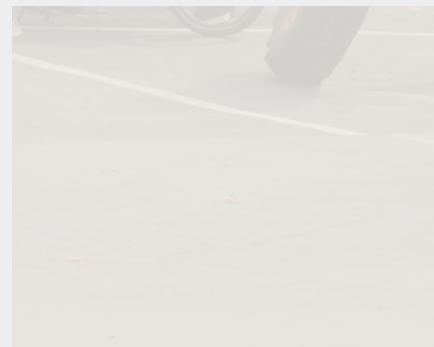
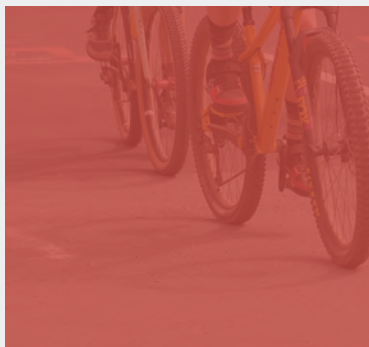




MARIN COUNTY BICYCLE COALITION | CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

REPORT TO OUR SPOKE DONORS

With your support, we will
create a place where
everyone bikes
everywhere every day





Message from the Executive Director

2024 marks our 25th Anniversary, and we have a lot to celebrate. With your support, we've introduced more students to bicycling, added critical teen e-bike safety classes, started a new advocacy team in Novato, and will celebrate legal single track on Mt. Tam for the first time. Please save the date for our 90's themed anniversary celebration on April 19th, 2025!

Thank you for your commitment to this work.

Tarrell Kullaway, Executive Director



On the Streets

Safer Places to Ride in Marin - Thanks to You

MCBC's Road program lies at the heart of our efforts to create a healthy, connected, and sustainable Marin through bicycling. We advocate vigorously for better infrastructure to make bicycling safe and convenient for people of all ages and abilities. And it's working, thanks to people like you.

"In addition to being highly competent, MCBC staff is passionate about the work they do and committed to improving safety and experience for cyclists."
—Rosemarie Gaglione, Director, Marin County Department of Public Works

Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART)

The SMART promise of a 70-mile pathway from Larkspur to Cloverdale is being realized, one mile at a time. Your patience and dedicated backing of our work on this keystone project have resulted in the agency bringing all outstanding pathway segments to full engineering design. Construction is underway on the McInnis Parkway to Marin Civic Center segment, and work is expected to be completed by the end of the year. SMART will install wayfinding along the entire path with temporary signage around gaps. It has been a long and tumultuous journey, but we are delighted to report this progress.



Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Path

In November 2023, the four-year pilot period for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge ended. In March 2024, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) announced its intention to close the multiuse path Monday to Thursday and return it to a roadway shoulder/breakdown lane during that time. This is merely a short-term change, and it is clear that MTC aims to add another westbound lane on the bridge, which is likely to preclude bike access entirely. Scores of you have shown up in myriad ways to protect this vitally important cross-county connection, this integral piece of the San Francisco Bay Trail, this people-powered active transportation facility.



Mill Valley-Sausalito Path Sea Level Rise

High tide events result in flooding that greatly affects the Mill Valley-Sausalito Path—one of the County's busiest commute and recreation pathways. Caltrans is working to protect US-101, Route 1, and the Manzanita Park and Ride from sea level rise, but they forgot to include the pathway. As a result of MCBC's mobilization, Caltrans has now stated that all three of the alternatives being developed will include a raised multi-use path. This is your bike coalition at work!



Alto Tunnel

This 2,173-foot-long abandoned rail tunnel connecting Corte Madera to Mill Valley is the last link in a system that, when complete, will make nearly 7 miles of car-free pathway from Sausalito to San Rafael, eliminating the narrow and steep traverse over Camino Alto. In March of 2024, MCBC and Friends of Alto Tunnel (FOAT) delivered a petition of support with over 2,000 signatures to the Marin County Board of Supervisors. In addition, FOAT has turned out volunteers to march the Alto Tunnel float in community parades and has coordinated meetings with several elected officials to build support for the tunnel. We remain dedicated to this transformational project and are encouraged by continued community support!

San Rafael Transit Center Relocation

As part of this relocation project, a two-way bikeway between 2nd Street and 4th Street will be provided, helping close an important gap through Downtown San Rafael. Our Policy & Planning Director sat on the Community Design Advisory Group and provided critical input, ensuring a bikeway design that meets our community's needs.



Holding Caltrans Accountable

Caltrans was moving forward with plans to repave Route 1 between Manzanita and Stinson Beach. Caltrans's plans called for a protected bike lane in Tam Valley, but this key infrastructure somehow fell out of the project. Ever attuned to such crucial details, MCBC's Policy and Planning Director noted the omission, and the situation is being addressed. This is the inglorious yet fundamentally important work that your support allows!

Countywide Transportation Plan

The Transportation Authority of Marin is in the process of developing a Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP). While we realize that there are many issues to prioritize when it comes to transportation planning, slowly but surely, our elected officials are recognizing that we cannot keep moving forward in a car-centric way. We called on them to think about the future we want to create in Marin, where all ages and abilities can walk or bike safely to school, work, the park, or a friend's house. Our work has been impactful, as most board members reference walking and biking as a top priority. This sea-change reflects your values, support, and commitment to a safer, bike-centric Marin.

