



# The Squeaky Wheel

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## From the President Make a Difference! Participate in the MTP Update

By Lea Brooks

SABA members can make a significant difference in how transportation funding is spent in the Sacramento region by participating in the update of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' (SACOG) Metropolitan Transportation Plan. We must reiterate to local elected officials that money spent on convenient and safe bikeways is a good investment.

The update process, which is already under way, will include a series of community workshops during which participants can recommend how the funding should be spent. I strongly encourage all SABA members to sign up for a workshop to ensure that bicyclists' needs are addressed.

The plan, known as the MTP, is a 25-year plan for transportation improvements in SACOG's six-county region: Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba. These three-hour workshops will help decision-makers set priorities for transportation improvement projects to best meet the needs of the region.

Those of us who support transportation projects that enable people to conveniently and safely bicycle and walk to destinations, including jobs, schools, grocery stores en-

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## Can the Trash! Volunteers Needed

SABA continues to seek new members to the Can the Trash! Coalition — the effort to end the year-round dumping of green waste on the streets in Sacramento, Davis and Woodland. The trash is in the way of, and a hazard to, cyclists. Road debris was the leading crash cause cited in last year's SABA



*The city with piles of leaves on T Street  
Photo by Bill Dean*

member survey.

Presentations are being scheduled for neighborhood associations and other community groups. But it is difficult to reach them all.

If you live in one of the three cities where dumping is *de rigueur* and you are tired of the stuff in the street and would like to make a presentation to your neighborhood association or another group, you can download

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## Parkway Plan Update On Off-Road Cycling

By Lea Brooks

The American River Parkway Plan Update Citizens Advisory Committee is now meeting twice a month through at least April to wrap up this very challenging and emotional effort.

The following proposal is under consideration by the committee to address one of the more contentious issues: Whether off-pavement cycling should be allowed in the Parkway under Sacramento County jurisdiction from Discovery Park to Hazel Avenue.

The proposal would permit off-pavement trail bicycling on designated maintenance and emergency roadways at the discretion of the Parkway manager as approved on locally adopted area plans. This permission would require a public approval process, including adoption by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, and under the following conditions:

- Acquire some additional stable and continued funding to support and monitor the use.
- Add natural buffers and design elements to minimize off-pavement behavior and protect sensitive habitat areas.
- Use only authorized maintenance and emergency roadways where appropriately signed and designated.

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## SABA Mission

*SABA represents bicyclists.  
Our aim is more and safer trips by bike.*

## SABA Vision

*Bicycling for everyday transportation is common  
because it is safe, convenient and desirable.*

SABA's Folsom Chapter, the Folsom Area Bicycle Advocates (FABA), meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. For more information, call Chapter Chair Tony Powers at (916) 353-1745 or you may e-mail FABA at [faba\\_info@sacbike.com](mailto:faba_info@sacbike.com).

## The Squeaky Wheel

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## Welcome New Members

Tom Adams  
Matt Boyer  
BikingRoseville  
Mark Poole  
Fred Rooney

**Welcome back**  
Anne Geraghty



## SABActions

### Meetings

SABA members attended these meetings:

- Environmental Council of Sacramento
- SACOG Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Bike Commute Week Planning
- American River Parkway Plan Update Committee and Community Workshop in Rancho Cordova
- Sacramento Transportation Management Association (TMA) and 50 Corridor TMA to discuss bike education
- Sacramento County Developer Fees Community Advisory Group

### Letters

SABA sent letters to:

- SACOG supporting funding for three community design projects
- Sacramento County Board of Supervisors opposing Folsom Auto Mall expansion near the Hazel light rail station

### Other

- Gave **Can the Trash!** presentation to Save the American River Association, Land Park Community Association and American Lung Association, Sacramento-Emigrant Trails.

## SABA Pizza Party — Pizza, Soda and Doin' Stuff

The monthly SABA Volunteer Work and Pizza Party will be Thursday, March 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at SABA Central Business District HQ, 909 12<sup>th</sup> St.

The weather is warming up, so that's less of an excuse to not join us. Come on downtown, and join our get-together. See ya there!



