2024 Requests for Donations

Albany Strollers & Rollers

Albany Strollers & Rollers (AS&R) was founded in 2004 to increase bicycle access, bicycle safety, and safe routes for bicyclists and pedestrians in Albany, especially on those routes which funnel into the Bay Trail and the neighboring communities. Currently, we comprise more than 800 individuals and families. We meet once a month, alternating between policy-oriented Happy Hours and business meetings. Albany Strollers & Rollers is fiscally sponsored by Bike East Bay, a 501(c)3 non-profit. Additional information can be found on AS&R's website: albanystrollroll.org.

AS&R's Bike Bike Racks program, started with seed money from GPC's contribution in 2012, has installed over 74 racks and 2 AirKit pump stations so far. Other bike rack projects include: Funding new racks for 14 bikes at Albany High School and co-funding 30 racks at Albany Middle School; Co-funding and now managing and maintaining Albany's first in-street Bicycle Corral at Mr. Dewie's/ AC Transit Parklet (2021); With help from GPC's donations, we seed funded and co-managed additional bike parking at the Albany Community Center/Library in partnership with Albany Community Foundation (2012); and Managed and funded the first bike parking at Memorial & Jewel's Terrace Parks (2011-2012). AS&R is celebrating its 20th Anniversary – as a commemoration, we produced 500 customized bike bells, which we gave to those who attended our recent celebration. We distributed and installed some of the surplus bells at local elementary schools, and will distribute them to other AS&R partners, sponsors, and members. GPC's donation from last year funded those bells so our hearty thank you!

We would use future donated funds to install more bike racks and AirKit pump stations, with particular attention to the needs of longtail bikes. We would like to install more public pumps in locations that would be useful for people from Richmond to Oakland biking on popular routes like the Bay Trail and the Ohlone Greenway near Masonic/Solano, Memorial Park/Pool, and at the Albany Waterfront near restroom/racks and/or near BikeLink lockers, so donations to us will service cyclists across the East Bay. BikeLink lockers offer an even more secure parking option. We successfully advocated for the City of Albany to install BL lockers at the Waterfront. We are exploring sponsoring additional BL lockers at locations like Albany High School, such as to serve the members of the mountain bike team that live farthest away during training and race season. We'd also like to sponsor city-authorized "popup" bike infrastructure at politically challenging streetscape locations. This includes further iterations to the Kains and Adams Bike Boulevards, plus others. We believe that popups help build community support and resolve concerns, resulting in safer shared streets.

Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program/ Adaptive Cycling Program

The mission of <u>BORP</u> Adaptive Sports and Recreation is to empower youth and adults with mobility disabilities and visual impairments through dynamic athletic and outdoor programs, fostering independence, health, community, and a deep sense of belonging.

For decades, BORP's Adaptive Cycling Program has been a leader and model in the field. Our Berkeley Cycling Center at Aquatic Park is home to over 100 adaptive bikes, operating three days a week and serving roughly 20 children, youth, and adults with physical disabilities and visual impairments each program day, alongside their family and friends. Situated on a wide, flat bike path that connects to the San Francisco Bay, the center offers cyclists of varying abilities the chance to experience the beauty and accessibility of the outdoors. This year, we expanded our summer cycling program to Golden Gate Park, establishing a permanent bike storage space in San Francisco. We now offer rides there every Saturday from July through October.

BORP deeply appreciates the support from GPC, which enabled us to cover essential staffing expenses at our Berkeley Center last year. However, the continuing development at Aquatic Park will significantly reduce the number of parking spots available to participants, making it harder for many to access our center. In response, we are seeking support to expand our offsite and special cycling programs. We are setting up recurring rides at Santa Fe Elementary in Oakland and planning away rides at various locations across the Bay Area for Spring and Summer 2025. These programs are resource-intensive, often requiring truck rentals, additional staff, and substantial time to transport and set up bikes. Yet, they are crucial, providing local cyclists with disabilities rare opportunities to explore the diverse outdoor landscapes that our region has to offer.

Bicycle Trails Council East Bay (BTCEB)

Bicycle Trails Council East Bay (BTCEB) is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that advocates for off-road bicycle access in our community. The organization was founded in 1987 and is the oldest mountain bike advocacy group in the United States.

