# GEAR'D UP!







## Sacramento budget is finalized, but no new dollars to stem the tide of roadway victims

When the Sacramento county coroner thinks we have a crisis on our hands, it is time to take notice. The Sacramento county coroner has begun to collect data tracking fentanyl deaths and motor vehicle deaths.

This year alone, 87 people have died due to fentanyl and 67 deaths due to vehicular violence have been reported. Of those, 33%

were pedestrians, just under 9% were motorcyclists and another 7.4% were cyclists. Just about the rest were due to those behind the wheel or as a passenger in the vehicle. Make no mistake, this is a public health crisis. It's no wonder Sacramento is ranked as the 20th most dangerous city in the nation for vehicular violence.

Our streets are designed to primarily move cars quickly at the expense of keeping everyone safe. In addition, not everyone is equally at risk. Black and Native Americans, older adults and people working in low-income communities die at higher rates and face higher risk compared to all Sacramentans. This public health emergency will only get worse unless we work to prioritize and fund redesigning our streets. Our families and community members should be safe to travel around town, and it's the job of our elected leaders to ensure that safety for everyone.

We can work to change this. We can redesign streets to slow people from speeding or driving uncontrollably. In fact, we do this already. The roads we use to get around town are altered every day, changing driver behavior. Just look at detours for road maintenance, or the work being done on Highway 50.

A citywide <u>quick-build program</u> would provide the opportunity to alter the current street design to something friendlier for all users of the road: pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, and those who use other mobility devices. The goal is safe streets for everyone; all users of the road. If we change the design of the streets, we can change behavior.

While City council was finalizing the next budget, three more people lost their lives to vehicular violence – in a space of 24 hours – raising the total in 2024 alone to 70. These are preventable!

<u>Vision Zero</u>? Not so much. Our streets are a "deadly public health crisis." Here's what you can do:

- 1. Sign the petition authored by our friends at Civic Thread
- 2. Tell your friends to sign the petition too.

Questions? Send them to **Deb** 



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and repaired 149 bikes in 7 days supporting the AIDS/LifeCycle® 545 MILES. 7 DAYS. 1 MISSION.

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437 NEW riders

May is Bike Month was a resounding success! Thanks to everyone who came out to ride!



**Upcoming Events around town** 





SABA Bike Valet provides convenient, secure, no-cost bike parking at Golden 1 Center events. Find us near Urban Outfitters. To reduce wait times, scan the QR code and digitally sign in while you stand in our queue. Check our events calendar for Valet-supported events.

### **BIKE VALET: CONCERTS IN THE PARK**

Concerts in the Park are back (see schedule) and SABA's got you covered with FREE Bike Valet parking. No more stressing over where to lock your bike, or if it'll still be there when you return!

Date: Friday, June 14, 21st & 28th

Time: 5:00 pm -9:00 pm Location: Cesar Chavez Park

## MIDTOWN FAMER'S MARKET

We've moved! You can find bike valet around the corner from Pacos on K Street. Drop off your bike and get those Saturday AM errands run at the Farmer's Market. We'll have your bike waiting for you.

Date: Every Saturday through the summer Time: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Location: 2010 K St.

### POPS IN THE PARK

Another yearly offering, join your friends for a fabulous evening of music in parks around the city.

Date: Sat. June 15

Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Location: McKinley Park, McKinley Blvd &

32nd St.

Date: Sat. June 21

**Time**: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Location**: Glen Hall Park, 5415 Sandburg

We're hiring! If you have passion and interest in making the world a better place through bicycles, then we want to hear from you!

**Bike Valet** 

**Bike Mechanics** 



Support SABA today and become an advocate for safe streets.

We're working for commuters, recreational riders, students, and seniors.

We're working for YOU.

Become a <u>SABA supporter</u> and help us continue offering programs like *Project Activation Meadowview*, social rides, bicycle classes, bike valet, and *Ride Ready Repair* services.

Your support will underwrite our efforts to make the Sacramento region a safer place for **everyone** to ride!











Gear'd Up is proudly presented to you with support from our friends at REI Co-Op, 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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