*President, from page 1*

tainment centers, medical care and transit stops, face a formidable force. Political pressure is intense to subsidize six-lane roads and other infrastructure to support residential sprawl and big-box stores that realistically are accessible only by motor vehicle.

These workshops are modeled after SACOG's regional "Blueprint" discussions that many of you participated in two years ago. These discussions culminated in recognition by SACOG staff and some elected officials in the region that population growth should be accommodated by building more on land in existing cities and reducing sprawl growth.

The momentum for more responsible development is slowly growing in that this update is the first time the MTP will link land use and transportation needs. This change represents an opportunity for SABA members to let decision-makers know that a larger share of transportation dollars must be devoted to bicyclists and pedestrians to reduce the region's dependence on motor vehicles. Reducing this dependence means less congestion, less air pollution, less stress and overall healthier communities.

At SABA's quarterly membership meeting Jan. 25, SACOG senior planner Nancy Kays explained that workshop participants will be seated at tables that seat approximately eight. With the assistance of a planner and a laptop computer, participants will prioritize projects that emphasize short trips, medium trips and longer trips in smaller and larger geographical areas.

Bicyclists need to advocate for a larger share of transportation funding, safe and convenient bike routes to all destinations, projects that connect existing bikeways, and bridges and freeway interchanges that safely accommodate bicyclists. There is no excuse in today's congested environment for transportation projects that effectively block bicyclists, including freeway interchanges.

A draft MTP will be available for public comment this fall. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the draft during an electronic town hall meeting. The final MTP is scheduled for adoption in June 2007.

Community workshops throughout the region began Feb. 8 in Rocklin and will continue through May. SACOG strongly encourages you to register in advance so the workshop site and staff can accommodate you.

Please check SACOG's Web site at [www.sacog.org/mtp](http://www.sacog.org/mtp) for updates because workshops will be added for Sacramento County, including Fair Oaks/Orangevale and Arden-Arcade.

For a list of the workshops already scheduled listed, see the next column.

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## SABA Year-End Appeal

Many thanks to all those who contributed during SABA's annual year-end appeal, which raised more than \$10,000. Though the amount realized was well short of the appeal goal of \$25,000, 125 SABA members participated and made their support manifest. The Sacramento Bike Hikers and Davis Bike Club made especially generous \$1,000 contributions. Your support is needed and appreciated. ☺

### **Tuesday, Feb. 21, 6-9 p.m.**

Lincoln, Roseville  
Maidu Community Center  
1550 Maidu Dr., Roseville

### **Tuesday, Feb. 28, 6-9 p.m.**

Auburn, Colfax  
Placer County Transportation Planning Agency  
299 Nevada St., Auburn

### **Monday, March 6, 6-9 p.m.**

**Davis, Winters**  
Freeborn Hall – UC Davis  
One Shields Ave., Davis

### **Thursday, March 9, 6-9 p.m.**

El Dorado Hills  
Community Services District  
1021 Harvard Way, El Dorado Hills

### **Thursday, March 23, 6-9 p.m.**

West Sacramento, Woodland  
West Sacramento Galleria  
1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento

### **Thursday, March 30, 6-9 p.m.**

Placerville  
Best Western Placerville, Alexandria Room  
6850 Green Leaf Dr., Placerville

### **Saturday, April 8, 9 a.m. to noon**

Central Sacramento  
(Downtown, Midtown, East Sac)  
CSUS Alumni Center  
6000 J St., Sacramento

### **Tuesday, April 18, 6-9 p.m.**

Rancho Cordova/Folsom  
Vision Service Plan  
3333 Quality Dr., Rancho Cordova

### **Wednesday, May 10, 6-9 p.m.**

Marysville, Wheatland, Linda  
Yuba County One Stop  
1114 Yuba St., No. 214, Marysville

### **Wednesday, May 17, 6-9 p.m.**

Yuba City, Live Oak  
Feather River Academy – Boyd Hall  
1825 Lassen Blvd., Yuba City

### **Thursday, May 25, 6-9 p.m.**

North Sacramento  
(Natomas, North Highlands, Elverta)  
KVIE, One Community Room  
2529 Capitol Oaks Dr., Sacramento

