

# GEAR'D UP!



## Safer Sac Streets Launches Sales Tax Initiative to Fund Transit and Improve Infrastructure

On March 15, an enthusiastic crowd of transit and cycling advocates gathered at New Helvetia in Sacramento to celebrate the launch of [Safer Sac Streets](#), an initiative to get a ballot measure that would help fund local public transportation and safer streets for cyclists and pedestrians.

The funds would be generated from a half-cent sales tax increase and would generate \$75 million per year to fix streets and improve transit in Sacramento.



### You Can Help!

Visit [SaferSacStreets](#) to find out how to volunteer (collect signatures) or donate.

See also: [A dream of the Sacramento that could be](#), by Ben Raderstorf, from *House Sacramento* about how the funds could benefit Sacramento.

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## What do we want? Clean bike lanes! When do we want them? Now!

*Tired of navigating through leaf piles and other debris in the bike lane?* Or, as happened to yours truly: spinning out on a pile of spiky burs? You're in luck.

SABA is in the process of acquiring a [bike lane sweeper](#). The sweeper is attached to a bicycle (usually an e-bike) and can sweep and collect leaves, twigs, gravel, etc. that make it difficult to cruise down the bike lane. SABA will be loaning the sweeper to neighborhood organizations so they clean the lanes in their neighborhood. Stay tuned!



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## 2026 California Bicycle Summit, April 23-24



Join [CalBike](#) for two days of inspiring talks, workshops, guided rides, and collaboration with community leaders and grassroots advocates; transportation professionals and public agency staff; elected officials, planners, and engineers; and innovators in biking, micromobility, and sustainable design.

The Summit is taking place in Sacramento at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria.

*(Image from the 2025 CalBike Summit)*

[Learn more and register](#)

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## We're Moving to Zeffy for Membership & Donations



If you're a SABA member or have donated to SABA, you may have received a message about moving to a new platform called [Zeffy](#) from 365. This is a new and improved platform that should be easier to use. It also allows SABA to get 100% of your membership or donation. You have an option in Zeffy to add a fee on top of your donation that supports the Zeffy platform, but it's not required.

Please [create an account on Zeffy](#). Once you do that, your account on 365 will become inactive. Thank you for your cooperation in this endeavor!

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## Events

### March Social Ride - Flower Hunting, Sunday, March 29

For March, SABA's social ride will tour the many flowering trees and blooms of early spring. Come join us for a ride to celebrate the coming of spring riding weather!

Meet at **Mckinley Park Rose Garden**, 3255 H St, Sacramento @ **9:30 AM on Sunday, March 29**. Roll at 10:00 AM.

(Apple blossom by R J Higginson)



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## Learn 2 Ride

The next classes for learning to ride a bicycle in 2026 are on the following Saturday mornings from 9 AM - 11 AM: **March 28, and April 11**.

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.

[Learn more and register](#)

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## Cycling and Public Transportation in the News

- [California cut funding for bikes and pedestrians. What did neighborhoods want?](#) And, [With California's cuts to pedestrian, bike funding, who lost out? A lot of kids](#), by Ariane Lange, *Sacramento Bee*, March 16, 2026: Two articles on the effects of funding cuts to safer streets.
- [Cooper & Hugo: Tomorrow's Bike Leaders](#), podcast from *Bike Networks Now*, March 13, 2026: Two 8th graders, Cooper and Hugo, are interviewed about a school project they are working on about how they can help get better bike lanes in the area.
- [Before deadly Davis e-bike crash, California lawmakers began pushing for regulations](#), by Daniel Hennessy, Abridged PBS KVIE, March 11, 2026: Covers the pros and cons of e-bike regulations.
- [Sacramento's Suburban Experiment](#) - a video by Troy Sankey demonstrates through mapping and oral history how Sacramento designed the entire city around the private automobile, favoring tax-unproductive land uses, and building public infrastructure without budgeting for its long-term upkeep.
- [Adding Up What Urban Highways Really Cost](#), by Benjamin Schneider, Bloomberg News, March 3, 2026: A new report maps the economic toll that downtown freeways exact on 142 US cities — and tallies up what that land could be worth if it was developed for other uses.

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## Thought for the Day

"When I was 7 years old, I rode my bike beyond the end of the block for the first time to a shopping center a few streets away. Despite the short distance, it felt like a grand adventure. I remember riding along the shaded walkway in front of the stores, gliding across the smooth concrete with nobody else around, carrying the knowledge I had

## 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!

**JOIN SABA**



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