

# Lafayette **Commuter Guide**

# Employee parking can be such a hassle in Lafayette - avoid it and save money!

In order to make sure there is sufficient parking for customers, the City of Lafayette encourages employers and their employees to utilize alternatives to driving alone. Taking BART, transit, carpooling, biking or walking just once a week could open up 20% more parking spaces for your customers.

ot only would that be good for business, but it could be good for your pocketbook and your company's bottom line. This brochure describes the free commuter incentives available to you and some on-going benefits for not driving alone that can save employees and employers a lot of money. We've also included some resource information to make it easier for you to get started.

# Try it, you'll like it (Free tickets, groceries or gas)

The City of Lafayette, in association with 511 Contra Costa, offers a variety of free incentives to encourage you to try BART, transit and carpooling. Sign up and you can receive free BART, County Connection, AC Transit or other transit agencies' tickets. Or try carpooling and you and your car-mates can receive free gift cards for gas or groceries These incentives are available to anyone who works in Contra Costa County; whether you live here or not. Applications are available at www.511contracosta.org

**Express** 

www.solanoexpress.com

or by calling (925) 969-0841. Vacaville Solano

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# Your guarantee, in case of emergency

The Guaranteed Ride Home Program is there for you when things don't go as planned:

- You unexpectedly need to work late
- Your child gets sick at school
- A family crisis arises
- Your carpool driver has a vehicle breakdown
- Your carpool driver unexpectedly needs to leave early

This free program is available to anyone who uses a commute alternative (BART, bus, bike, carpool, or foot) to get to work i n Lafayette. It's free and is meant to put you at ease so you neve r feel like you'll be stranded without your car in case of an emegency. Pre-register and you'll obtain either a taxi or rental car vouch er for when that unexpected emergency arises. The taxi voucher even covers bridge tolls and the driver's tip! Applications are available at www.511contracosta.org or by calling 510.215.3035.

# Want to bike to work, but no place to store it?

To support and encourage bicycle use, annual grants for the purchase of bike lockers and racks are available. Free bicycle racks and lockers are offered to employment sites, retail centers, schools, colleges and public buildings. Contact Lafavette's representative at 511 Contra Costa at 925.973.2655 to request free

# It's a green win, win: save money and the environment

By paying for your commuting transit and parking costs with pre-tax dollars, you could make getting to work up to 40% cheaper. If you pay to park at a transit station, your parking fee also qualifies! Both employees and employers can save money by not paying federal, state and FICA taxes on these expenses. No more fumbling with ticket machines, because BART and transit tickets are delivered free to your home.

More employees riding transit also means more parking spaces for customers and less need for employees to play the parking shuffle during working hours. Even if you are a small business with few employees, these benefit programs can work for you.

How could this be? The benefit administrators handle all of the details for a small fee charged to the employer, but the fee is still less than what the employer saves by having employees participate.

WageWorks 866.602.3887 www.wageworks.com Commuter Check 800.531.2828 www.commutercheck.com

# Want to bike, but not sure of the best route?

Free maps while supplies last at:

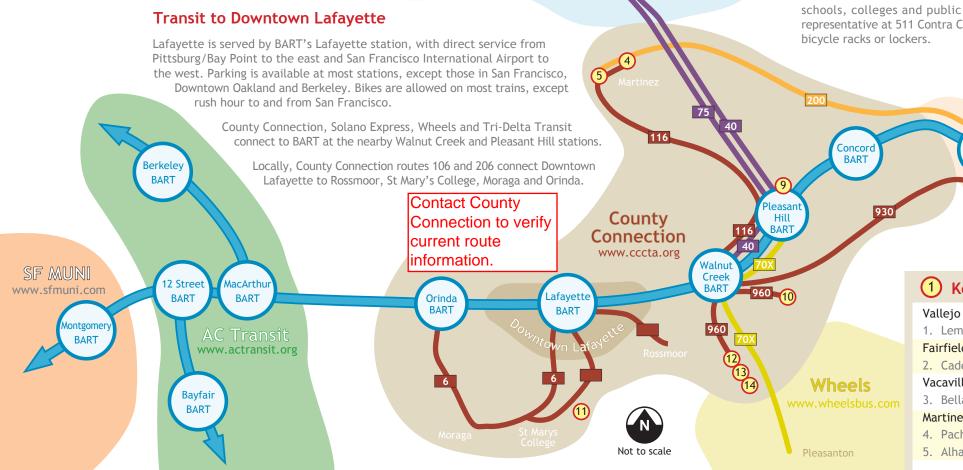
# www.511contracosta.org/bicycle.html

East Bay Bicycle Coalition (EBBC) cover areas east and west of the hills

East Bay Regional Park District's Central and Eastern Contra Costa Regional Trail maps

The Bike Buddy Ridematch service helps new riders by linking them with experienced bicyclists to gather tips, route information and moral support:

http://bicycling.511.org/buddy/htm



# 1 Key to Park & Ride Lots:

1. Lemon St / Curtola Parkway Fairfield

2. Cadenasso Dr / Beck Av Vacaville

# 3. Bella Vista Rd / Davis St Martinez

- 4. Pacheco Blvd / Blum Road
- 5. Alhambra Ave / Highway 4

# Pittsburg

6. Bliss Av / Railroad Av

Brentwood (8)

## Antioch

Tri-Delta

www.trideltatransit.com

7. Hillcrest Dr / Highway 4

# **Brentwood**

8. Walnut Bl / Highway 4

# Pleasant Hill

9. Pleasant Hill BART station

# Walnut Creek

10. Oak Grove Rd / Mitchell Dr

11. St Marys Rd / Community Park

Danville 12. Sycamore Rd / I-680

# San Ramon

Lafavette

13. Bollinger Canyon Road / I-680

14. Bishop Ranch Transit Center