More and more GPC rides are venturing off road and during the summer, the GPC calendar has multiple recurring mixed-terrain rides. Additionally, the GPC century includes a Gravel version which drew high interest. A donation to BTCEB invests in promoting off road cycling, maintaining trails, and advocating for new trail access. Interest in off road cycling continues to increase and the work of groups like BTCEB is critical. Please consider supporting the growth of off road cycling. Learn more about BTCEB at their website: https://btceb.org.

Bike East Bay

<u>Bike East Bay</u> mobilizes by bike to build thriving communities that are joyful, safe, and inclusive. The generous support of the Grizzly Peak Cyclists enables Bike East Bay to be at the table protecting the rights of bicyclists. Over the past few years, we invested significant staff time to improve bicycling for transportation and recreation, including:

• Advocacy to keep the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge path open 24/7 - which continues - and for two bike/walk bridges that opened this year, reconnecting communities that were divided by highways - the Gilman Bridge over I-80 in Berkeley and the Mokelumne Bridge over Highway 4 between Brentwood and Antioch.

- Oakland DOT's Great Streets Maintenance Division is resuming work on the "top ten" pothole service requests per month submitted by Bike East Bay. This list is compiled based on SeeClickFix requests, and potholes on this list will get priority for repairs.
- Secured a commitment from Contra Costa Public Works for a road diet and bike lanes on San Pablo Dam Rd through El Sobrante, and the project is now seeking construction Funding.

Our major bike/walk/transit advocacy campaigns include San Pablo Ave (Oakland to Crockett) and the East Bay Greenway (Oakland to Fremont). Each have protected bikeway and trail projects under construction now with more to kick off over the next several years. In addition to protecting the Richmond-San Rafael bike/walk path, our Bridging the Bay Campaign is organizing around new bike/walk bridges on the Iron Horse Trail and Richmond Greenway, past freeway barriers in Fremont, Hayward, and Emeryville, and of course all the way across the Bay Bridge from the East Bay to San Francisco.

California Association of Bicycling Organizations (CABO)

<u>CABO</u> is critical in advocating for cyclists' rights across California, ensuring that people who ride bicycles are treated fairly on public roads. We promote laws, policies, and initiatives that protect cyclists and promote safe, equitable access to roadways. Your support will help us continue this important work. Here's how CABO serves the cycling community:

- 1. **Advocacy**: We represent cyclists before state and local legislative and administrative bodies.
- 2. Legislative Efforts: CABO contracts professional legislative analysis and lobbying services in Sacramento to protect and expand cyclists' rights.
- 3. Community Engagement: Our CABOforum Google Group provides a space for cyclists to share information and discuss cycling issues in California.
- 4. Education: We support nationally recognized cyclist education programs, including Smart Cycling from the League of American Bicyclists and Cycling Savvy from the American Bicycling Education Association.
- 5. **Outreach**: CABO provides significant resources on cycling laws and best practices to law enforcement, traffic engineers, and elected officials.
- 6. **Collaboration**: We partner with national organizations, such as the League of American Bicyclists, the American Bicycling Education Association, People for Bikes, and others, to strengthen cycling advocacy.

Your donations directly support these activities, helping CABO be a strong voice for cyclists' rights in California. We greatly appreciate your interest in participating and subscribing to CABOforum. With your donation support, we can continue to protect and improve cycling opportunities across the state.

California Bicycle Coalition

Mission:

The California Bicycle Coalition (https://www.calbike.org) advocates for equitable, inclusive, and prosperous communities where bicycling helps to enable all Californians to lead healthy and joyful lives.

Outcomes of past funding:

This year, CalBike has worked to broaden the conversation around Complete Streets policies and implementation, advancing the Complete Streets Bill, SB 960, and producing a report on Caltrans implementation of Complete Streets projects, both initiatives intended to develop accountability measures for Caltrans, and to speed up the implementation of Complete Streets features on state roadways. In addition, we have helped served as an active community and outreach partner to the statewide E-Bike Purchase Incentive Project administered by the California Air Resources Board, via ongoing public promotion to our e-mail interest list of 25.000+, active reporting, and work group participation, to help shape the program and ensure that over \$30 Million in e-bike incentives reach those communities with the greatest need.

