

## Thank you for an amazing 2017!

From family-inclusive fun bike rides and free bicycle repair clinics - to an all-city schools bicycle festival, 2017 was an awesome year for Walk Bike Burbank as we continued our mission in keeping the environment for active transportation positive for everyone in Burbank!

Throughout 2017 Walk Bike Burbank actively advocated for new bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and improvements as we continued to make sure your voice is heard by City Council members, City staff and Commissions. This included focused coordination on several fronts of local government and businesses to increase bicycle parking availability in Burbank. This year's new bike parking additions include new bike hoops at Grocery Outlet, IKEA and Walmart, and an on-street bike parking corral at Tony's Darts Away! We are pressing for the development of a city-policy for equitable municipal bike parking requirements for new commercial and residential developments in Burbank. Our persistent efforts were also vital in assuring the new installation of a properly designed ADA-approved pedestrian curb-cut on busy Cypress Avenue and Glenoaks Boulevard in March providing safe pedestrian access for the many elderly residents of the adjacent Pacific Manor. We also met individually with each City Council candidates before the municipal election to inform our members about the candidates' positions on issues that we care about.

We continue working to make Burbank safer for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists by hosting and organizing volunteers for *Operation Firefly* events in Burbank and adjacent communities. *Operation Firefly* is an education and bike light distribution program intended to make sure people riding bikes in our community are riding safely at night. Pure Cycles, a Burbank-based bicycle company, supported Operation Firefly again in 2017 by donating new bike lights to Walk Bike Burbank. We also supported training for our members for future bicycling education programs, including League of American Bicyclist certification for two members.

Annual community-favorite rides such as the New Year's ride, the Midnight Ramble and the After-Thanksgiving Day ride continue to grow in popularity and community participation. We also helped local bicyclists ride to CicLAvia and beyond! Walk Bike Burbank and the Burbank TMO organized the first-annual Burbank Bicycle Festival – open to all city schools in support of student participation in National Bike and Walk to School Day. The Burbank Bicycle Festival included a skills course taught by Certified Bicycle Instructors, a bike repair station and many other family friendly activities - all in a safe environment - on the playground at Thomas Edison Elementary School.

We hosted a series of free bike safety checks at the Burbank Farmers Market to help many inactive bikes (and riders) get back on the road again! The bike check includes a comprehensive bike safety inspection, minor repairs and advice on how to ride and maintain your bicycle. Local bike shops support bike check with donated parts, and Walk Bike Burbank staffs the event with volunteer professional mechanics.

Walk Bike Burbank also participated in many local community events including Earth Day activities at IKEA, Disney Studios and Warner Brothers. We engaged with the community at National Night Out and Holiday in the Park in Magnolia Park. Our annual meeting included a discussion with local and regional bike bloggers.

We love Burbank and only want more equitable access for bicyclists and pedestrians. [Please consider joining Walk Bike Burbank!](#) Through your tax-deductible membership you support all of the above and so much more – cleaner air, healthy kids, and a better Burbank community for all!

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