

GEAR'D UP!



SABA'S EVENTS CALENDAR

The SABA calendar is the place to go to get the latest info on what's going on as we work to make bicycling safer in the Sacramento area. We are putting events on the calendar where you'll find SABA (think May is Bike Month activities) and we're always looking for volunteers, so go to this calendar for one-stop bike-related shopping. Check it out [here](#).



Take ACTION for a healthier future!

Excerpted from a letter from retired City Councilmember Steve Cohn:

We all love the Sacramento area but getting around isn't as smooth and easy as it used to be. Imagine a future Sacramento with a seamless transportation network offering a wide range of accessible, affordable, and efficient transportation choices coupled with better air quality, safer neighborhoods, and a stronger economy.

Now let's do more than imagine. On February 26, 2020, the Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) Board, composed of elected officials from the City and County of Sacramento and the other cities in our county, will hold a meeting to consider placing a landmark 40-year measure on the November ballot for an additional half-cent sales tax to generate needed revenue to support and improve our transportation infrastructure (Measure A). This February 26, 2020 meeting is the last chance we have to influence the funding priorities in Measure A. Please join us and the SMART/SacMoves grass-roots community coalition we are members of and urge our elected officials to follow these fundamental guiding principles:

Fix it First. *We should repair and improve the county's transportation infrastructure to work better for existing communities and encourage development in existing neighborhoods before spreading precious tax dollars to pay for costly expansion into new, undeveloped areas.*

Improve Rail and Transit. *We should invest to make rides faster, safer, cleaner, more frequent, more reliable, and more affordable. People should have the choice of getting to work, to the store, to the doctor, to the airport, and everywhere else without driving their cars.*

Make Neighborhoods Safer and Better Connected for Walking and Biking. *We should ensure that kids have safer routes to schools and everyone has safer places to walk and cycle.*



Improve Air Quality and Address Climate Change. We should gear the transportation network towards a more sustainable future by aligning our transportation options better with state air quality and climate change laws.

Build Equity and Access. We should make affordable, safe, and quality transportation available to youth, seniors, low income residents, and the disabled throughout the county for access to jobs, housing, education, training, and health care.

Create Economic Opportunity. We should leverage local transportation dollars to compete for state and federal funds and attract greater private investment and better job opportunities.

Relieve Traffic Congestion. We should transition to a coordinated system with multiple transportation options that operates more efficiently and cost-effectively to remove bottlenecks and move more people with fewer cars.

Advance Performance, Technology and Innovation. We should apply best practices and advanced technology solutions that give us a performance-driven transportation system.

Guarantee Accountability, Transparency and Public Participation. We should create a Public Accountability Commission to ensure that local officials engage the community in a more open, transparent, and flexible process, and spend our tax dollars wisely.

Please click on the link below to tell your representatives to support the SMART/SacMoves plan. Fix our existing streets! Fund our Public Transit! Make biking and walking safe for all! We need Safe Routes Everywhere for Everyone!

Sign the letter to STA here:

<https://addup.sierraclub.org/campaigns/fund-our-public-transit-fix-our-streets-make-biking-and-walking-safer-for-all>

If you're on board, please share this message with five of your Sacramento neighbors.

If you'd like to get more involved as this issue continues to gain traction, please join this Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1012985222384978/>

This page has information on our policy framework, op-eds, gatherings, and why we think it is important to get involved!

Underground Parking Project at the Capitol would Remove Historic Trees

A state project is moving forward with improvements around the State Capitol and Annex buildings that would heavily impact the State Capitol Arboretum, including the demise of 100 trees and two cedars that are as old as California.

The famous Moon tree, (which traveled to the Moon and back as a seedling on Apollo 14) would be among the trees destroyed. Two hundred underground parking spaces will be created, which goes against all of the State's work for cleaner air by lowering vehicle miles traveled. Why not bike to the Capitol? Or take transit? Do we really need 200 additional parking spaces around the Capitol, when we're trying to get people to use other modes of transportation?

Read more about this and let your voice be heard here: <https://us7.campaign-archive.com/?e=16aa103442&u=3d4cd809acc195bc03d02e1db&id=16b8025934>



One Step Closer! Two Rivers Trail Passes Environmental Impact Review

The Two Rivers Trail was brought forward to the [Sacramento City Council](#) on Tuesday, Feb. 4 to certify the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and approve preliminary design plans for segments 3-6 of the Two Rivers Trail Project. Opinions were heard both for and against, but the City Council passed the EIR unanimously.



Thanks to everyone who sent a letter or came and spoke on behalf of this section of trail. We helped make a difference for the larger trail network in the Sacramento Region. Thank you!



FREE BIKE VALET

...is available at 555 Capitol Mall during all DoCo events. Do your part to save the air, and skip the hassle of parking while keeping your bike safe. We can even provide some basic mechanic work while you are attending the event. What's not to like?



Like what we're doing?
Please consider becoming a SABA [monthly donor](#). Whether you commute by bike or just ride for the sheer fun of it, your gift will support our efforts to make the Sacramento region a safer place for **everyone** to ride!

Read more about everything we're doing on [our website](#).

