REDWOOD CITY, Calif – On Bike to Work Day, Thursday, May 9, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition and Commute.org will host a bike ride for elected officials, committee members, and agency staff from across San Mateo County.

As a kick-off to the 25th Annual Bay Area Bike to Work Day, SVBC Director of Policy and Advocacy, Emma Shlaes, will lead a group on a ride from Redwood City Caltrain station through North Fair Oaks to Menlo Park and East Palo Alto.

The group will start at an “Energizer Station” at the Redwood City Caltrain station and make educational stops along the way. These Energizer Stations are a few of the 40+ locations in San Mateo County where riders can grab a snack and goodie bag on their way to work that morning to help encourage more people to bike. Complete event information, including energizer station locations, is available at Bayareabiketowork.com.

“Biking is an increasingly important part of commuting and a great alternative to single occupancy vehicles,” said San Mateo County Supervisor Dave Pine. “The annual Bike to Work Day highlights the importance of expanding safe bicycling options in our communities.”

Shlaes, along with other local speakers, will highlight recent and future bike infrastructure projects and plans along the route. SVBC is particularly interested in the possibility for a bike and pedestrian trail along the Dumbarton Corridor. Other highlights include improvements at Woodside Road/Middlefield Road in Redwood City and North Fair Oaks, the Chilco two-way protected bike lane, Menlo Park’s Oak Grove bike boulevard, and discussion around future projects in the area.

More than one million Bay Area residents live within five miles of their workplace, an ideal distance for bicycling. According to the 2013 American Community Survey, over 62,000 Bay Area residents use a bicycle as their primary means of getting to work every day. On Bike to Work Day, we expect thousands more to join them, with many being first-time...
commuters.

**About Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition:** The mission of Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC) is to create a healthy community, environment, and economy through bicycling for people who live, work, or play in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. SVBC advocates for improved and expanded bicycle infrastructure and other facilities, including bike lanes, paths, racks, lockers, accommodating traffic signals, capacity on transit, and more. Additionally, SVBC promotes bicycle culture through events and activities such as Bike to Work Day, Youth Bike Safety Education, and Valet Bike Parking at a variety of area events.

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 9, 2019, 7:45 am
**WHERE:** Northbound platform, Redwood City Caltrain station
**WHO:**
- San Mateo County Supervisor Dave Pine
- Belmont Councilmember Charles Stone
- Menlo Park Councilmember Ray Mueller
- Redwood City Councilmember Giselle Hale
- MidPeninsula Open Space Regional District Boardmember, Yoriko Kishimoto
- SamTrans Government & Community Affairs Officer, Lori Low
- SamTrans Planner, Gwen Buckley
- SamTrans Principal Planner, Dan Provence
- San Mateo County Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Member Bill Kelly
- Redwood City Senior Transportation Coordinator, Jessica Manzi
- Belmont Associate Engineer, Justin Lai
- Friends of Caltrain, Adina Levin
- Parents for Safe Routes, Jen Wolosin
- Peninsula Open Space Trust, Rachael Faye
- Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition Director of Policy and Advocacy, Emma Shlaes