

**The Commonwealth Club Silicon Valley
invites you to attend a**

**Town Hall Meeting
on Our Bicycle Safety Crisis**

Saturday, June 28, 2008

1:00 p.m.

San Jose City Council Chambers ~ 200 East Santa Clara Street ~ Downtown San Jose

This free program is open to anyone

Featuring:

**Congressmember James Oberstar, Chair
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee**

Will Kempton, Director of Caltrans

**Carl Guardino (moderator), President & CEO
Silicon Valley Leadership Group**

Follow-up discussion panel starting at 2 p.m. with:

**Lee Taubeneck, District Four Deputy Director for Planning
California Department of Transportation**

**Ian McAvoy, Chief of Development
CalTrain**

**Therese McMillan, Deputy Executive Director for Policy
San Francisco Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission**

**Corinne Winter, Executive Director
Santa Clara Valley Bicycle Coalition**

**Chris Augenstein, Deputy Director of Planning
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority**

Here are the facts: Over the past 10 years, nearly 200 Bay Area bicyclists have been killed and more than 25,000 injured, according to the California Highway Patrol. During that same time, Santa Clara County had the highest number of fatalities and injuries per capita compared to the nine other Bay Area counties!

Those numbers are rising at an alarming rate, both locally and nationally. What can we do to make the roads safe for everyone?

Bicycling advocates say that one solution is to raise motorists' awareness that bicyclists have the right to use the roadways and to firmly enforce existing laws against drivers involved in collisions with bicyclists. Several states have passed laws requiring drivers to give bicyclists a minimum three-foot berth as they pass. However, an attempt last year by Assemblyman Pedro Nava to pass a similar law in California was unsuccessful. What are the alternatives?

Join this urgent town hall meeting to discuss the ways to reduce the number of bicycle injuries and fatalities in our communities.

Co-sponsored by California Department of Transportation, CalTrain, City of San Jose, Guadalupe River Park & Gardens, Mineta Transportation Institute, San Francisco Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

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