



## SACRAMENTO AREA BICYCLE ADVOCATES

Dear Friends of SABA,

Like many organizations and businesses around the world, SABA's plans for the year have been abruptly changed as we all focus on what's most important – protecting the health and well-being of our families and communities.

SABA's bike valet events have been cancelled for at least the next three months, which unfortunately means cut hours for our part-time staff and lost revenue for SABA's programs. But, as you know, the need for safe streets for all users never ceases. While events have been shuttered, our staff are pivoting towards organizing upcoming virtual membership events and continuing to advocate for safe streets and bicycle networks in the proposed Sacramento County sales tax measure, slated for November's ballot.



Here at SABA, we're also observing the silver linings that COVID-19 social distancing has illuminated, such as the improved air quality that the Sacramento area is experiencing from people driving less, and the comfort of quieter streets, which makes bike riding a great option for getting exercise while practicing social distancing.

Now that roads are free from the regular flow of vehicle traffic, many people are getting out to ride, some experiencing the joys of bicycling for the first time in a long time. Not only is bicycling essential transportation, it promotes good health -- especially during these difficult times -- which means a healthier Sacramento community.

Bicycle advocacy remains as important today as it was before social distancing, and SABA's continued efforts are needed during this crisis to ensure that cyclists have safe and equitable infrastructure on Sacramento area streets and roads. We are actively pursuing funding opportunities to keep SABA rolling through this crisis, but we're also relying on members and friends like you to continue supporting SABA.

If you're not already a SABA member, we invite you to become one today by setting up a recurring **monthly or annual donation**.

If you're already making a recurring donation to SABA, please consider increasing your **monthly or annual donation**.

Or simply make a *one-time donation.*

Thank you! Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and will support us through these difficult times.

My best to you,



Deb Banks,  
Executive Director