### **Wednesday, May 31, 6-9 p.m.**

South Sacramento  
(Florin, Meadowview, Greenhaven)  
Paratransit Auditorium  
2501 Florin Road, Sacramento

## SACOG Approves Funding

By Walt Seifert

On Jan. 19, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Board approved funding for these bike/pedestrian projects:

- Sacramento County Pedestrian Master Plan
- County Road 32A — Yolo County
- Folsom Humbug-Willow Creek to Lake Natoma trail
- Galt bike lanes and sidewalks
- Elk Grove Creek Highway 99 overcrossing
- Sacramento I-80 crossing at West Canal
- Lindhurst Avenue — Yuba County
- Wheatland Bicycle Master Plan
- Rancho Cordova Bicycle Master Plan

Less than \$5 million in funding is allocated for the projects. The total cost of grant applications exceeded that amount many times over. Over the course of SACOG's Metropolitan Transportation Plan, \$350 million is slated for bike/pedestrian projects. However, bike project funding has been slow out of the starting gates, with only \$7 million allocated four years into the original 23-year plan — and no additional funding expected for another two years.

SACOG is also deciding on funding for its \$500 million Community Design program. Deadline for grant applications was Jan. 12 and decisions should be made this month. According to Nancy Kays, a senior planner at SACOG, SACOG received 26 project applications valued at \$17 million. There is \$12 million available in this funding round. SABA sent letters of support for the following city of Sacramento projects, which have bike components:

- Sacramento City College light rail station overcrossing
- 65<sup>th</sup> Street transit village access
- Redding Avenue ☼

## “Perils for Pedestrians” Now on Video.Google

from CenterLines, the e-newsletter of the National Center for Bicycling & Walking

According to a recent note from John Z. Wetmore, “Perils For Pedestrians” is now available on the Internet 24/7/365. Episode 110 is on video.google. Broadband Internet access is recommended. Additional episodes will be added over the coming weeks and months. “Perils For Pedestrians” will continue to be shown on public access cable channels in 80 cities and towns across the US. ☼

**Editor's Note:** *Despite the title, “Perils For Pedestrians” is about both cycling and walking. Episode 110 in fact is primarily about cycling—and, by the way, mentions a study based on interviews with cyclists (and not on hospital admissions or fatality reports) which found that the second leading cause of bike crashes (responsible for 27 percent) is debris.*

## Sacramento County Bikeway Master Plan to be Updated

A comprehensive update of the county portion of the Sacramento City-County 2010 Bikeway Master Plan will get under way later this year. Ron Vicari, Sacramento County alternative modes coordinator, announced at the City-County Bicycle Advisory Committee's January meeting that a request for proposals to update the plan should be ready to go out to bid in February. Stay tuned for additional details about this long-awaited update. ☼

## More Share-the-Road Progress

El Dorado Transit has agreed to place SABA-supplied Share the Road bumper stickers on its vehicles. In addition, El Dorado Transit will become the sixth transit system to agree to use SABA-provided materials in bus driver training courses. El Dorado joins Sacramento Regional Transit, Roseville, YoloBus, Yuba-Sutter and e-Tran in Elk Grove in agreeing to offer “buses and bikes” training. ☼



## Lung Association Name Change

The American Lung Association, Sacramento-Emigrant Trails is now Breathe California, Sacramento-Emigrant Trails. The local Breathe California office will have the same programs and people as before, but will be operating under the new name. Breathe California will operate independently from the American Lung Association.

Breathe California, Sacramento-Emigrant Trails has been instrumental in SABA's creation, growth and well-being. We look forward to working with them in their new incarnation.

Cyclists are doubly involved in lung health. We want the air we breathe as we bike to be clean. Since motor vehicles are the primary source of air pollution in our area, we want more people to bike, so the air everyone breathes doesn't harm their health. ☼

## Ride to Feature Prominent Sacramento Cyclists

Mark your calendars for Monday, May 1. A press conference and a ride will kick off Bike Commute Month. May will provide a second attempt to crack the Million Mile barrier as area cyclists try collectively to bike more than a million miles. In May 2005, area cyclists logged 476,000 miles.

The ride will follow an 11:30 a.m. press conference at Meridian Plaza, 1415 L Street in Sacramento. The ride will have a police escort, visit several bike improvements and be 20-30 minutes in length. It will take the place of the ride that has traditionally been held on Bike to Work Day, which this year will be May 18.

