

GEAR'D UP!



Get Your Early Bird Tickets for Velo Ball!

Buy your [Velo Ball Tickets](#) by the end of August for \$60 each. After that they go up to \$75.



This year, SABA's annual fundraiser is at Sierra 2 Center for the Arts and Community on **Saturday, October 17, 2026 from 6-9pm**. Our fundraiser supports SABA's community outreach, Upcycle program, free ride-ready repair services, and advocacy and policy work.

Food & beverage included, live auction, photo booth, music, awards and more! We will also be showcasing our programs so that you can learn more about them and ask questions.

Join us for Velo Ball!

American River Bridge Opening Ceremony Has Been Postponed



The date for the ceremony and ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of the American River Bridge has been postponed.

It was originally scheduled for Monday, August 17.

We will let you know when there is a confirmed rescheduled date for the ceremony.

Required to Go Back to the Office? Considering Cycling Safely to Work!

If you been working from home and are now required to return to the office, consider using a bike or e-bike or taking public transportation and save on gas and parking. You can also use a combination of cycling and public transportation.

Make sure you are riding safely by obeying all traffic laws, packing your bike properly, and planning your bike commuting route. (See: [Bike Commuting Dangers – How To Stay Safe Riding To Work](#)).

There are many benefits to cycling to work including saving money by not having to pay for gas and parking; better physical and mental health; helping the environment; not having to look for parking or sit in traffic; and it's fun! (See: [Benefits Of Bike Commuting: 21 Reasons That Could Change Everything](#))



School is Starting - What You Should Know about Cycling to School



From the Sacramento School District:

Many families are exploring different transportation options for their students to get to school, but we want you to have all the age appropriate information regarding the laws for E-Bikes and E-Scooters.

SCUSD's Board Policy 5142.3 requires all minors to wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet when riding a bicycle on streets or public bicycle paths.

Please make sure your student knows:

- All the safety rules at their school site
- The rules of the road such as when to cross streets
- That drivers may not see them, so they should never assume they do.

Because electric bicycles (e-bikes) operate differently from traditional bicycles, California law includes several important rules designed to foster a safer environment. Riders, especially youth and their parents or guardians, are encouraged to review the guidelines to understand age requirements, helmet rules, equipment standards, and where different devices are allowed to operate. Class 3 E-Bikes are only legal for ages 16+ in California.

For more information and to find out about Parent Guardian Liability, visit [City of Sacramento's Electric Bicycle and Scooter Resource page](#).

Ebikes vs E-motos

Take caution when purchasing your child a new bike to ride to school. E-bikes can be a good option but make sure you are not purchasing an e-moto instead, which are illegal for minors. *Helmets are required to be worn on any type of bike.*

Consult this chart from CalBike to learn about [e-bike and e-moto classifications](#).



What is an e-bike?



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The California Vehicle Code (CVC 312.5) defines e-bikes as: "[A] bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts."

Class 1

Provides assistance **only when the rider is pedaling** and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a **speed of 20 mph**.



Class 2

Operates via **pedal-assist or throttle** and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a **speed of 20 mph**.



Class 3

Provides assistance **only when the rider is pedaling** and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a **speed of 28 mph**.



E-Motos

Electric devices built on a bicycle-style frame equipped with one or more operating modes and a throttle. Often lacks operable pedals.

Exceeds 20 mph on motor power alone when the throttle is engaged.
Motor exceeds 750 watts.



Prepared by the California Bicycle Coalition, June 2026. Source: (CVC 312.5)

Two Rivers Unified School District has updated its [e-bike and e-moto guidelines](#) for the upcoming year school.

- Helmets are required for all riders
- **E-motos are not allowed on any campus**
- Elementary, K–8 and middle schools: Only Class 1 e-bikes are permitted
- High schools only: E-scooters, Class 3 e-bikes and e-skateboards are allowed
 - Riders must be 16 years or older
- E-scooter riders must have a valid permit or driver's license

Check out SABA's Community Bike Shop

The Community Bike Shop now has a complete list of [bicycle repair prices](#) on its website. Come on by 3816 Stockton Blvd in Oak Park and get your bike serviced or repaired by our friendly competent bike mechanics.

Placer-Sacramento Gateway Plan - Deadline Extended

Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) and the Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) are updating the [Placer-Sacramento Gateway Plan](#) — a multimodal transportation plan covering 76 miles of I-80, SR-65, transit, bike, and pedestrian routes connecting Sacramento to Auburn and they want your input. You've got until the end of September to [share your voice](#) on travel habits, safety, and mobility in the Gateway Corridor. Your input will directly shape upcoming transportation investments.

Cycling and Public Transportation in the News

- [A citizen quest to get street safety on the ballot failed. What's next for Sacramento?](#) by Ariane Lange, *Sacramento Bee*, July 31, 2026: Proponents of the measure expressed frustration over the failure of getting it on the ballot, saying that better infrastructure is needed to prevent more deaths of cyclists and pedestrians.
- [Rep. Mike Thompson points to Davis as model for safer cycling nationwide](#), by Namoi Taxay, *Sacramento Bee*, July 29, 2026: Rep. Mike Thompson, D-St. Helena, introduces his America Bikes Act at the U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame in Davis.
- [Elk Grove considers stricter rules for e-bikes and scooters](#), by Felicia Alvarez, *Abridged PBS KVIE*, August 12, 2026: Elk Grove is the latest local government to consider tighter rules for e-bikes.
- [Opinion: Cars are the biggest threat on the road, not kids on e-scooters](#), by Hilary Angus, *North Shore News*, August 5, 2026: All the outrage we feel about teens weaving on e-bikes and scooters would be better spent figuring out how to keep massive motorized vehicles away from all other road users.
- [2026 Clean Mobility Forum](#) is a two-day hybrid event focused on shared mobility and equitable clean transportation. September 30 - October 1 in Sacramento and online.
- [Is it legal for CA drivers to pass bikes on the road? Here's what state law says](#), by Alexiah Syrai Olsen, *Sacramento Bee*, August 3, 2026: California has strict laws aimed at preventing collisions between cars and bikes. Here's what to know.
- [The Surprising Ways Bicycling Is Healing Our Cities](#), by Mark Bikepush, *Bike Push*, May 27, 2026: Bicycles are taking back our streets, and the changes they're bringing are remarkable.
- [California Independent Electric Mobility Council](#), CalBike: This report outlines the program and highlights important takeaways from the California Independent Electric Mobility Council for statewide regulatory policy, education, and programming.

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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