

BIKE TO SHOP DAY (SANTA CLARA) 2025 WRITE-UP

On Saturday, May 24th, the fourth Santa-Clara-only Bike to Shop Day was held. It was a great day of cycling, eating, and shopping. I definitely want the event to continue each year, pandemics permitting, and invite other communities to do their own on a similar model.

The Off-Ramp (our starting point) and Fatima's Bazaar (our lunch stop) were the only stores that offered riders anything this year. However, Councilmember Karen Hardy generously ordered for us four boxes of cookies from Choc Cookies.

Although 28 people had signed up on Eventbrite, ten arrived to the starting point. The Off-Ramp gave each of us a new water bottle, a welcome gift and start to our ride.

Our first stop would have been at Whole Foods, but we had a bit of a time constraint, and no one expressed a great interest in going there. So, we started with Smart N' Final and Patel Brothers in the El Camino Center Shopping Center. A few items were purchased by ride participants at both stores. Bike parking is minimal here, as are restrooms.

We then crossed the El Camino Real to Santa Clara Town Center where, at Sprouts, we purchased a few items and enjoyed the good restroom facilities. Bike parking is also good. Some of us ordered lunch items for our next stop at Fatima Bazaar, while others purchased their lunch at Sprouts.

We then progressed to Fatima Bazaar where still others purchased their lunch items. There is an outdoor seating area where we all enjoyed our lunches, snack bars from Diane, and tea & cookies supplied by Fatima Bazaar.

After this leisurely lunch, our next stop was at Grocery Outlet. A number of items were purchased by ride participants, and we took a few group photos. Grocery Outlet lacks bike parking and restrooms, but low prices are the draw.

Our final stop was at Choc Cookies where we picked up the four boxes of cookies from Councilmember Hardy. As the location was less than attractive for eating, we headed south to Earl Carmichael Park where we all enjoyed the most amazing cookies most of us had ever eaten along with leisurely conversation for about an hour.

Stores skipped this year included Whole Foods and Nob Hill.

BIKE TO SHOP DAY RIDE
 CLASS 1 11.3 MILES
 STARTING AT: **OFF-RAMP BIKE SHOP - discount**
 ENDING AT: NOB HILL FOODS

Direction	Roadway	Distance	To End?	Note
W	Cross San Tomas Expwy	.0	N	Ride or walk
R	San Tomas Aquino Creek Tr.	2.0	N	Look for turning cars at Cabrillo
L	Ramp to path	.1	Y	Just before 101
R	Augustine Dr.	.3	N	At end of path
L	Coronado Place	.0	N	
R	Stop sign	.0	N	to Santa Clara Square

STORE 1 – Whole Foods (2732 Augustine Dr Ste 1600 - good restrooms, good bike parking) –
 not giving out anything

Return	to same stop sign	.0	Y	
L	Coronado Place	.0	Y	
R	Augustine Dr.	.3	N	
L	Path & up ramp	.1	Y	
R	San Tomas Aquino Creek Tr.	1.0	N	
L	Monroe St.	.2	N	
R	Los Padres Blvd.	.7	N	
L	Bray Ave.	.2	N	
R	Parking Lot at rear of El Camino Center shopping center			

STORE 2 – Patel Brothers (2039 El Camino Real - some bike parking) - not giving out anything

STORE 3 – Smart N' Final (2065 El Camino Real - OK restrooms) - not giving out anything

Cross	Parking Lot to signal light	.0	N	Cross at light
South	McCormick Dr.	.1	Y	Into Santa Clara Town Center

STORE 4 – Sprouts (2060 El Camino Real - good restrooms, good bike parking) - not giving out anything. Can also visit Baskin Robbins, Summit Bike Shop, Target, and many other shops here

R/east	Anna Ave.	.2	Y	
St.	Clay St.	.6	Y	
R	Lincoln St.	.4	N	
R	Homestead Rd.	.5	N	To Scott
R	Fatima Bazaar	.0	Y	

STORE 5 – Fatima Bazaar (805 Scott Blvd - no bike parking, poor restrooms) - Tea & Cookies – can order prepared food at <https://direct.chownow.com/order/38723/locations/58942>

Direction	Roadway	Distance	To End?	Note
R	Homestead Rd.	1.6	N	
L	Pomeroy Ave.	.1	N	
R	Princeton Way	.3	N	
L	Lawrence Station Center	.0	N	Before car wash

STORE 6 – Grocery Outlet (3520 Homestead Rd - no bike parking, locked restrooms) – not giving out anything

R	Princeton Way	.3	Y	
L	Pomeroy Ave.	1.2	N	
L	Choc Cookies	.0	N	Just after gas station

STORE 7 – Choc Cookies (1614 Pomeroy Ave - no bike parking) – Box of cookies from Councilmember Karen Hardy

L	Pomeroy Ave.	.1	N	
L	Warburton Ave.	.1	N	
R	Nobili Ave.	.9	Y	
St.	Monticello Center		Y	

STORE 8 – Nob Hill (good restrooms, good bike parking) – not giving out anything

If you wish to go back to the start, go east on Monroe, right on the San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail to El Camino, then cross San Tomas Expressway back to the bike shop.

