

GEAR'D UP!



Slow Sac's Streets

Have you noticed that on any given quarantine day, you can find dozens of families, kids, dog-walkers, cyclists, and others out on the sidewalks, bike paths, and other open places? The American River Bike trail has never been busier than it is now with people getting a break from their homes and breathing in some fresh air.

Our sidewalks are overflowing with pedestrians pouring into the roadway, trying to find six feet of social distance on a four foot sidewalk – increasing the risk of infection.

It's time for Sacramento to join other US cities in expanding street access for pedestrians and cyclists during the quarantine. In Oakland, Mayor Libby Schaaf launched the "Oakland Slow Streets" initiative, with 74 miles of Oakland streets planned for pedestrians and cyclists to move safely and freely during the quarantine. Minneapolis and Boston have announced similar closures. Read more about it [here](#).

What you can do: check out this petition. Read the information enclosed and if you agree, sign on to tell our elected leaders that we want to [Slow Sacramento's Streets](#). Now's as good a time as ever to make some changes. Let's make it happen!

BikeMatch

In a number of cities nationwide, a program to match essential workers in need of a bicycle as their best (and in many cases, only) form of transportation grew out of two simple sentences: "I need a bike" and "I have a bike to donate." SABA is pleased to announce that we are gearing up to run a version of this for Sacramento County. Stay tuned for our launch next week!

In the meantime, powerhouse bicycle company Specialized (headquarters in Walnut Creek), has begun a program to match bikes to essential workers. Read more about that program [here](#). Also, scroll to the bottom of the Specialized page for some bike related coloring pages for you and your kiddos. Bonus!



Big Day of Giving is May 7

The biggest day of the year for donating to SABA is approaching fast. The Big Day of Giving is on May 7th, and scheduled giving begins April 20th. This year's Big Day of Giving is a chance to demonstrate the resilience and generosity in the Capitol region, and it's social distancing-friendly because it's entirely on-line!

The View Behind Your Handlebars

Tell us more about Complete Streets!

That was the resounding "ask" from the last View Behind Your Handlebars poll. We'll be putting together a zoom meet-up to do a deep dive on Complete Streets in the next week or so, and will be sending an Eventbrite sign-up for those of you who wish to attend.

What do you think about Slowing Sac's Streets? Give us your view!



Should the City "slow" streets so that people can use them during the quarantine?

Yes, close them all!

Select

Yes, but keep streets open for emergency vehicles & essential services.

Select

Meh! it doesn't matter too much to me.

Select

No, everything is fine the way it is now.

Select



Like what we're doing?
Please become 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](#).

