4PM
SUN., APRIL 13 | Tenderloin
SUN., MAY 4 | Bayview/Dogpatch
SUN., JUNE 8 | Great Highway
Sunday Streets opens streets to people by closing them to cars and by creating recreational space for everyone. The SF Bicycle Coalition will be teaching our Freedom from Training Wheels workshop, and we'll have a Service Station at the event offering free air for your tires. Stop by and say hi! sundaystreets.com

BIKE TO SCHOOL SAFETY/BIKE TRAIN LEADERS
MON., APRIL 7 | 6PM | SF Bicycle Coalition, 833 Market St., 10th Floor
Before you participate in Bike to School Week April 21-25, learn more about safe biking with children on city streets, brush up on rules of the road and share tips with other Bike to School parents and volunteers.

BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK KICK-OFF
SAT., APRIL 19 | 10AM-4PM | Marina Middle School, 3500 Fillmore St.
Assembly-member Phil Ting, the SF Bicycle Coalition, SF Safe Routes to School and the Presidio YMCA YBIKE program will host a family bicycle safety fair. The Bike To School Week Kick-Off will feature a bike obstacle course, information booths on bike safety, opportunities to make San Francisco more bike friendly and an on-road bike train. The first 300 families receive free bike safety equipment for children. You are encouraged to bring your bikes for the obstacle course and for free, basic bike tune-ups.

FINAL BAY TRAIL COMMUNITY MEETING *
THU., APR. 24 | 6-7:30PM | Moscone Recreation Center, 1800 Chestnut St.
This is the final community meeting to discuss the Bay Trail along Marina Boulevard from Scott to Baker. The City will be proposing the final conceptual plans based on community input. Come and speak up for a car-free path at the marina to keep our 500-mile Bay Trail open to the public, creating access to our beautiful waterfront. Contact janice@sfbike.org with any questions.

BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK
APRIL 21-25 | Citywide
Bike to School will be celebrated across the full week of April 21-25! Over 2,500 youth and adults on more than 40 different pre-K through high school campuses will participate in the joys and many benefits of biking to school. The week is sponsored by the San Francisco Safe Routes to School Partnership and organized by the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition. More at sfsaferoutes.org.

NEW MEMBER MEET & GREET
WED., APRIL 23 | 6-7:30PM | SF Bicycle Coalition, 833 Market St., 10th Floor
If you've been a member for less than a year, we warmly invite you to come to our New Member Meet & Greet! You can chat with fellow members, check out the SF Bicycle Coalition Headquarters, learn more about your friendly SF bike advocacy organization and find out about the many different ways you can get involved. Don't forget to bring up your bike! RSVP at sfbike.org/rsvpmember.

BIKE TO THEATER NIGHTS
WED., APRIL 23, JUNE 4 | A.C.T., 415 Geary St. at Mason St.
On April 23, enjoy The Suit, a simple yet surprising tale set in Apartheid-era Johannesburg. This haunting production integrates virtuosic musicians directly into the action. June 4 is the opening night of The Orphan of Zhao, a beautiful reinvention of a classic Chinese legend. Complimentary valet bicycle parking provided by the SF Bicycle Coalition. Get tickets at act-sf.org.

BIKE TO WORK DAY 2014!

THU., MAY 8 | ALL DAY | Citywide
San Francisco loves biking, and one of the most fun and rewarding days to bike is the annual 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. See Bike to Work Day and Bike Month insert. More at sfbike.org/btwd.

SF BICYCLE COALITION BOARD MEETING
TUE., MAY 27 | 6:30-8:30PM | SF Bicycle Coalition, 833 Market St., 10th fl.
This meeting will include both the SF Bicycle Coalition Education Fund Board at 6:30PM and will be followed by the SF Bicycle Coalition Board. Both meetings are open to all. For agenda and details, visit sfbike.org/board.

SF BICYCLE COALITION MEMBER MINGLE: TENDERLOIN
TUE., JUNE 3 | 6-7PM | SF Yellow Bike, 530 Ellis St.
Join the SF Bicycle Coalition for a member mingle to chat with some of your friendly staff and network with your fellow members! We'll share up-to-date information about our campaigns and member programs, and we want to hear what's on your mind. Do you have a friend, relative, or co-worker who's interested in becoming a member? Bring them with you and we'll get their membership rolling! RSVP at sfbike.org/rsvpmingle.

LGBTQ MINGLE + PARADE DECORATION
TUE., JUNE 24 | 5:30-7:30PM | SF Bicycle Coalition, 833 Market St., 10th floor
Celebrate bicycling and share your Byke Pride with the SF Bicycle Coalition's LGBTQ community! Enjoy a fun happy hour with SF Bicycle Coalition staff, board, members and bike-curious allies. The LGBTQ Meet & Mingle is a great opportunity to introduce your friends and family to SF Bicycle Coalition. RSVP at sfbike.org/pride.

SAN FRANCISCO PRIDE PARADE
SUN., JUNE 29 | Time & Location TBD
Get your Byke Pride on with the SF Bicycle Coalition contingent in the 44th annual San Francisco Pride Parade! This is a fun and fabulous way to experience the parade firsthand—there is nothing quite like the thrill and exhilaration of riding down the center of Market Street 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.