Proposal for 2024:

In the coming year, we will continue to work to make California's roadways safer for people bicycling, both by improving access to infrastructure as well as by helping more Californians access e-bikes. We will continue our Complete Streets educational efforts, working with state and local elected leadership to better understand how to reform policy and practice to enable better bicycle infrastructure to be built. We will also work with California Air Resources Board as a communications partner, providing direct support to the launch of the statewide e-bike incentives program via email promotion, local CBO outreach, webinars and application resources as the program releases an expected 15,000 e-bike vouchers to eligible low-income Californians. We'll couple this with ongoing efforts to support e-bike safety and education, as well as initiatives that will support the implementation of Complete Streets projects advanced by 2024 advocacy efforts.

California Field School

The <u>California Field School</u> takes high school students on bike trips exploring social and environmental justice, and we are seeking funding to support our biking programs for girls and gender-expansive young people. Our approach of combining active travel with educational opportunities for high school students creates life-changing experiences for our participants, inspiring them to become leaders for environmental justice. CFS centers the story of California around indigenous Californians along with stories that reflect the experiences of our program participants, almost all of whom are youth of color, and who come from first-generation immigrant families.

Last year, we used the generous support of GPC to support a two week bike program for girls and gender-expansive young people at Life Academy, an OUSD public school. The funding went towards paying our highly trained staff members, campsite reservations, and biking equipment for the participants.

Your support allowed us to offer the programming free of charge to the participants, all of whom are youth of color and the majority of whom are first or second generation immigrants to the United States.

This year, we'd use the support for the 2025 Life Academy trip, including staff compensation, campsite reservations, and biking equipment. We know that for many of these young people, getting to experience the outdoors via bicycle is a life-changing experience, and we're so grateful to the Grizzly Peak Cyclists for supporting our efforts.

Cycles of Change

My name is Shruti Kaul and I work for Cycles of Change, a collectively-run, non-profit organization based in the San Antonio District of Oakland. Our mission is to improve the health and sustainability of Oakland's neighborhoods by increasing the use of bicycles as transportation. We do this by providing bicycle safety education, outdoor adventures, and earn-a-bike programs for students and low-income adults, as well as low-cost and free bike repairs at our community bike shop, the Bikery.

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support that we have received from Grizzly PeakCyclists over the years. Your support has allowed us to maintain our educational programs as the cycling world changes in Oakland and beyond. Unfortunately, many beloved bike shops in Oakland have closed over the last three years. Some folks from Lucky Duck and Missing Link have joined our team, and both of our new additions have remarked about how our community shop serves folks that would otherwise be ignored or turned away at usual retail bike shops.

This year, we have been lucky enough to have kind and dedicated interns throughout the summer and into the fall. For fall semester, our interns are from 3 different schools, and also speak different languages! The staff at the shop have been improving our bicycle-specific Spanish skills in order to better assist one of our interns from Guatemala. Another intern was a previous participant of our bike club at Metwest High school, and is happy to return as an intern at the Bikery. The depth and breadth of our programs allows us to build years-long relationships with local youth, while providing them diverse opportunities for personal and professional growth. Because of contributions from generous donors like you, the shop continues to be a space of collaboration, learning, and mutual support for underserved communities.

On behalf of the Cycles of Change team, thank you for your time and consideration, and we look forward to what this partnership holds for the coming years.

El Cerrito High School MTB Team

The mission of the El Cerrito High School Mountain Bike Team ("ECHS MTB") is to inspire in young people a commitment to athletic accomplishment, success through teamwork, and personal responsibility through its mountain biking coaching, training and racing program. Since its founding in 2002, ECHS MTB welcomes everyone, regardless of prior experience, and offers

the coaching necessary for all members to improve their skills, focus, and self-image. We have some students whose major goal for the season is to finish their first race, a few who want to podium every race as they work towards future dreams in collegiate or professional cycling, and everything in between. The team is a sponsored group of the El Cerrito High School Student Activities Fund (SAF), a non-profit organization.

