

GEAR'D UP!



Del Rio Trail Bridge Reopens

The Del Rio Trail Bridge, connecting South Sacramento with the Sacramento River Bike Trail leading to downtown Sacramento, originally opened in May 2024, but was closed after construction problems surfaced.

The bridge, which is open to cyclists and pedestrians, was rebuilt and reopened after months of delays on Tuesday, December 16. It is located above Riverside Boulevard, crosses Interstate 5 and is the final link in the 5 mile Del Rio paved trail between Meadowview and Land Park.



(Photo by SABA)

Sacramento Mayor Kevin McCarty, City Councilmember Rick Jennings, and others spoke at the reopening ceremony Tuesday morning while cyclists and pedestrians waited eagerly to test out the bridge.

Read more: [‘Now, it’s official’: After delays and rebuild, Sacramento’s Del Rio Trail complete](#), by Darrell Smith, *Sacramento Bee*.

Join us on Sunday, December 21 for a Holiday Themed Social Ride - "Jingle All the Way"

Join SABA for a holiday themed social ride on **Sunday, December 21**.

We'll meet at **4:00 PM at Drake's The Barn - 905 Riverfront Street, West Sacramento**.

We'll roll at 4:30 PM, riding across the Tower Bridge, then along the river to the North Pole & Polar Express display and turn around at the Capitol Christmas tree.

We'll arrive in Old Sacramento at the Christmas tree around 6:15 PM, with the option of listening to a reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas at 6:30 PM.

(Photo from Downtown Sac)



Sign the social ride waiver

New Learn to Ride Classes Coming up in January



The next Learn 2 Ride classes are **Saturday, January 17 and 31, 2026 from 9 AM - 11 AM** (No classes in December).

Location: Miller Regional Park, 2701 Marina View Drive, Sacramento - in parking area to the north, closer to Broadway.

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 about the classes and to register](#)

Wouldn't You Like to be a Bike Mechanic?

We're hiring to fill positions in our bike repair program.

SABA bike mechanics perform diagnostics, maintenance and basic repairs at school and community events in South Sacramento, North Natomas, West Sacramento, Rancho Cordova and other locations in the greater Sacramento area.

Help us empower people to rely on their bikes for everyday transportation.



Training sessions meet every other Wednesday evening - the next one is December 17. Check the [SABA calendar](#) for more sessions.

Bikes for Sale



SABA has two bicycles for sale. They are both in excellent condition.

One is a Bianchi Boardwalk Aluminum hybrid city bike for \$300.

The other is a Bianchi Torino Dama Hybrid City Bike for \$325.

The proceeds support SABA's programs that improve the region for cyclists.

For more information about the bikes and / or to purchase, visit the [SABA used bike store](#).

Cycling and Public Transportation in the News

- [Sacramento council OKs plan for better pedestrian safety — will it get funded?](#) by Ariane Lange, Sacramento Bee, December 2025: Sacramento's City Council voted to approve the Streets for People plan, a policy document that builds on existing goals to create safer roadways, particularly for those outside cars.
- Podcast from Bike Streets - [Randy Neufeld: A Founding Father of Bike Advocacy](#): We're trying to answer a question: Why is bike transportation still not possible for most people in American cities? And how can we make it a reality?
- [The Surprisingly Convincing Case Against Cars](#), by Divya Subramanian, *The New Republic*, December 9, 2025: *Life After Cars* dares to imagine how different, and enriching, a car-free world could be.
- [40,000 people died on California roads. State leaders looked away](#), by Robert Lewis and Lauren Hepler, *The Observer and CalMatters*, December 11, 2025: The death toll on California's roads in each of the past 20 years had been falling until 2010 when it started to increase by more than 60%, but legislators don't seem to be concerned.
- [Pedestrian deaths in the US are on the rise. What can be done?](#) NPR 1A, December 4, 2025: Between 2010 and 2022, pedestrian deaths in the U.S. jumped nearly 80 percent. What's made our streets so dangerous and what can we do about it?
- [How I Learned to Cycle Like a Dutchman](#), by Dan Kois, *The New Yorker*, September 2019: In the bike-friendly Netherlands, cyclists speed down the road without fearing cars. For an American, the prospect is thrilling—and terrifying.

Quote of the Day

"Cyclists are happier, more intelligent, and better looking, according to a study I made up." ~ [Bike Push](#)



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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