Local Teams Novato

Novato is the latest location in Marin to form a Local Team—groups of community advocates speaking up for better biking in their neighborhoods—and they have developed short-term goals. They are meeting with city council members to stress the importance of walking and biking in promoting sustainability and safety in Novato.

Other teams around the county that are vastly expanding the reach and influence of bike advocacy can be found in San Rafael, Mill Valley, and around the Golden Gate Bridge. Go, Local Teams!



Statewide Advocacy

In addition to working with officials in Marin, MCBC is heavily involved in statewide coalitions pushing new legislation in Sacramento. MCBC has organized meetings with state legislators to discuss important bills requiring Caltrans to improve its roads for people walking and biking and require auto manufacturers to make cars that discourage drivers from speeding. Additionally, we helped fight to retain funding for the Active Transportation Program, the state's premier bicycle/pedestrian project.

Marin County Active Transportation Planner

An Active Transportation Planner—the first staffer focused entirely on bicycling and walking in Marin County—was recently hired! MCBC is coordinating a bike ride with the new staffer to visit the most important projects in unincorporated Marin County.



On the Trails

Expanded Trail Access - Thanks to Your Support!

After many years of slow, incremental progress to open more trails to mountain bikers, major milestones are being met. MCBC's Reimagine Mt Tam has resulted in a pilot program on watershed lands that will open new singletrack trails to bikes. Marin County Parks has added multiple miles of new bike-friendly trails, making important connections between systems, neighborhoods, and communities. Read on to see what you've made possible.

"We not only enjoy using the trails, but we also really want to make sure that this habitat is preserved for the generations to come." - James Meezan, MCBC Youth Board Member

Eagle Rock Trail

The realignment of Memorial Trail connecting San Rafael to the Terra Linda/Sleepy Hollow Divide Open Space Preserve is nearly complete. Eagle Rock Trail has "soft opened," allowing bikes, hikers, and equestrians to use it outside of working weekday hours, and will be fully open at the end of September 2024. We'll be there to celebrate on two wheels!

Sorich Park Connection

MCBC is working with San Anselmo residents to close the gap between San Francisco Blvd and Cemetery Fire Road through Sorich Park. This quarter-mile trail would connect San Anselmo to the Terra Linda/Sleepy Hollow Open Space and the new Eagle Rock Trail, allowing more direct bike access to Northern San Rafael and destinations beyond.

Reimagine Mt. Tam - Marin Water Watershed Recreation Plan - Change is Coming!

Six years after starting the process to Reimagine Mt. Tam, Marin Water's Board voted unanimously to allow bikes on ten trails in the Watershed! These trails add 6.6 miles of previously untouchable singletrack to our trail network on Mt. Tam and open up many exciting routes with a range of difficulty. We'll be helping the District prepare and maintain these trails and plan to celebrate their opening with a group ride in early October. This is incredibly exciting and would not have been possible without your help!





Point Reyes General Management Plan Amendment

The Point Reyes National Seashore trails master plan process has begun and will include a framework for concepts creating new trail loops and connections accessible by bike. MCBC will continue working with park staff and stakeholders to close gaps and create loops to make Point Reyes a world-class cycling destination for bike touring, bike packing, gravel riding, and cross-country mountain biking.



Olompali State Park Trails - Change-in-Use

California State Parks is considering a change in use to include bikes on some of the trails at Olompali State Park in Novato. This change would expand the trails accessible from Mt. Burdell and provide a connection to Petaluma. We're working with State Parks to ensure they proceed with stakeholder outreach and schedule an onsite meeting soon.

Liberty Gulch Trail

This trail project provides a much-needed connection and safety improvement between the "Lakes" and "Pine Mountain" areas and is slated to open in early 2025. It will be among the first of MCBC's 3 Gaps Initiative projects to be completed, which is our vision to create a car-free dirt route from the Golden Gate to Point Reyes Station!

Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) - Dias Phase II

Dias Phase II would close a crucial gap between the Marin Headlands and Mt. Tam. While the project has cleared many hurdles, funding is needed. MCBC continues to assist Golden Gate National Recreation Area on this front while pushing the agency to keep this project at the top of the list.



Slow & Say Hello

Along with the Marin Horse Council and Marin Conservation League, MCBC holds outposts at trailheads throughout the county to engage with hikers, walkers, runners, cyclists, equestrians, and dog walkers. We promote trail etiquette and positive interactions and instill resource protection values. Land managers across Marin have sought out the Trail Partners to hold Slow and Say Hello Outposts in conjunction with their trail openings to encourage good communication and understanding on the trails.



Education

More Kids on Bikes - Your Support Makes a Difference!

MCBC's education programs aim to get more people of all ages and abilities on bikes. Whether teaching kids, teens, families, and adults the rules of the road and how to be safe (and have fun!) on a bicycle or helping Cory's Ride teens earn their bikes, these programs have impacted the lives of thousands of Marin residents.

