



# THE 2010 RICHMOND BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

## ***Background***

Recognizing bicycling as an accessible, healthy and low-polluting form of transportation, the City has embarked on developing a *Bicycle Master Plan* in 2010, a blueprint for the future of bicycling in Richmond. Richmond is already a great place for bicycling. Central areas of relatively flat terrain, a well-connected grid street system in some parts of the City, temperate weather and several excellent bike routes have helped to create a thriving bicycling community in the City. The Richmond waterfront has a stunning Bay Trail system and new bicycle routes such as the Richmond Greenway continue to be developed throughout the City. Many opportunities to improve conditions for bicycling do remain to make Richmond an even better place to bike.

## ***What's Involved***

A Bicycle Master Plan is a roadmap for developing bicycle infrastructure in the City, with an emphasis on promoting bicycling as a viable transportation option by fostering a practical, safe and enjoyable environment for bicycling. Richmond's Bicycle Plan will focus on a number of projects to develop bicycling infrastructure, build a connected and comprehensive network of routes and generally support and encourage bicycling for both traveling and recreation.

## ***The Vision***

The *Bicycle Master Plan* will provide an overall vision for the future of bicycling in Richmond, with specific policies and programs to achieve this vision. The vision will be shaped by the values of the Richmond community and will build upon policies that are already identified in the City's *General Plan* and the Contra Costa Countywide *Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan*, which have both been recently updated.

## ***The Bicycle Network***

The *Plan* will focus on the development of a complete on and off-street bicycle network that includes safe and accessible connections to the Bay Trail and Richmond Greenway and that improves difficult areas to bike through, such as freeway interchanges and railroad crossings. The network will include local routes on neighborhood streets, as well as important corridors such as Barrett Avenue. It will also identify opportunities for new, secure bicycle parking at key locations.

## ***Creating a Bicycle-friendly Richmond***

To foster a bicycle-friendly community, the *Bicycle Master Plan* will also provide

guidance on programs that educate and encourage residents and out of town commuters to bicycle. These programs will promote bicycling for recreation and everyday trips for everyday people.



### ***Get Involved!***

In order to make the plan comprehensive and truly effective The City needs your input. We want to hear your ideas for making Richmond a bicycle-friendly city. Tell us about places you like to bike to, and issues that make it difficult to bike there safely and comfortably. There are several ways to get involved:

- **Check out and comment on the Community Map** – an easy on-line map of Richmond where anyone can add comments and ideas: <http://www.communitywalk.com/bikerichmond>
- **Attend the Bicycle Planning Workshop on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**: which will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Richmond Civic Center (440 Civic Center Drive). This all day event starting at 9:00 AM is open to everyone and free to participate. It will include a presentation of the planning process, a bicycle ride to key destinations in the City (relaxed, beginner pace) and a poster exhibition for the public to provide ideas, ask questions, and help develop the City's first *Bicycle Master Plan*.
- **Contact the Richmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee:** <http://richmondbpac.org/>
- **Submit a comment or question to:**  
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