

# Tailwind Express

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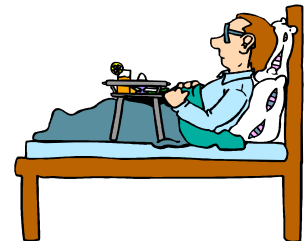
## ***Dangerous Intersection***

Saturday morning riders trying to return to the Davidsonville park and ride lot often cross Maryland Route 2 at Harwood Road. If you've tried it, you know how dangerous it can be. ABC President Ken Keeler has contacted the Maryland State Highway Administration. The State sent Jianyang Zheng out, and Ken and Mr. Zheng spent about 45 minutes observing the intersection and discussing possible improvements. Constraints on funds and available land will limit what can be done, but Mr. Zheng promised to see if both the left turn and the north/south green signal times can be increased, and will discuss other possibilities with his colleagues.

**Immediate Action:** The club recommends that all ABC riders cross Rte 2 at Southern High until we see some safety improvements at the intersection. There is a full, striped left turn lane there, and there seems to be better view of oncoming traffic.

### ***Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> Morning Rides Start At 9 AM!***

Beginning Saturday, 5 September, the Saturday morning rides from the Davidsonville Park and Ride will start at 9 AM. So all you sleepyheads can get an extra hour of shuteye and still have no excuse for not making it to the starting line on time!



### **Ride For Shelter Volunteers Needed!**

The Fifth Annual Ride For Shelter will be held on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Here's our chance to really help out the whole community, and we're one of the best groups to do that – after all, this is a bike ride, and we're bike experts! To see about helping out, contact Ken Keeler at 410.798.0093.

## **Swap Shop – Bike Stuff For Sale!**

**2008 Trek Madone 5.2**, Size is 54cm, all carbon, all Ultegra, like new, \$2600. 410-798-0093

**Saris bike rack**, Sentinel 2-bike with instructions, used three times. \$45, 443-871-9224

**Black biking shorts with shirt**, Terry, ladies medium. Used once. \$35, 443-871-9224

## **Want To Ride In Baltimore?**

If you ride in Baltimore, or would like to, contact [ryanovitz@baltometro.org](mailto:ryanovitz@baltometro.org) for a copy of their Bicycle Commuter Resource Guide for the Baltimore Region. It's got a lot of good information about available maps, trails (18 shown, some in Annapolis), web sites, maintenance, who to contact for help or road improvements, how to get your employer to make your workplace bike-friendly, and a lot of other great info.

## **Want To Ride In Washington?**

The long awaited Bike Transit Center next to Union Station should open in October. The Center will have 150 enclosed indoor racks, 20 outdoor racks, changing rooms, personal lockers, a bike repair shop, and a store that will sell drinks and bike accessories.

The cost will be \$1 a day for 7 AM to 7 PM access, or you can get a years membership with round the clock access to the racks for \$100. If you work in DC, especially if you are often anywhere near Union Station, this could be well worth looking into.

### Rides This Fall

[Sept 5 - Bay Country Century - Annapolis Area](#)

[Sept 12 - Civil War Century - Thurmont, MD](#)

[Sept 12 - Flat Land Amish Country Bike Tour \(Dover, Delaware\)](#)

[Sept 13 - NYC Century Bike Tour \(New York, NY\)](#)

[Sept 13 - Shenandoah Valley Century \(Harrisonburg, VA\)](#)

[Sept 13 - Southern Maryland Fall Century - Indianhead 100](#)

[Sept 20 - Ride For Shelter - Annapolis](#)

[Sept 25 - 27 - Northern Neck River Ride - Kilmarnock, VA](#)

[Sept 26 - 27 Ride the Heartland Century \(Charlotte Co, VA\)](#)

[Sept 27 - Western Maryland Kidney Ride](#)

[Sept 27 – Return of the Geese – Rockhall, MD](#)

[Oct 4 - Tour du Port, Baltimore MD](#)

[Oct 10 - Seagull Century - Salisbury, MD](#)

[Oct 10 - Flaming Foliage Metric - Hazleton, PA](#)

[Oct 11 - Potomac Heritage Bicycle Tour](#)

[Oct 24 - Between the Waters Tour - Nassawadox, VA](#)