

GEAR'D UP!



Update on the California E-Bike Incentive Program



The California Air Resource Board (CARB) has informed SABA and other community-based organizations that they are ending the California E-Bike Incentive Project (EBIP) despite overwhelming demand. The EBIP offered California residents who met the project's income limits \$1750-\$2000 towards the purchase of a new Class 1, 2 or 3 e-bike, trike, or other adaptive cycle. CARB has decided to shutter the program and use the remaining funds for their Clean Cars 4 All program.

The EBIP was designed to provide California residents affordable and sustainable mobility without the ongoing financial burden of car ownership. Unlike electric vehicle incentives, which tie low-

income households to costly expenses like car payments, insurance, maintenance, and charging, the EBIP would have empowered people with a low cost, environmentally friendly transportation option and encourage a shift away from car dependent infrastructure at a fraction of the cost of an EV incentive.

Read more the [issues SABA had with the EBIP](#) and read a [letter to the editor from SABA Project Manager Rob Youngren](#).

SABA remains committed to promoting e-bikes as a more environmentally friendly means of transportation than electric cars. We have pilot projects in the works to bring an e-bike incentive program to Sacramento and are actively seeking partners to help make that a reality. We hope to share more information with you as we make progress towards that goal.

If you would like to share your feedback about the EBIP with CARB, email Ebikeincentives@arb.ca.gov.

SABA Honored by the Environmental Council of Sacramento

SABA was honored to stand alongside our friends and partners: Jibe, Breathe CA, and Sacramento Valley Conservancy to be recognized for our work helping fight the climate crisis.

The Sacramento County Environmental Commission honored us for our work encouraging people to trade their car keys for handlebars and for all of our free pop-up bike repair programs.

We are so proud to be part of a community of organizations making Sacramento more sustainable, bikeable, and better for everyone!



E-bike How To Videos

Our e-bike team has just produced two new videos to help you get the most out of your e-bike!



E-Bike Maintenance: The seasons are changing and as we ride less during fall and winter it is the perfect time to catch up on your e-bike maintenance.

E-bikes need more maintenance than analog bikes because they travel at faster speeds, go farther distances, and hopefully are getting ridden more often.

SABA's own Mike Price shares [helpful tips for making sure your bike is ready to ride when you are!](#)



E-Bike Charging Tips: The most important part of your E-bike is the battery and is often one of the most confusing for E-bike owners.

SABA's Mike Price cuts through the confusion with tips on [how to properly charge and store your e-bike's battery during the colder months.](#)

Great Fun had at Velo Ball 2025!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who came out to VeloBall 2025!

From the buzzing auction and the photo booth fun to the laughter, music, and great company, it was truly a night to remember. Together, we raised funds to keep SABA rolling strong and building a safer, more connected Sacramento for everyone who rides.

We were also proud to honor some of the incredible people who make



SABA's work possible:

- Mike Price, SABA's Head Mechanic and Field Operations Manager
- Volunteers Jim Chekadis and Jan Fleming for their dedication and countless hours of support

And, we'd like to uplift the work of *Sacramento Bee* reporter Ariane Lange (pictured in the photo) for her tenacious reporting on vehicular violence and how street redesign can be a key to reducing fatalities.

To everyone who bid, donated, and celebrated with us: thank you for believing in better biking!

Also, a big thanks to our business and governmental sponsors for their generosity: SMUD; SACOG; REI; PQS – Practical Quality Services; Rick Jennings, City of Sacramento, Council District 7; Two Rivers Cider Company; City of Sacramento, Mayor Pro Tem Eric Guerra; Aim consulting; Roger Dickinson, City Council; Townsend Public Affairs; Vice Mayor Karina Talamantes, City of Sacramento; Dave Tamayo, SMUD Board, Ward 6...and our Individual Sponsors: Sue Teranishi, Anne Geraghty, Dorrie Sundquist, and Julie Kanoff.

[More photos from the event.](#)

Learn 2 Ride Classes Coming Up – November 8 & 22



SABA's next Learn 2 Ride class is on November 8 from 9–11 am at Miller Regional Park, 2701 Marina View Dr, Sacramento.

This class will focus on learning to ride a bike and is open to people of all ages (Level 1). If you already know how to ride but need a refresher on good cycling practices, this is also the class for you (Level 2).

League Cycling Instructors will assess your skill level and give coaching tips. If enough cyclists are ride-ready, there will be a short trail ride.

[More information and to register](#)

Cycling and Public Transportation in the News

- [2026 California Bicycle Summit](#): The event is taking place in Sacramento, April 23–24, 2026 – includes keynote addresses, panel discussions, bike rides, and social events.

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

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](#).

Bike Mechanics

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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