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Zuckermann gets bridge bike lane

A bike lane on the new span of the Bay Bridge will be named after longtime East Bay bicycle advocate Alex Zuckermann.

The state Assembly voted unanimously this week to honor the 82-year-old founder of the East Bay Bicycle Coalition. The new span is under construction and expected to open in 2007.

The resolution, introduced by Assemblywoman Wilma Chan, D-Oakland, was approved unanimously by the Senate as well. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission will pay for plaques on the bike lane.

Zuckermann, who has spent more than 30 years pushing policy-makers for bicycle friendly roads and facilities, was seriously injured on the bridge while cycling in the early hours of Oct. 26. Caltrans officials were taking Zuckermann on the special ride when he fell off his bike and hit his head.

He spent several weeks fading in and out of consciousness, but his condition has improved significantly, said his son, David Zuckermann.

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