ECHS MTB is an inclusive and competitive mountain bike team that trains regionally and competes in the NorCal league of NICA (National Interscholastic Cycling Association). There are no cuts, and boys and girls train together and compete at all the same events. Our team is among the leaders in female participation in the NorCal League, beating the "25% by 2025" goal with 33% female & non-binary students on our roster last year, and likely higher this year. The community that the team forges is unique—the students and volunteer coaches train together in all kinds of terrain around the Bay Area during our season, which spans the cold and rain training rides of December to the heat of the Lake County championships in May. The team builds camaraderie across age and skill levels, within and across teams, and teaches life skills such as proper nutrition and hydration during outdoor endurance sports, bike maintenance skills, or community support via trail maintenance in local parks.

Any student who is unable to pay the cost of participation on the mountain bike team is afforded financial assistance in the form of scholarship for dues (\$325 for the season, which also covers a kit), a loaner bike for the season, and financial aid in attending races. Since the pandemic, our sport and team have grown in popularity, attracting a range of students to join (we are expecting ~40 this season) and to commit to a rigorous schedule of training and competition. This season, we have received several more requests for financial aid than we have in several years (4 so far, with a week to go in registration). Any funding we would receive would allow us to support all of our applicants, (several from single-parent households or with limited financial means) with even partial financial aid or a loaner bike would help the team spread the joy of biking to more corners of West Contra Costa County.

El Cerrito/Richmond Annex Walk & Roll

Formerly known as El Cerrito Strollers and Rollers, El Cerrito/Richmond Annex Walk & Roll has expanded its mission of promoting safe and accessible multimodal transportation to include El Cerrito's geographic neighbors to the west, Richmond Annex. After our group was founded in 2021, we discovered that many of our most interested and active members were located across San Pablo Avenue in Richmond Annex, and we realized that moving people on—and across—San Pablo Avenue safely is core to our mission. We conducted several surveys and requested input on our name change during El Cerrito's July 4/WorldOne Festival before arriving at our new identity.

Over the past year, El Cerrito/Richmond Annex Walk & Roll has matured as an organization. In addition to changing our name, we developed <u>organizational guidelines</u>, wrote a <u>work plan</u>, appointed a coordinating committee, and updated our mission statement: "El Cerrito/Richmond Annex Walk & Roll promotes walking, bicycling, transit, and other low-carbon multimodal transportation alternatives, building community for safer, more joyful, and inclusive streets for all."

We now have nearly 400 people on our email list, and we send out e-newsletters monthly. Our coordinating committee meets every other month over Zoom and we host happy hours every other month at local bars and restaurants to build community. As local advocates for road safety improvements, we meet regularly with El Cerrito's sustainable transportation program manager and liaise between the community and the city's public works and planning department, as well as Bike East Bay, regional transportation agencies, and our fiscal sponsor, El Cerrito Community Foundation. Recently, members of our coordinating committee were appointed to the Contra Costa County Transportation Authority's Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. At the city level, we have advocated for improved bike parking at El Cerrito Plaza; the consideration of bike lanes in the complete streets plans for Richmond Street; and slowing down traffic on neighborhood streets, after which the city moved forward with the installation of three traffic circles. We have facilitated a Safe Routes to School working group, which will be participating in Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day this year.

Last year's GPC funding was a huge help to our organization! Previously we had almost no funding and your contribution enabled us to pay for our website and e-newsletter on Squarespace; purchase business cards and fliers for our participation in Bike to Wherever Day, World One festival, and the Solano Stroll, as well as posters for our marchers in El Cerrito's Martin Luther King Jr. parade; and make a downpayment on T-shirts, which are now for sale to members. We are hopeful that we can receive GPC funding again to help us to continue our community outreach and move forward with our work plan, including initiating a bike parking program for local businesses. Thank you for considering our organization.

KaiVelo Foundation

The <u>KaiVelo Foundation</u> (KaiVelo) is a 501(c)(3) devoted to supporting organized youth cycling. KaiVelo is based in the East Bay and directs money and equipment to cycling programs in the East Bay and beyond. Over the past five years KaiVelo has provided tens of thousands of dollars to local high school mountain bike teams and to the Monarch women's racing team. For the past two years KaiVelo has partnered with the <u>Berkeley Bicycle Club's junior road program</u> (BBCjr) to get kids from local NICA teams out on the road. KaiVelo provides loaner bikes to BBCjr program participants. The loaner fleet clears one of the largest barriers to entry to road riding - the need for a safe, high-quality road bike!

