

# GEAR'D UP!



## Best & Worst Bicycle Infrastructure in the Sac Region

We asked and you told us!

Hands down the winner is the American River Bike Trail. Why? It's comfortable, easy to use and away from all vehicles! One respondent wrote, "Riding through nature isn't just safer and quieter, it's restorative to the soul." We couldn't agree more.

We didn't reach consensus on the worst infrastructure voted by respondents, but accessing colleges rose to the top. A couple of people pointed to the connection between 62nd & Elvas, and the vaunted "Hornet Crossing" to CSUS. There are high speed motorists in both directions, crossing Elvas is required, one or more of illegal (e.g. riding wrong-way, illegal u-turn) or dangerous (extended riding in middle/suicide lane) maneuvers are required to reach Hornet Crossing.

The other is 24th Street south of Sac City College, the southern access to the college and a light rail stop. There are no bike lanes and where there are sidewalks, they are obstructed by utility poles. Cyclists ride in four wide, straight lanes that encourage people to put the pedal to the metal.

Given that both of these examples are for young people who are in college, we clearly have some work to do. Cyclists shouldn't have to feel like their life is in jeopardy while trying to get to the places important in their lives.

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## You are invited to a Mayoral Candidate Forum on Climate Justice

Moderated by League of Women Voters Sac County

The mayoral candidates who are confirmed are:

- Dr. Flojaune Cofer
- Assemblymember Kevin McCarty
- Dr. Richard Pan



Join the Climate Committee of the League of Women Voters of Sacramento County and a dozen local Sacramento climate action and social justice organizations as we ask candidates for Sacramento mayor how they would chart a livable climate future for our city. Candidates will answer questions about climate justice and how it intersects with transit, housing, public health and more.

The forum will be held on **Monday, January 22nd, from 7:00–8:30 pm** and will be held on ZOOM, with FREE registration via Eventbrite. Use this [link to RSVP](#) for the

Mayoral Candidate Forum on Climate Justice.

The Forum will be moderated by the League of Women Voters and there will be Spanish translation. The questions will be selected in advance and will pertain to climate change and other environmental and social justice issues.

If you would like to submit questions for consideration, please use these links:

**Links to submit questions:** <http://tinyurl.com/sac-climate-mayor-forum> or <https://forms.gle/75NwBcy8hGHhAN6L9>

*Please note that the deadline to submit questions is this Friday, January 12th.*

The event is being sponsored by a coalition of Sacramento groups including: 350 Sacramento, California Climate Voters, Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS), Fridays for Future Sacramento, Indivisible Sacramento, League of Women Voters Climate Committee, SacMoves Coalition, **Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates (SABA)**, Sacramento Climate Coalition, Sacramento Environmental Justice Coalition. Sacramento Metro Advocates for Rail and Transit (SMART), Strong SacTown, and Third Act Sacramento.

We hope to see you there!



## **SABA is cooking up goodness in Oak Park!**

We have exciting news to share: Assemblymember Kevin McCarty has secured \$300,000 in the 2023–2024 state budget for us for e-bike lending libraries in two locations. One of those is in partnership with the Alchemist CDC, and we'll be located in the Oak Park Art Garden (OPAG).

We'll be working to create a space that includes a tool lending library as well as our e-bike lending library, both of which will be a great service to the local community. We envision the future Art Garden to have both libraries open each week, plus we'll provide free bike repair, bike maintenance sessions and other community events. We are grateful for the partnership and support and can't wait to see this idea become a bustling space in Oak Park.

## **Winter Wheelers Recap**

Thank you everyone who participated in the Winter Wheelers campaign during December.

**7,188 trips** were logged.

**103,829 miles** were ridden.

Not quite **10%** of those rides were for





transportation.  
We saved over **75,000** lbs of CO<sub>2</sub>, which is the equivalent of planting **136** trees and taking two cars off the road for a year.

### Congratulations to our Festivus winners!

During our 7-day challenge from Christmas to the New Year, 1,716 trips were logged. 32,000 miles were ridden and over 1,000 lbs of CO<sub>2</sub> was saved. In that one week alone, our efforts benefited the region as much as planting 19 trees would have done. Woohoo!



### January Social Ride

The January social ride is scheduled for the 21st. This month's ride starts at Bueno Cafe. We will explore parts of Discovery Park and the American River Bike Trail. This ride will be just under 10 miles and finish at Paco's Sacramento. Questions? Ping [Pierson](#).



### Social Ride Details

**When:** January 21  
**Location:** Bueno Cafe, 400 T Street  
**Meeting Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Rolling Time:** 10:00 a.m.



### 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



SACRAMENTO AREA  
BICYCLE ADVOCATES

Become a  
**MEMBER**



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



We have business memberships available and at the higher levels of membership, we'll provide a 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.



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

Become a SABA  
Supporter

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!

*Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates is a 501c3  
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