Everyone is invited to participate in the ride — and ride to the ride, of course. In addition to providing visuals for the press conference, the ride will make a cultural statement. It will demonstrate that cycling is normal, not eccentric, behavior by featuring prominent Sacramentans who ride a bike.

It's given that all SABA members are prominent cyclists. But for this effort, we are seeking to extend formal invitations to business owners, chief executive officers, high-ranking government and corporate managers, doctors, lawyers and other professionals who already ride. The message: responsible community members ride bikes.

Unfortunately, many people labor under the misapprehension that all cyclists are made up of scofflaws, weirdos and the homeless. That certainly is not representative of SABA's membership, but that image makes advocacy more difficult and sours the interaction between cyclists and motorists on the road.

If you know of a prominent Sacramento cyclist, or are such a person yourself, please contact Larry Robinson at [volunteer@sacbike.org](mailto:volunteer@sacbike.org) or phone 444-6600. We're trying to build a list with at least 100 people. Ideally these will be folks located close to downtown Sacramento who will actually be able to take part in the May 1 ride. ☸



Matt Kuzins, President, Kuzins & Kumpany and cyclist

*Can the Trash, from page 1*

a PowerPoint presentation from the SABA Web site. Please check in with Executive Director Walt Seifert on questions and to let him know with whom you plan to meet.

The goals of the presentation are to increase Can the Trash! Coalition membership and clout, encourage people to register for the voluntary containerization program in the city of Sacramento and defuse opposition to containerization of green waste. ☸

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## Trails Move Forward

The Sacramento City Council awarded a \$142,000 contract to The Wildan Group for project management, design and construction assistance of the Two Rivers Trail. The 2.5-mile trail will extend from Tiscornia Park (at the confluence of the Sacramento and American rivers across from Discovery Park) to Sutter Regional Park, site of the former city landfill. The trail will run on the south levee of the American River. In April 2005, the city received a \$1.5 million Proposition 40 River Parkway grant for Phase I of the trail.

The city also plans to build Phase I of a trail in the Ueda Parkway. This 3-mile, north-south trail segment would parallel Steelhead Creek (formerly known as the Natomas East Main Drainage Canal) on the west side from El Camino Avenue to Main Avenue. The Ueda Parkway trail project received \$2.1 million in federal funding in 1999. A conceptual design was quickly created, but progress on the trail then languished. The city now expects to construct Phase I by Nov. 1.

At the south end of the Ueda trail, Phase II of the project (plus an additional proposed trail, neither yet funded) would eventually link the Ueda Trail directly to the American River Parkway near Del Paso Boulevard. At the north end, the trail would connect to the new Main Avenue Bridge and to an existing paved trail that extends to Elkhorn Boulevard.

Other proposed trails in the Ueda Parkway would be located on the east side of Steelhead Creek. These trails would connect to the proposed Dry Creek Parkway trail system in the beautiful Hansen Ranch area and to a proposed Arcade Creek trail. ☸

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## Startling Stat

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (known as TEA-21) provided the first significant federal funding for bike and pedestrian projects. Yet bike/pedestrian funding represented less than 1 percent of the total funding. Bike and pedestrian trips comprise 6 percent of all trips made and cyclists and pedestrians are 14 percent of traffic fatalities.

*Source: "Bicycling and Walking to Healthy Communities," a presentation by the Association of Bicycle and Pedestrian Professionals. ☸*

## North Natomas TMA Focuses on Bike Needs

By Bill Fairbairn

Will we ever get a bike/pedestrian bridge over the freeway? Why are bicyclists forced into the traffic lanes in certain areas? Is there a safe route from my neighborhood to downtown?

You've probably heard the same questions over and over, often getting answers leaving you with even more questions. It's a vicious circle we pedal around in sometimes.

These questions and more were asked in late January when the North Natomas Transportation Management Association (TMA) hosted a communitywide session to gather comments on how to help make the Natomas area a better place to ride. There is no better way to determine a community's needs than ask the people who are actual riders.

