

GEAR'D UP!



I-80 Freeway widening and the Yolo Causeway

Things are heating up on the I-80 freeway widening project. Last week, [Cool Davis](#) held a Freeway Teach-in with Professor Susan Handy of the ITS at UC Davis, Nailah Pope-Harden, the ED of Climate Plan, Autumn Bernstein, the ED of the Yolo Transportation District and Don Mooney, a lawyer were on a panel discussing the project and implications for the region. The "teach-in" centered on understanding the concept of induced demand, and what strategies are to be deployed on I-80 and the Yolo Causeway. A recent op-ed in the Sac Bee outlines the project and the climate issues. Find it [here](#). Be aware that highway expansion is a statewide issue that extends across [transportation agencies](#).

Why does SABA care about this as a bicycle advocacy organization?

We care about climate change and we care about our roads. While cyclists are not on the freeway, they are on the Causeway bike path which links Sacramento and West Sac to Davis. Commuters and recreational cyclists cross the Causeway by bike 365 days a year, and that stretch of bike lane is one of the worst in the state for riders' health, noise pollution and poor maintenance. When huge sums of money are going to widen the freeway for higher vehicle volume, then we have a stake in what is on tap for cyclists. And at first glance – nothing. Mitigation strategies are added to projects such as these, which are strategies to offset the increase in VMT (vehicle miles traveled). Improving bike and pedestrian infrastructure is often included in the list of mitigation, but in this case, there's no mention of any improvements to the Causeway bike path, or any bike/ped infrastructure on either side of the Causeway. See this draft of the [mitigation strategies](#).

What can you do?

1. Take 5 minutes to [learn about this issue](#) – it affects all of us.
2. Take this [survey](#), if you haven't.
3. Bring it up in conversation – tell your neighbors and friends.
4. Stay engaged. For more info and updates, reach out to [Alan Hirsch](#).

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Best and Worst Bicycle infrastructure of the Sacramento Region

Taking a page from [Streetsblog](#), a fantastic e-newspaper about bike/ped/road infrastructure nationwide with a special sub-section on California, we are going to ask you to give your input on the Best and Worst bicycle infrastructure. We're not going to provide you with criteria, instead, we'd like to hear from you what criteria you used to

make your choices.

Take a minute to complete this survey. We'll tally the results in January and let you know what we've found out. This will help us push for better infrastructure across the region.

[Take the quick survey!](#)

SABA Festivus

Winter Wheelers is going strong through December 25th! Join us from December 26th through January 1st for SABA Festivus with additional prize drawings from REI Co-Op.

For entry, log at least three rides on bikesacregion365.net or through the Love to Ride app during the final week of the year.

[Join in the fun!](#)



The graphic features a central banner with the text "SABA FESTIVUS prize drawing!". Above the banner is a "BikeSacRegion365" logo with a bicycle icon. Below the banner, it says "Log at least three rides between December 26th and January 1st to be entered to win one of these prizes from REI Co Op!". The prizes shown are a grey duffel bag, a black duffel bag, and a green duffel bag. At the bottom, there are logos for a bicycle, REI Co-Op, and another bicycle. The entire graphic is decorated with snowflakes, stars, and leaves.

Bike Valet at Golden 1



Our valets will be at Golden 1 Center for all concerts and games to provide secure bike parking. To make the process easier for everyone, we encourage you to scan our QR codes while in line to sign in. Don't want to wait in line at all? We offer VIP services to all sustaining members at the electric bike tier. Consider becoming a member of SABA or upgrading your membership to ditch the lines at all bike valet events.

Go to our events [calendar](#) for more info.



We're hiring! If you have passion and interest to make the world a better place through bicycles, then we want to [hear from you!](#)

[Bike Valet](#)

[Bike Mechanics](#)

We have [business memberships](#) available and at the higher levels of membership, we'll provide a



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Become a MEMBER



Help SABA make the Sacramento area a safe, fun and convenient place to bike!



workshop for you and your company.

Could be a repair clinic, or a social ride, or maybe we can help you with Bike Friendly Business certification from the League of American Bicyclists.

We can tailor something to fit your needs and we'd love to help your organization become more bicycle friendly.



Gear'd Up is proudly presented by [REI](#), [Washington Commons](#), [Centene](#), Metro Air Park and [Capitol Yards](#).

Find out how your organization or business can help make Sacramento the best place to ride a bike. [Join us!](#)

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Support SABA today and become an advocate for safe streets. We're working for commuters, recreation riders, students and seniors. We're working for you.

Become a [SABA supporter](#) and help support programs like Project Activation Meadowview, our social rides, our Upcycle program, bicycle classes, or our Ride, Ready, Repair work. Whether you commute by bike or ride for fun, your support will underwrite our efforts to make the Sacramento region a safer place for **everyone** to ride!



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