The bikes that comprise the loaner fleet are all on the older side; mostly 9- and 10- speed models and all featuring rim brakes and mechanical shifting. Donated bikes come from racers and ex-racers and are usually a combination of heavily used and long unused. These bikes were great in their day. But getting them back on the road requires significant investment. Likewise, keeping them on the road after months of hard riding by kids also requires investment.

That's where this funding application comes in. KaiVelo is seeking \$2,000 from GPC to refurbish and maintain the BBCjr loaner fleet. This is, of course, just a portion of the total fleet cost. Money that GPC provides will go to the unglamorous but essential bits needed to keep kids riding safely. We are talking tires, chains, freehubs, brake pads, cables, housing, etc. The loaner fleet has been a key component of BBCjr's success. Help KaiVelo help BBCjr develop the next generation of road riders!

League of American Bicyclists

As the year winds down and the political campaigns ramp up here in Washington, I want to offer a sincere thanks for your continued generosity to the League and the movement for safe streets and better biking for all, be it at the national, state or local level. Your support helps make bicycling safer and more accessible to all Americans, regardless of age, class or zip code.

Your backing of our 2024 program of work has been most impactful. With your help, and the support of our 16,000 members and supporters, we've continued to expand our advocacy on behalf of all Americans who ride. Our National Bike Summit continues to thrive, inspiring and empowering more than 350 advocates while meeting with over half of Congress. We championed the Langenkamp Safety Act to boost funding for on-bike education programming in public schools, and worked with the Government Accountability Office and Congressional allies securing a study of the effect of increasing vehicle size and weight in terms of vulnerable road users. Meanwhile, we launched our League Cycling Advocate program, hosting workshops for bike advocates in Washington, DC and Philadelphia, with more to come in 2025.

Our Bicycle Friendly America Team reviewed 151 Bicycle Friendly Business applications, 99 Bicycle Friendly Community applications, 45 Bicycle Friendly University applications while tabulating more than 15,000 public survey responses! We currently boast 480 certified Bicycle Friendly Communities, 1358 Business and 220 Universities. In California, those totals are 59 Communities, 118 Businesses and 21 Universities. We hosted three Bicycle Friendly Community Workshops in Memphis, TN, Roswell, GA, and Wentzville, MO, connecting city leaders with advocates and making plans for building communities centered on active mobility and recreation options.

In Smart Cycling, our gold-standard bike education program, we saw a 20% increase in the number of League Cycling Instructor seminars held this year, hosting 31 seminars in 22 different states, adding approximately 300 new LCIs to our growing community of instructors! We distributed 30 scholarships to LCI seminars to bicyclists in BIPOC communities, expanding the reach of bike education to more communities and our curriculum staff created a new Youth Learn to Ride Manual with a parent/caregiver one-pager and a new how-to Learn to Ride video for adults.

Next year will be among the most pivotal in a generation. The Congress we elect in November will determine the next Transportation Bill and establish our national priorities for the next five years. Regardless of the election's outcome, the League is already busy working with Members on both sides of the aisle to advance the interests of all Americans who ride. Together with our Congressional allies, we're advancing safety policy amidst the escalating dangers of motor vehicle size and weight, roadway design, autonomous driving and pushing for common-sense regulation like truck sideguard testing and auto emergency braking. Please continue your support for the League and let's ensure that coming generations are able to ride safely - for our health, for our well-being, for the sustainability of our communities. Thanks again

Legal Services for Prisoners with Children Annual Community Giveback Program

The goal of the Legal Services for Prisoners with Children's annual Community Giveback program is to ease the burden on families with incarcerated loved ones during the holiday season, by giving brand new bikes and toys to children, newborn to the age of 18, whose parents are unable to share these gifts in person. This event means so much, not just because it makes the holidays brighter for children and families, but because it's a powerful reminder of the value and contributions of formerly incarcerated people to their communities. It also tells children and caregivers that they are not alone, they have an entire community standing with them. The spirit of generosity that begins with this event ripples across Oakland, the Bay Area, and beyond. Since we started this initiative, we've seen similar programs spring up across the country, and we couldn't be prouder to inspire this movement.

