

# GEAR'D UP!



## Advocacy Updates

### Newsom Signs Red Light Camera Bill



On October 13, Governor Newsom signed SB 720, an updated and improved red light camera bill that SABA strongly supported.

Thanks to everyone who advocated for Newsom to sign the bill which includes equity and privacy protections and is designed to be more efficient and less punitive.

It also designates any camera revenues to be used for safe streets projects.

Red light cameras save lives.

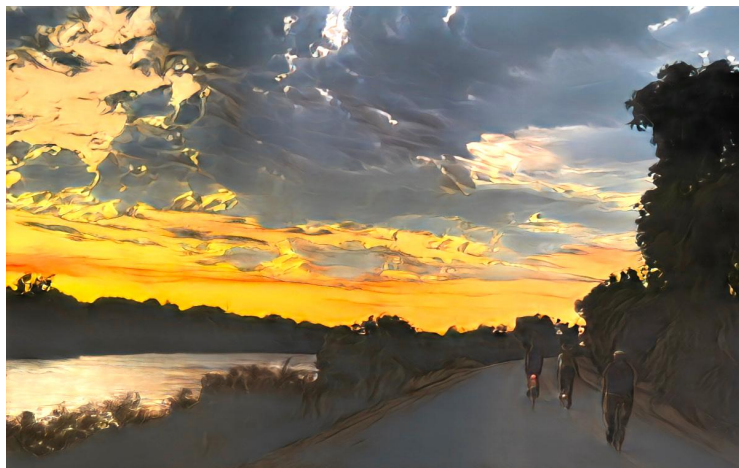
[More on SB 720](#)

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### City Council Moves Forward with New Paved Trail on Sacramento River Parkway

On October 14, the Sacramento City Council voted to move forward with the [Sacramento River Parkway](#) paved trail from Garcia Bend to Zacharias Park on the river levee that runs through the Pocket and Greenhaven neighborhoods.

It's been 50 years since the proposed trail first went in front of council. The council unanimously voted to adopt the addendum EIR and go forward with the design.



Over 100 comments in favor were filed, largely due to SABA's Action Alert and advocacy efforts about the need for a completed, comfortable network of trails.

This section of trail will bring us 4 miles closer to a completed Parkway. SABA's next advocacy effort on the trail is the Little Pocket section, which will complete the Parkway.

Read more about the [Garcia Bend / Zacharias Park Trail](#)

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## Honorary Sign Topper Approved for Helen "Maggie" O'Mara



Helen "Maggie" O'Mara was a long time active transportation advocate in Sacramento.

She passed away last year at the age of 71, and was honored on October 12 by Mayor Pro Tem Eric Guerra with a sign topper on 34th Street at Truckee Way and Northside Row in Sacramento.

On his Facebook page, Guerra noted that, "Maggie was a tireless champion for safer streets. As president of the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association, she pushed for more bike racks, shaped the Active Streets Pilot Project, and played a key role in getting bike lanes installed on 34th Street under Highway 50. She later served on the

SABA Board and as Bicycle Safety Coordinator at Caltrans, leaving a lasting mark on Sacramento's bike safety."

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## Bike & Seek Recap

We had a great turnout for our Bike & Seek 2025 on October 11!

Huge thanks to everyone who joined us. You showed up big for our art-themed bicycle scavenger hunt and the numbers speak for themselves:

- 50 participants
- 400 stops at local art pieces
- 700+ miles ridden across the city!



From creative selfies to clever routes and big smiles, we loved seeing you all roll through and celebrate biking, art, and community.

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## Events

**Velo Ball – October 18 – Online Silent Auction Now Open &**

## Time to Get Your Tickets



Get your [tickets](#) for the best bike party in town.

**When:** October 18, 2025 6:00PM – 9:00PM

**What:** Food, drinks, a live auction and FUN!

**Where:** [Pintworks](#), on 16th Street, behind Pipeworks climbing gym

You don't have to wait for Saturday to [start bidding on auction items!](#)

Bid on everything from bikes and handmade art to local experiences, gift bundles, and more...all while supporting SABA's work to make biking better in the Sacramento region.

Learn more about the [auction on Instagram](#).

Buy a  
Ticket

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## Biketober – Month of October



Take part in [Biketober](#)! It's a fun, friendly bike challenge.

Everyone is welcome to take part! Whether you haven't been on a bike in years or you already ride.

You can:

- Ride anywhere, for any reason, anytime in October.
- Win some great prizes! Including \$3,000 vacation, a limited edition Love to Ride t-shirt and more.
- Take part as an individual, with your workplace team, your friends, or a group.

Sign up for Biketober!

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## Spooky Social Ride – Wear a Costume! – October 26

Join SABA for a social ride to tour the East Lawn Cemetery on bikes!



Wear your costumes and get ready for a roll through history.

Meet at 9AM on Sunday, October 26

Chocolate Fish Coffee  
4749 Folsom Blvd  
Sacramento

[Sign the waiver](#) ahead of time.



## Cycling and Public Transportation in the News

- [Sacramento's expanding trail network supports cleaner, safer travel](#), *Sacramento City Express*, October 15, 2025: The Sacramento City Council this week [received an update](#) on the City's shared-use path network, the expanding system of paved, off-street routes for people walking, bicycling, and scooting throughout Sacramento.
- [Newsom signs SB 79 to increase housing near public transit](#), *KPBS Public Media*, October 14: Governor Gavin Newsom signed a bill into law on Friday that allows for greater housing density near public transit stations across the state.
- [Forget EVs. Cycling is revolutionising transport](#), *The Economist*, October 9, 2025: Pedal power is booming, spinning up a new culture war.
- [Vision Zero: Traffic Deaths Continued to Decline in Third Quarter Amidst One of the Safest Years in New York City History](#), *New York City*, October 2, 2025: NYC DOT has detailed work with its Vision Zero agencies on a variety of initiatives to reduce traffic fatalities, including transformative street safety projects, the creation of a record amount of protected bike infrastructure, newly pedestrianized street space, and a variety of educational and targeted enforcement efforts.

## Ongoing 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.

Bike Valet provides bike parking at many Sacramento events including the new venue Channel 24.

Check our [events calendar](#) for Valet-supported events.

**We're growing and 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

Our Bike Valets are the heart and soul of SABA. We take care of your bike so you can attend an event or a market without worrying about whether your bike will be there when you get back to it.

We could use some more great people who believe in SABA's mission for Bike Valet. So, please [shoot us an email](#).

Our set of bike mechanics are the envy of town.

Basic knowledge is necessary, but everyone is constantly learning on the job and getting better together.

[Find out more!](#) Come learn by doing and earn some dollars too.



If you can't make it to our events, you can still 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 [SABA supporter](#) and help us continue offering programs like social rides, bicycle classes, bike valet, and *Ride Ready Repair* services.

Support our efforts to make the Sacramento region a safer place for **everyone** to ride!

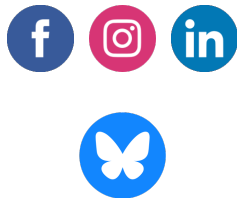
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