Cory's Ride has been the greatest program I've been a part of. It has helped me discover that I really love biking more than I thought I did. It has helped me challenge myself, improve my social skills, and go out of my comfort zone, and I enjoyed it at the same time. Cory's Ride offers great opportunities for those who are interested in biking or encourage the growth of cycling in our community.

–Milagros Cruz - Cory's Ride Intern and Junior at San Rafael High School

Safe Routes to Schools

Born in Marin County at MCBC headquarters, Safe Routes to Schools has gotten kids and their families out of cars since 2000. Today, tens of thousands of students from 55 Marin public and private elementary, middle, and high schools receive instruction on safely navigating roads by bicycle or on foot. Safe Routes to Schools promotes health and safety while mitigating traffic congestion and pollution throughout Marin, with over 50% of the student body using active or shared commutes.

E-Bike Smart Marin

The teen e-bike safety class was developed in partnership with our Safe Routes to Schools instructors to offer a class that focuses specifically on e-bike safety and education, including bike handling and emergency maneuvers, rules of the road, and hands-on skills practice. Our teen e-bike safety class,

Family Biking

These workshops are taught by a League-certified instructor from the MCBC staff. They help students develop the necessary skills to ride safely while parents learn best practices for teaching their children to ride on roads and pathways.





Cory's Ride

Founded in memory of Cory Leonoudakis, Cory's Ride began in 2021 to help middle and high school students in underserved communities across San Rafael, Novato, and Marin City overcome barriers to bicycling through our earn-a-bike program. Thanks to the support of people like you, the program currently has 50 students experiencing the joys of riding a bike.

"Working with Cory's Ride has been the biggest reminder of what bikes can make happen. Beyond riding, it's the smiles and laughter that make it all worth it." - Carlos Guevara, Cory's Ride Intern and Whitman College Freshman

Cory's Ride Expands Across Marin



- Cory's Ride partnered with Bridge the Gap in Sausalito/Marin City, Next Generation Scholars in San Rafael, and Novato High School.
- We held seven group rides around Marin, learning city cycling and how to navigate public transportation systems like the SMART Train.
- Cory's Ride was awarded a Marin County Parks grant, which enables students to explore the natural beauty of Marin's parks and open spaces, deepening their connection to the environment and encouraging a lifelong love of outdoor activities.
- At BikeFest in Pickleweed Park in the Canal Neighborhood, Cory's Ride students partnered with volunteer mechanics from Bike Mobile to repair over 60 bikes in one afternoon, and we donated over 40 bikes and 50 helmets to kids in the community.

Cory's Ride Internship Program

Four paid interns have graduated, and we look forward to recruiting two more for the 2024/2025 school year. Interns are crucial to our activities, from teaching classes to organizing rides and events to getting involved in cycling advocacy issues within their communities.

2nd Annual Bicycle Film Festival Supporting Cory's Ride

The 2nd annual Bicycle Film Festival Marin at the Lark Theater, held in support of Cory's Ride, was a resounding success. Cory's Ride interns Carlos Hernandez and Manuel Guevara gave a powerful snapshot of the program's impact on their community. Given the overwhelming response, we plan to make this an annual event. Keep an eye out for the 2025 date!





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MCBC Signature Events

Together, We Ride

MCBC events bring our community together—whether folks are rockin’ skinny tires or knobby, riding the Tiburon path with the kids, or getting spicy on a technical trail, our events thrive thanks to the incredible support of our volunteers. Whether you’re checking in riders, crafting PB&J’s at rest stops, cleaning up at the end of the day, or marking turns for riders to find their way, every task is essential to our success. Thank you, volunteers, participants, and sponsors.

“The whole day was spectacular” - 2023 Biketoberfest participant

“Beautiful route, fun & supportive volunteers!” - 2024 Jane Fondo participant

Dirt Fondo

In 2024, we celebrated 12 years of trailblazing adventure riding some of the best dirt Marin has to offer. When you ride with MCBC, you help create opportunities to engage with new members, reinforce safe and respectful trail riding, and build trust among Marin’s land managers and other stakeholder groups. And it’s fun! Join us at next year’s ride on July 19!

Adventure Revival

Adventure Revival supports MCBC and the NorCal Interscholastic Cycling League programs to develop the next generation of trail advocates. This fundraiser ride helps us build on each of our teen trail stewardship programs, which benefit our entire community.



Bike Month & Bike to Work/Wherever Day

MCBC proudly participates in the Bay Area Bike to Work / Wherever Day each May. Join us to celebrate Bike Month and honor those who make a positive impact in our community!

Biketoberfest - October 12, 2024

Biketoberfest is back to celebrate the fall season with a vibrant mix of local brewers, bike shops, vendors, live music, and great food.

Jane Fondo

We celebrated women on bikes with our third Jane Fondo ride this year in West Marin.



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Thank You!

With your support, we will create a Marin where everyone bikes everywhere, every day—where bicycling is a normal part of life and the first choice for transportation, and where the strengths and benefits of the bicycling movement are understood and embraced by all. Thank you!



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