Classes

The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition is proud to be the leading resource for bicycle safety and education. All courses are free. We often add new courses throughout the year, so please visit sfbike.org/edu for more information and updated course calendar.

INTRO TO URBAN BICYCLING WORKSHOP
SAT., APRIL 12 | 12:30PM-1:30PM | George Washington Carver Elementary, 1360 Oakdale Ave.
TUE., MAY 13 | 6-7PM | Sports Basement, 1590 Bryant St.
Has it been a long time since you've been on a bike or are you new to riding in the city? Come learn the basics of bicycling at our Intro to Urban Bicycling Workshop. The course is a one-hour presentation covering the most basics of how to pick the right bike for everyday riding in SF, the rules of the

road and route planning. This course is a great introduction for anyone considering bicycling or looking to brush up on skills. This class is funded in part by the SFMTA and SFCTA. Free registration required at sfbike.org/edu-intro.

BIKE TO WORK DAY - INTRO TO URBAN BICYCLING WORKSHOP
WED., APRIL 9 | 7-8 PM | Parkside Branch Library, 1200 Taraval St.
THU., APRIL 24 | 6-7PM | SF Bicycle Coalition, 833 Market St., 10th Floor
Learn the basics of bike commuting in an urban city and get rolling in time for Bike to Work Day on May 8th! In this one-hour workshop, we'll show you the basics of how to pick the right bike for everyday riding in San Francisco, the rules of the road and how to plan the best route. Then, we'll help you plan your route — whether you're riding across town or across the bay. Free registration at sfbike.org/edu-intro.

TRAFFIC SKILLS 101-1: IN-CLASS WORKSHOP
SAT., APRIL 12 | 10AM-2PM | Salvation Army Kroc Community Center, 240 Turk St.
SAT., MAY 3 | 10AM-2PM | SF Day School, 350 Masonic Ave.
SUN., JUNE 1 | 10AM-2PM | Taraval Police Station, 2345 24th Ave.
The Traffic Skills 101-1 course is a four-hour presentation using the curriculum of the League of American Bicyclists and includes great detail. This course is required to take our On-Road course, where instructors take you out on a group ride in traffic. This is the perfect course for anyone already riding to hone their skills, or for people interested — but intimidated — by urban traffic. Free registration required at sfbike.org/edu1.

TRAFFIC SKILLS 101-2: ON-ROAD WORKSHOP
SUN., APRIL 27, SAT., JUNE 14 | 10AM-4PM | Park Police Station, 1899 Waller St.
Practice what you learned in the Traffic Skills 101-1. This on-bicycle class follows a comfortable progression onto city streets, beginning with a short review of the lessons from the 101-1 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 will apply the safe riding techniques practiced in the car-free space in real-life situations. Adults and anyone over 14 years of age are welcome; bicycle, helmet and pre-registration required. Please bring your lunch. Free registration required at sfbike.org/edu2.

ADULT LEARN TO RIDE

SUN., APRIL 13, MAY 10, JUNE 8 | 10AM-2PM | Waller Street Bicycle Learning Area (Waller St. at Stanyan) You're never too old to learn to 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 bike while taking the class, but even if they don't, they will leave with tips to continue teaching themselves to ride. Free registration required at sfbike.org/edu3.

FAMILY BIKING: FREEDOM FROM TRAINING WHEELS AT SUNDAY STREETS

SUN., APRIL 13 | Tenderloin
SUN., MAY 4 | Bayview/Dogpatch
SUN., JUNE 8 | Great Highway & Golden Gate Park | 11AM-2:30PM | As part of our family biking education, we can teach your young one how to balance, turn, and pedal without training wheels. Freedom from Training Wheels, a group effort to get kids riding without training wheels will be a part of this and every Sunday Streets. Bring your child's bike and helmet if you have one. If not, we have a few balance bikes for kids aged 2-5. Find out more at sfbike.org/freedom.

LGBTQ INTRO TO URBAN BICYCLING WORKSHOP

TUE., JUN. 17 | 7-8PM | Magnet, 4122 18th St. In celebration of Pride Month, the SF Bicycle Coalition is holding a class for the LGBTQ community. The one-hour presentation covers the basics of how to pick the right bike for everyday riding in SF, the rules of the road, proper locking techniques and tips for route planning. This course is a great introduction for anyone considering bicycling or looking to brush up on skills. We warmly invite all members and friends of the LGBTQ community to participate in this class which will be led by an LGBTQ instructor. This class is funded in part by the SFMTA and SFCTA. Free registration at sfbike.org/edu-intro.

Rides

GALS WITH GEARS: PRESIDIO LOOP

SUN., APRIL 6 | 10AM | Presidio Join the Gals for a scenic ride through the Presidio and across the Golden Gate Bridge. Gals with Gears is a fun group of women 50+ years young. We'll show you a route, provide tips for riding in the city. We are not fast riders and will not leave anyone behind. RSVP required at sfbike.org/gals.

