

Ideas for Better Bike Transit

1. The bicycle is the best choice for transit. Realize that we must move with a purpose on organizing bike transit since residents are otherwise forced to pay whatever gas prices they are charging. Gasoline prices are already high and are digging into individual's pocketbooks and the region's economy. We need to organize the situation and make it work now! We are very close to a great bike transit system, but we need an additional push to really make it work.
2. Integrate bike trails onto regular city road maps showing path and points to get on and off trail. Special maps are a mistake except for promoting bike tourism.
3. Use first car on light rail trains for bicyclists and the disabled. Allow cyclists to use the ramp to board. The current situation is dangerous and disorganized. If we don't organize it, they will kick us off the trains the way they have kicked us off BART at rush hour. A lot of bicyclists are using light rail and it is a great way to get around.
4. Have a bike commuting class. Out reach through the media about safe cycling.
5. Use the bicycle police more and have them police the bike trails instead of just ticketing bicyclists. I have personally never seen a bicycle cop on a bike trail. Many people use Discovery Park and other trails everyday for commuting and they should police it.
6. Mark trails much better especially South area trail by Marina and cross river bridge to midtown. Mark trails the same as other roads with signs showing nearby services and businesses especially bike shops and restaurants and mileage markers for emergencies. Show signs to local police and hospital facilities.
7. Special tourists maps and advertising showing not only trails but fun things near trails like restaurants, shopping, river swimming, and Lake Natoma for other No Cal cities to develop tourism. Put bike trail maps on the internet sites for the county and city.
8. Make a South area levy trail on the Sacramento River similar to the American River Trail. Currently there are sections working but other sections of the levy are actually owned by the home owners. This would be another jewel for the community if we could get it going. The South Area is lacking an amenity that the North Area already has.
9. Create more regional trails similar to the Davis trail especially for the East I-80 communities.
10. Consider adding a bike lane to the DNA light rail line that they will someday build between Downtown and the Airport. We need a better way to cross the Discovery Park in the winter when it is flooded than I-5.
11. Introduce shower and locker facilities into building codes for new or even existing office buildings.
12. Make sure that bike transit gets its share of transportation funding. We could resolve problems with relative small amounts of funding compared with car transit.
13. Relax laws about riding on sidewalks. Bicycling on sidewalks where there are absolutely no walkers could be legal.
14. Get rid of the sidewalks that jut out into the street that cut off the bicycle lane. I have seen them on Broadway and on J Street. This is something that the city is currently building. It built one on El Camino in S Natomas just recently. This is very dangerous.
15. Realize that obesity is a public health crisis. Consider having an honorary or partially paid position of Health and Fitness Czar for the city similar to the Poet Laureate or hire a full time person. Promote the city as a healthy city to live in and encourage current residents to use the parks, trails, pools, etc. This is one of the best places to be healthy in America, but the residents aren't using the amenities the city is providing.