

Clean Air Plan 2010. 511 Contra Costa staff will be attending the Public Workshop for the Bay Area 2010 Clean Air plan on April 8th from 1:30-4:30 at the County of Alameda's offices. More information will follow. Written comments on the Draft CAP and the DEIR must be received by the Air District no later than 5:00 pm on April 26, 2010.

Commuter Information Guide. The Commuter Information Guide has been updated and is ready for distribution. The current guide focuses on alternative transportation programs and services in Contra Costa County. Rather than duplicating information on programs outside of Contra Costa, the guide refers to the reader to the various websites for details.

Bicycle Road Safety Training to be held in Pleasant Hill. 511 Contra Costa is reviewing the 40 applications received for the two-day "Traffic Skills 101" course that will be held at the Pleasant Hill City Hall April 17th and 18th, with the assistance of the League of American Bicyclists. The class is limited to 15 applicants who will be selected on the basis of existing novice-to-beginner skill level, willingness to commute by bicycle (and transit) instead of by car, and commitment to complete the two-day training course.

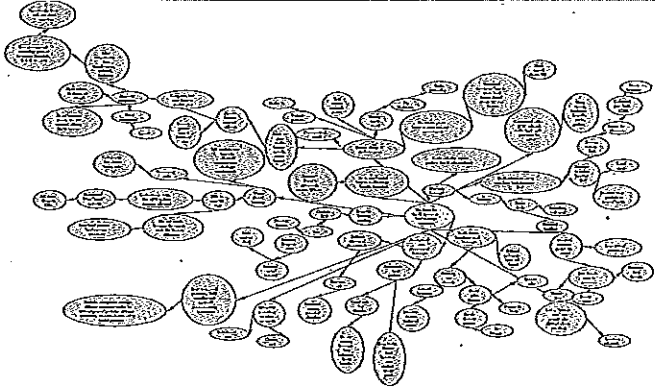
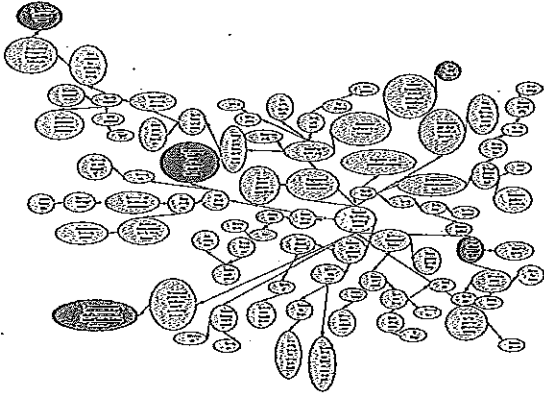
Bike to Work Day, May 13, 2010. 511 Contra Costa is running a co-promotional element of Bike to Work Day targeted at families becoming more familiar with the local Canal Trail and Iron Horse Trail on Bike to Work Day. Families will be encouraged to use the trails to access four energizer stations located at neighborhood parks. Each energizer station is located a mile from one another and include: Larkey Park, Walden Park at Iron Horse Canal Trail crossing, Canal Trail at Heather Farms, and the Iron Horse Trail at Walnut Creek Civic Park.

City of Martinez has installed two of their three electric charging stations. An official unveiling will be forthcoming.

Reminder that Earth Day is April 17th. 511 Contra Costa will be attending two Earth Day events; one at the John Muir Celebration at the John Muir Historical site in Martinez and one hosted by County Connection at Civic Park in Walnut Creek to showcase their new hybrid buses.

City of Antioch Climate Action Plan Workshop. 511 Contra Costa staff attended the City of Antioch's Climate Action Plan workshop on March 30. Students from the Green MBA Program at Dominican College are working on the City of Antioch's Climate Action Plan and facilitated the community involvement. The process utilized the "Systematic Tools" approach which had the meeting attendees working in groups for "conversation mapping" and then on to "emerging themes", followed by creating "opportunity statements". A schematic is on the reverse side.

CONVERSATION MAPPING

<p>1. Conversation Map (Generating Ideas)</p>	<p>2. Emerging Themes</p>
<p>A conversation map is generated through engaging diverse viewpoints about a chosen issue. It is a non-verbal conversation and allows everyone to express their thoughts equally on a shared piece of paper.</p>	<p>People will search the map for themes, patterns and links that are being expressed in the various maps.</p>
	

3. Action (Opportunity Statements)

Using one emergent theme write a statement that answers the following questions.

- What is the improvement activity?
- How can we do it?
- Why is this improvement a value to our community?
- How can we measure improvement?

<p>The issue is:</p>	
<p>WHAT we can do:</p>	
<p>HOW we can do it:</p>	
<p>WHY it will make a difference to this issue:</p>	
<p>HOW can this be measured:</p>	