Thanks to the generous funding from Grizzly Peak Cyclists and other donors in 2023, we were able to donate 297 bikes to children from 110 families at our annual Community Giveback on December 9th, 2023. Each bike costs between \$80-125, so the \$1,600 donated by GPC covered the cost to purchase about 15 bikes.

Funds from Grizzly Peak Cyclists would be used to purchase bicycles to give away at this year's Children Community Giveback in Oakland, which will occur on December 14, 2024. During this event, children of incarcerated parents and grandparents will be given bikes and helmets. In order to encourage safe biking, we fit the helmets to each child and provide a handout on bike safety. While the event is in December, we are still able to accept donations for this year's event for up to about two months afterward. LSPC typically uses its own internal funds to supplement the donations received and ensure enough bikes are purchased prior to the event; donations received within 1-2 months afterwards are used to replenish these funds. Donations received about 2 months after this event would be put toward next year's event.

Original Scraper Bike Team

The mission of the <u>Original Scraper Bike Team</u> is to engage youth in East Oakland in fulfilling, creative, and athletic endeavors through cycling, bicycle repair, and bicycle design. The Original Scraper Bike Team conducts youth rides that help familiarize youth in East Oakland with navigating their cityscape by bicycle and help them develop key motor skills. Our program also focuses on imparting values of environmental and racial justice while giving participants avenues and resources to take action to correct for past injustices in their community, regardless of their age.

If selected as a Grizzly Peak Cyclists (GPC) recipient this year, The Original Scraper Bike Team will use the funds to purchase materials for our free bicycle repair program at our community bicycle shed located in Arroyo Viejo Park. We are in the process of starting a workforce development program for youth centered on bicycle mechanics training and we expect our materials costs to increase greatly. Additional funds, if any, will be used to purchase lights for our youth bicyclists.

Our organization has not been a previous GPC recipient.

The Original Scraper Bike Team would love to have Grizzly Peak Cyclists join us on future bike rides, regardless of the outcome of this grant application.

Street Level Cycles

<u>Waterside Workshops</u> engages youth and the community through hands-on learning in bicycle mechanics, wooden boatbuilding, and outdoor education. Waterside is a safe place for youth to feel heard, gain confidence, develop work skills, and access the tools and resources needed to lead healthy, sustainable lives.

<u>Street Level Cycles</u>, our full-service bike shop, serves as our bicycle education, repair, and reuse program. Working alongside professional bike mechanics, our youth participants learn professional bike repair by refurbishing used bicycles, which are distributed back to the community as affordable, sustainable transportation. Youth also participate in organized group rides and help community members fix their own bicycles in our do-it-yourself Community Open Shop workspace.

With support from Grizzly Peak Cyclists, here is a glimpse of what we accomplished in 2023:

- 148 kids received their first bike and helmet at no cost
- 106 adults received a free commuter bike, lights, lock, and helmet
- 1,360 customers utilized our free Open Shop workspace
- 229 youth joined us on a free outdoor trip, including road and mountain bike rides
- 77 interns spent a total of 8566 hours learning bicycle mechanics and wooden boatbuilding in our job-training programs

Renewed funding from Grizzly Peak Cyclists helps sustain Street Level Cycles' youth internships, group bike rides for youth, and bicycle repair and reuse programs. Each year, we serve over 300 young people from Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Our programs are designed to support youth who face barriers to employment, including foster youth, homeless youth, youth with learning differences, and youth at risk of dropping out of school. Through our internships in bike mechanics, Street Level Cycles helps youth participants develop critical workplace skills, preparing them for a variety of career pathways and helping them achieve economic mobility by giving them each a free bike. Our free group rides for youth will allow young people to build confidence and develop riding skills in the company of supportive peers. Street Level Cycles continues to provide free and affordable used bikes to East Bay community members, helping to make cycling more inclusive. With support from Grizzly Peak Cyclists, our programs increase access to cycling while helping to foster the next generation of bike riders, mechanics, and advocates.