Regional access, safety, inner-city routes, convenient bike parking and bike lane debris were all valid comments and topics. Bicyclists and concerned residents came together to discuss what projects and services would best benefit the Natomas area. The goal was to prioritize projects so a focused, team approach could lead to real on-the-road accomplishments.

The Natomas area is just north of downtown Sacramento and somewhat physically isolated by rivers, freeways and drainage canals. North Natomas alone has grown over the last few years from agricultural land to home for more than 35,000 residents and 15,000 employees. Its community plan envisions a new urban form built around a well-integrated mixture of residential, employment, commercial and civic uses, all interdependent on quality transit and bike/pedestrian systems. This situation presents an opportunity to continue building from the ground up.

January's session began with a presentation by Chris Elliott from consultant Jones & Stokes on the plans to pave a major portion of the long-sought Ueda Parkway this year. Chris' presentation was followed by an update by Ed Cox, alternate modes coordinator for the city of Sacramento, on other projects having a direct bearing on Natomas cyclists. Alan Dibble, an avid bicyclist and board member of the Natomas Community Association, provided an in-depth report titled, "A Bicycle Road Warrior's Report from the Streets of North Natomas," highlighting many of the roadway and intersection irritants that keep more people from riding, for either commute or recreational purposes.

With a follow-up meeting already scheduled for Feb 22, the North Natomas TMA Board of Directors and staff will be working with city and regional agencies to help prioritize what our community needs, wants and in some cases, can only dream of. As we lobby on the community's behalf, we'll keep in mind the tremendous start we already have – a start that makes the Natomas area one of the most livable and bikeable in the country.

For more information about the Feb 22 meeting, contact me at 916-808-7735 or [bill@northnatomastma.org](mailto:bill@northnatomastma.org).

*Bill Fairbairn is executive director of the North Natomas Transportation Management Association.*

## Hazel Avenue Project Meeting is March 1

The public will have an opportunity to comment on the draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment for the Hazel Avenue Widening Project from Madison Avenue to Highway 50 beginning at 6:30 p.m. March 1 before the Fair Oaks Community Council at the California State University, Sacramento, Aquatic Center at 1901 Hazel Ave. The Aquatic Center is easily reached by bicycle on the American River Parkway bike trail on the east side of Hazel Avenue from the Nimbus Fish Hatchery.

Skip Amerine represented SABA on this project's Community Advisory Committee and is spearheading our comments. This project will have a major effect on one of the most heavily traveled bicycle corridors in Sacramento County. Thousands of bicyclists use the Hazel Avenue Bridge over the American River to access the bike trail.

The project proposes to expand Hazel from four to six lanes. The proposed construction staging area would be the Fish Hatchery.

"Pedestrian and bicycle safety is diminished by the lack of consistent facilities and projected crossings of Hazel Avenue," the report says. "The proposed project will include two new signalized intersections in the northern portion of the corridor. These new signals, at Phoenix Avenue and Roediger Lane, will provide additional pedestrian crossings as well as an opportunity to synchronize the corridor's traffic signals to promote a safe off-peak vehicle speed.

"The proposed project would also facilitate additional pedestrian and bicycle amenities in the southern portion of the corridor, creating a safer environment for non-motorized travel. Improvements include a grade-separated, shared-use facility between Curragh Downs Drive and the bridge as an alternative to adjacent sidewalks and on-street bicycle lanes. Access to the American River will be improved through trail modifications and/or an exclusive river crossing, depending on the alternative." ☼



*If Hazel Avenue is widened to six lanes, bicyclists and pedestrians would be accommodated on both sides of the bridge over the American River rather than only the downriver side.*

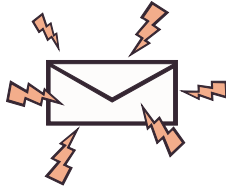
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## Letters to the Editor

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### We want to hear from you!

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Letters may be edited for length or clarity.

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## Bel Air Market Bike Parking Update

*By Skip Amerine*

The December issue of The Squeaky Wheel reported a violation of bicycle parking requirements for customers at the Bel Air market at 2155 Golden Center Lane in Gold River.

Ted Wolter, chief of staff to Sacramento County Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan, responded to the newsletter article. He offered to work with county code enforcement staff to work with Bel Air market management and Powell Properties, which owns the property, to fix the problem through education rather than direct enforcement.