BIKE BAYVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUTE

FRI., APRIL 18 | 7:45AM (DEPART 8AM) | Mendell Plaza, Palou at 3rd St. Join your neighbors for a third Friday bike commute from the Bayview. Meet new people and make your commute a little more fun! All skill levels welcome. Split off at 16th St. to either head toward Civic Center via 7th St. or toward the Embarcadero via AT&T Park. More at facebook.com/bikebayview.

CYCLE 4 SIGHT*

SAT., APRIL 26 | Starting at 9AM | *Justin Siena High School, Napa, CA* Choose from three scenic 50, 25, and 15-mile courses that wind among the hills and vineyards of the World Famous Napa Valley. Proceeds will go to two local organizations, Enchanted Hills Camp For The Blind & Visually Impaired and The California Veterans "Pathway Home Project." More at cycle4sight.com.

ORANGE BICYCLE TOUR - DUTCH KING'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

SAT., APRIL 26 | 10AM-12PM | Golden Gate Park Celebrate the great Dutch King's Day (in honor of the King's birthday) by wearing orange and joining this free group bike ride. The ride will end at the Murphy Windmill for the start of the day-long celebrations for the century's first Dutch King's Day (11:30AM-5PM). Sponsored by the Consulate General of the Netherlands and supported by the SF Bicycle Coalition. RSVP at sfbike.org/rec_rides.

LET'S PRACTICE RIDING TOGETHER!

SUN., APRIL 27, MAY 25, JUNE 8 | 10AM | Pompeii Circle (end of drive-way off JFK by the Conservatory of Flowers) New to biking? Need help to get ready for Traffic Skills-101? Come practice with Juli, alumna of the SF Bicycle Coalition Adult Learn How to Ride Class, and/or Catherine, a dedicated Coalition member. We'll do an easy ride in Golden Gate Park's car-free space, then ride a bit in traffic and end with tasty treats in the Richmond District! There will be no hills, and experienced cyclists will be around to accompany the ride. Feel free to leave early if you're not ready for street traffic. RSVP Required sfbike.org/rec_rides.

GALS WITH GEARS: CRISSY FIELD TO SAUSALITO

SUN., JUNE 11 | 10AM | Warming Hut Join the Gals for a scenic ride from Crissy Field up and over the Golden Gate Bridge and down to Sausalito. Gals with Gears is a fun group of women 50+ years young. We'll show you a route, provide tips for riding in the city. We are not fast riders and will not leave anyone behind. RSVP required at sfbike.org/gals.

Volunteer

MONTHLY VOLUNTEER NIGHTS

WED., 4/9, 5/14, 6/11 | 5-8PM | SF Bicycle Coalition, 833 Market St., 10th Floor 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. Dinner is provided. Bring a friend — the more the merrier! Don't forget to bring your bike to the office! No RSVP necessary to volunteer. Special thanks to Rainbow Grocery for generously providing snacks for our volunteers.

PHONE BANK

TUE., 4/1, 5/6, 5/20, 6/17
WED., 4/16, 6/4, 1 5-8PM | SF Bicycle Coalition, 833 Market St., 10th Floor 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 dinner afterward and get to know your fellow volunteers. Sign up at sfbike.org/phonebank_volunteer.

BIKE TO WORK DAY VOLUNTEER TRAININGS

TUES., APRIL 15 & WED., APRIL 23 | 6-8PM | SF Bicycle Coalition, 833 Market St., 10th Floor
SAT., MAY 3 | 11AM-1PM | Sports Basement, 1590 Bryant St. Volunteers are the heart and soul and muscle and sinew of Bike to Work Day, and we want YOU to come volunteer with us this year! Come to one of our Bicycle Ambassador trainings to get up to date on what's going on with the SF Bicycle Coalition, and learn how to sign up new members. This training will also prepare you to volunteer at races, festivals, Service Stations and other events. RSVP required at sfbike.org/volunteer.

BIKE TO WORK DAY BAG STUFFING PARTY

WED., APRIL 30 | 4:30-8:30PM | Sports Basement, 1590 Bryant St., in the Garage 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. Please note: this event is not at the SF Bicycle Coalition office. Dress warm—we will be in a garage. RSVP required at sfbike.org/volunteer.

SERVICE STATIONS

TWICE MONTHLY | Citywide Twice a month, your SF Bicycle Coalition pops up in different neighborhoods with our friendly, volunteer-staffed Service Station, offering hi-fives and free coffee or other goodies to folks riding by. If you'd like to volunteer to brighten the rides of your fellow commuters, view our upcoming Service Stations and sign up at sfbike.org/ambassadors. Contact margaret@sfbike.org with any questions!

VALET BIKE PARKING ONGOING | Citywide


Justifiably famous in SF, the SF Bicycle Coalition's Valet Bike Parking is like a coat check for bikes. Give the precious gift of a worry-free fun time to a fellow bicyclist, all while in the company of other SF Bicycle Coalition volunteers. You will be trained on site by our friendly and experienced Valet Supervisors; no previous experience required. View upcoming opportunities and sign up at sfbike.org/valet_volunteer.

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*Must arrive by bike to receive discount. See sfbike.org/discounts for details.

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