

GEAR'D UP!



Buy Your Velo Ball Tickets Today for Early Bird Discount!

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.

Take the opportunity to [sponsor Velo Ball](#) and get acknowledged, or donate an item or service for SABA's Silent Auction by contacting Shelley Yaun @ shelley@sacbike.org.

Early Bird Discount for tickets ends today.

Join us for Velo Ball!

E-Bikes in the News



E-bikes and their safety continue to be in the news, especially as school starts.

Last week, [SB 1167](#), which draws a clear line between e-bikes and high-powered electric devices that are often marketed as e-bikes to parents, passed the CA legislature and is now headed to Governor Newsom for his signature. As Catherine Blakespear, the author of the bill, noted, "E-bikes are something we need to manage, not something we need to ban."

E-bikes offer a good alternative to car trips and, despite the safety concerns, some schools and organizations are supporting them for students getting to school. Over the summer, [Hiram Johnson High School in Sacramento installed e-bike racks](#). They have 28 spots for bikes and scooters with a roof of solar panels, bike maintenance tools and outlets to charge students' electric devices.

Sacramento County has [increased enforcement and penalties](#) on the American River Bike Trail for speeding and operating prohibited e-bikes in an effort to make cycling and walking on the trail safer for everyone.

In Seattle, Washington, 16-year-old [Divisha Arora developed a website called "Know Your Ride"](#) dedicated to making bike, e-bike, and e-moto safety information and

resources easier for riders, parents, and communities to access. “I understand how freeing it is to ride a bike. I understand that kids get a sense of independence,” she said. “But, at the same time, it’s important for them to actually understand these rules.”

In the long run, improved infrastructure and education are going to be the most effective in making e-bike travel safe, as well as curbing the speed of motor vehicles because [cars and trucks are the leading cause of e-bike deaths](#).

Sacramento Wants Your Input on Red Light Safety

The City of Sacramento is [proposing a red light enforcement program](#) designed to reduce serious and fatal crashes.

From 2015 to 2024, 80% of Sacramento’s 22,538 traffic collisions occurred at intersections. Red-light running contributed to 160 crashes that resulted in a fatality or serious injury.

They are asking residents to share their experience with red-light running and provide feedback on the proposed program.

They are providing a list of proposed intersections for the red-light cameras.

You can [take the survey](#) and get [more information on the program](#).



West Sacramento Bike, Pedestrian, and Trails Plan



WEST SACRAMENTO BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Join the project team for a Community Workshop to share your input on the draft plan and ensure it meets your walking, biking, equestrian, and mobility needs.

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2026
12:00PM-1:30PM
ARTHUR F. TURNER
COMMUNITY LIBRARY
1212 MERKLEY AVENUE**

Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/45g8DQ3 to RSVP for the workshop.



Spanish and Russian interpretation services are available upon request. For questions or accommodation requests, please contact Kiara at kreed@civictread.org by September 10, 2026.



Civic Thread is hosting a workshop at the Arthur F. Turner Library on Saturday, September 19th from 12pm to 1:30pm for the [West Sacramento Bike, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan](#).

The Turner Library is located at 1212 Merkley Avenue, West Sacramento.

At the workshop, participants will have the opportunity to review the proposed project concepts and help shape the draft plan.

[RSVP for the workshop.](#)

- [Flyer in English](#)
- [Flyer in Spanish](#)
- [Flyer in Russian](#)

This event is not sponsored by Yolo County Library and the presence of this group in the meeting room does not constitute Yolo County Library's endorsements of the policies or beliefs of this group.



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.

Cycling and Public Transportation in the News

- [Students can ride public transit for free in Sacramento. Here's how](#), by Anne Ewbank, *Sacramento Bee*, August 11, 2026: Students from kindergarten to the 12th grade can ride the entire Sacramento Regional Transit network for free with a RydeFreeRT card.
- [Major Taylor: The First Black American World Champion, 10 Years Before Jack Johnson](#), *Cycling Week*, August 4, 2026: Cycling produced the first Black American world champion in the late 1800s. And cycling has done a very poor job remembering it.
- [5 Great American Bike Rides of 25 Miles or Less](#), by Lauren Matison, *New York Times*, August 11, 2026: Whether you're looking for a soothing seaside cruise or a blood-pumping Rocky Mountain ascent, these rides are perfect for a spectacular day trip.

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



Gear'd Up is proudly presented to you with support from our friends at [Centene](#), [Metro Air Park](#), [Capitol Yards](#), [Miles CPA PC](#), and [Sacramento Wheelmen](#).

Find out how your organization or business can help make Sacramento the best place to ride a bike. [Join us!](#)

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