Transform

<u>Transform</u> works to ensure that people of all incomes thrive in a world safe from climate chaos. We envision vibrant neighborhoods, transformed by excellent, sustainable mobility options and affordable housing, where those historically impacted by racist disinvestment now have power and voice. Transform last received funding from GPC in 2019. That year, founder Stuart Cohen

stepped down as Executive Director. Despite a longer than anticipated leadership transition, Transform made significant progress and furthered its mission. Key activities included:

- Expanding the Safe Routes to Schools education and encouragement programming to 300 K-12 campuses across Alameda County, which serves tens of thousands of students every year. We focus a lot on bikes in those programs, educating kids and families about the impact of bicycling, getting them excited to ride to school through events and programs like bike trains to school. We educate high schoolers on practicalities like how to bring their bike on the bus and get them engaged in promoting bicycling to the younger kids.
- Building the Mobility Hubs pilot program and eliminating barriers to bicycling for residents living in affordable housing developments in Richmond, East Oakland, and San Jose. We facilitated bike giveaways and repair workshops for youth, created secure indoor bike parking spaces, and delivered discounted bike share memberships for these communities.
- Sponsoring state legislation (AB 2086) that holds Caltrans more accountable to its climate goals and helps ensure that bike lanes and sidewalks are prioritized as much as new highway construction.

Under the leadership of Executive Director Jenn Guitart, we recently completed our updated strategic plan and articulated our focus. Support from GPC will provide us with much needed resources to advocate for investments in sustainable transportation, and further normalize biking, walking, rolling, and transit. This year we will:

- Advance the most equitable transportation funding measure for the region. Additional funding will support Transform's policy advocates to bring in more climate justice and power building organizations and demand that Bay Area voters invest big in biking, walking, and public transportation.
- Partner with the city of Hayward and local bike advocates to maximize the number of kids and parents who bike, walk, and roll to school through a CARB-sponsored Clean Mobility in Schools project that just kicked off. GPC funding will help increase the reach and awareness about biking and walking infrastructure upgrades happening at eight campuses across the city and support the implementation of e-bike voucher distribution.
- Launch West Alameda Mobility for All, a project that assesses the transportation needs of those who live, work, and go to school in the western side of the city of Alameda. Having unrestricted support will help us inform planners at the city and AC Transit to design improvements that increase walking, biking, and transit.

Walk Oakland Bike Oakland

Walk Oakland Bike Oakland (WOBO) is a 501c3 advocacy organization whose mission is to improve neighborhood livability, vitality and sustainability by making walking and biking in Oakland safe, easy, accessible and fun. Our volunteer board actively participates in and partners with neighborhood-led organizations to ensure that local planning processes commit to full bicyclist and pedestrian accommodations that reduce and eliminate traffic violence. In the last 12

months, WOBO has grown its volunteer Board capacity to 11-people strong, including steadfast partners from Bike East Bay and Oakland Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commissioners, past and present.

WOBO has thrived by engaging the public through experiential "pop-up" community events such as East Oakland Futures Fest, temporary on-street pilots, and Bike To Wherever Day. These festivities allow the general public to experience and engage in mobility advocacy that tend to otherwise be difficult to imagine. The most recent celebration of a completed Downtown to KONO portion of Telegraph Avenue parking-protected bikeway was the product of one such pop-up event during Bike To Work Day in 2014. With paint, tape on the street and creative barricades, WOBO and Bike East Bay partners escorted a contingent of Mayor Jean Quan, Councilmembers, and city staff through a temporary protected bike lane at Telegraph and 27th. 10 years later, after hard-won community and city processes, Oakland now boasts multiple parking-protected bikeway projects that are breaking ground (14th Street, Lakeside) or close to completion, making traffic calming and safe routes possible and beautiful.

GPC donations represent an important part of WOBO's DNA. They reflect the trust that WOBO is building throughout Oakland's diverse communities, and bring light to the many people who long to experience mobility joyfully. GPC funding contributes to our ability to resource materials and to consistently offer incentives to keep neighbors excited and engaged in advancing safety and great walking and bicycling infrastructure. Through consistent communication and programming post-pandemic, WOBO is now able to shift its tactics towards seeding organizational sustainability, including the earliest steps towards a staffed organization!

We are honored to have been recipients of GPC donations, and hope our work represents well the spirit of GPC members and donors.