In late January, Ted reported, "The property owner has been very helpful and willing to work with the county in this matter, and should have the issue resolved in the next few weeks." The new bike racks should be installed in March.

The December article focused on two ribbon-style bike racks in front of Bel Air that are no longer functional because they were moved to locations adjacent to planters to serve as backstops for shopping carts. The racks were functional for years prior to their being moved. Under the Sacramento County Zoning Code, the market appears to be in violation of Title III, Regulations and Development Standards, Chapter 30, Bicycle Parking Facilities.

SABA appreciates Ted's efforts and looks forward to a satisfactory resolution to the lack of required, functional bike parking at this Bel Air and other retail establishments in the county.

In the meantime, SABA volunteer Lisa Rae is continuing her efforts to research the status of bicycle racks at grocery stores in the Sacramento area. ☼



*Parkway Plan, from page 1*

- Provide access points near clustered parking areas.

Off-pavement trail bicycling would be designated on the Woodlake and Cal Expo area plans and at the discretion of the Parkway manager consistent with the previous conditions.

After a three-year trial period and evaluation of off-pavement trail cycling in the Woodlake and Cal Expo areas, further designation of off-pavement bicycling on maintenance and emergency access roadways within other area plans would be subject to Parkway manager discretion and a public approval process.

The committee still has a number of other sensitive issues to address, including political pressure to build a vehicle bridge through the Parkway between Watt Avenue and Sunrise Boulevard. The public is welcome to attend these meetings, which run from 6 to 9 p.m. on the following dates: Feb. 28, March 6, March 20, April 4, April 17 and May 2 at the Library Galleria, 828 I Street, Sacramento. ☼



*Members of the American River Parkway Plan Update Citizens Advisory Committee and others check out a site near Rossmoor Bar on the bike trail where the city of Rancho Cordova is interested in someday building a campground for youth groups during a community workshop on Feb. 4. The intent of the workshop and tour was to accept comments on Rancho Cordova's proposals for the Parkway within its city limits. The committee is expected to wrap up its work on the plan in May.*

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## News on the Web Site

We'll be doing a better job of providing up-to-date news on trail and road conditions, new bikeways and community events of interest on the SABA Web site. Volunteer David Mullin will be keeping his ear to the ground and monitoring the SABA and bike club listserves for relevant information. He'll also be getting information directly from government agencies. If you've learned of something that other cyclists should know about, please post the information on the SABA listserv or contact David directly at [dmullin@mindspring.com](mailto:dmullin@mindspring.com). ☼

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**Yearning for the Good Old Days**

*By Dan Winkelman*

Many years ago, a plan was developed to create a utopian community in the Sacramento Valley. The city would have Victorian architecture, tree-lined streets, and a population of around 5,000. Transportation would be provided by trolleys powered by hydroelectricity generated in the nearby foothills. Every house would be within two blocks of a trolley stop. The system would be virtually pollution-free, especially since there were no automobiles in the city. Bicycling would be safe and popular. All the citizens of the city would enjoy active healthy lives and would be the envy of the world.

Here is a shocker: The city was actually built! The city that I just described was Sacramento at about 1900. Folsom Powerhouse began sending three megawatts of hydroelectricity to Sacramento in 1895. This was a technological breakthrough that the world would soon copy. The company that owned the powerhouse, Sacramento Electric Power and Light Company, purchased the existing trolley systems of the city and began using its power gener-

ated in Folsom to run the trolleys.

Soon, fast electric trolleys began to run to major cities in northern California. The Sacramento Northern ran at 65 mph to Chico, Woodland and Tiburon. From Tiburon, one could board a ferry and ride to San Francisco and other cities in the bay.

So here we are in 2006, wishing for more light rail extensions and building bike paths so cyclists won't be run down by cars. Our

air could use a filtering and carbon emissions may be causing global warming. Rogue nations control most of the world's oil supply.

Oh, for the good old days before we fell in love with the automobile. Another day of gridlock traffic and maybe we will see the light. ☸

*Dan Winkelman is a member of FABA and chairman of the Folsom Powerhouse Docent Committee.*

