

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

Bike to Work Day, May 13, 2010. 511 Contra Costa is the coordinator for BTWD public outreach, events and energizer station support in Contra Costa. Staff has received commitments from all 33 energizer station hosts from 2009 to participate again in 2010, as well as three new additional bike shops to host energizer stations this year. In the TRANSPAC region volunteers from the City of Walnut Creek staff and Bicycle Advisory Committee, three bike shops, Bank of America in Concord, County Connection, Renaissance Club Sport, DVC, Central Sanitation, Parkmead neighborhood group, Grafika Design Studio, Whole Foods Market, have all committed to host energizer stations on Bike to Work Day.

Staff met with Assemblymember Skinner. As result of the electric charging station unveiling in December, Assemblymember Skinner's District Director asked to meet with 511 Contra Costa to brainstorm electric plug-in vehicle charging stations and car sharing ideas for mixed city fleet vehicle use during the day and public use at night.

TLC, Block Grants, Reformulated Gasoline Settlement Fund Grants. Staff is looking at various grant opportunities for the purpose of delivering special demonstration projects that reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

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.

