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## **Air District offers \$5 million to expand regional bikeways & bike parking facilities**

**SAN FRANCISCO** - The Bay Area Air Quality Management District announced \$5 million dollars to fund new bike amenities throughout the region.

Replacing motor vehicle trips with bicycling plays a key role in helping the region improve air quality and reduces regional greenhouse gases.

“By supporting bike infrastructure, the Air District can help make biking a viable alternative for many Bay Area residents,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “Every time we can bike instead of drive, it helps reduce congested roadways and improve air quality in the Bay Area.”

The program offers funding to public agencies to support the construction of new bicycle facilities, including bikeways and secure parking, in the region. The goal is to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gases from motor vehicles and improve air quality by helping residents and commuters shift to biking as an alternative to driving.

This program is made possible through the Air District’s Transportation Fund for Clean Air program, which provides grants to projects that improve air quality by reducing emissions from motor vehicles. Funding comes from the \$4 DMV registration surcharge for motor vehicles in the Bay Area. Up to \$5 million in fiscal year ending 2017 funds is available for this competitive program.

For more information, or to register for the required pre-application webinar, please go to [www.baaqmd.gov/bikeways](http://www.baaqmd.gov/bikeways). Webinars will be held on the following dates:

- Wednesday, May 3, 10 AM to 11 AM
- Thursday, May 11, 2 PM to 3 PM
- Tuesday, May 23, 10 AM to 11 AM

To apply, submit both an online and hard copy application by 4 PM on June 26, 2017.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District ([www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov)) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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