



# EAST BAY BICYCLE COALITION

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The Honorable Nancy Skinner  
California State Assembly  
District 14 (Berkeley)  
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## **RE: Support for Bicycle Access in State Parks & Vehicle License Fee**

Dear Assembly Member Skinner:

Since 1972 the East Bay Bicycle Coalition (EBBC) has represented the interests of bicyclists in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. We count over 2200 direct members, plus some 5000 members of recreational clubs and local organizations affiliated with our coalition. At our June 16, 2008 General Membership meeting we unanimously voted to support to **keep State Park roads and paths open to bicyclists** and to **fund parks with a \$15 increase in the Vehicle License Fee**.

Closure of Mt Diablo State Park roads would eliminate one of the most popular recreational routes for bicyclists in the East Bay. Nearby, loss of the level Bay Trail through the Benicia State Recreation Area would leave bicyclists traveling between Vallejo and Benicia with only an extremely hilly commute option. Samuel P. Taylor State Park offers a popular trail alternative to busy Sir Francis Drake Boulevard for access to West Marin County.

Closing these State Park bikeways would deprive bicyclists of safe transportation and recreation routes that many individuals rely on. We remind you that bicycling represents a low impact use of these State facilities that promotes health while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Please support our plea to retain State Park access and vote in support of the Vehicle License Fee increase.

We appreciate your community outreach to resolve the State budget crisis and support your leadership efforts in Sacramento.

Sincerely,

Robert Raburn  
Executive Director