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Welcome BEST interns!

We are very pleased to welcome two new interns to BEST: **Febe Lindemann** and **Leah Kozak**.

Febe, who is currently studying film skills, grew up in Mexico City and lived in Germany before moving to Vancouver. For her internship at BEST Febe is focusing on graphic design and database management for the Commuter Challenge program.

Leah lives in Coquitlam and is a 4th year communications major at SFU. While interning for BEST Leah is working on media and communications for Commuter Challenge, The Bicycle Valet, and Living Streets.

Welcome to BEST -- we hope you enjoy your time with us!

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Commuter Challenge just around the corner!

Are you looking for a fun, easy, FREE, and engaging team building activity for your organization?

The biggest and best event in sustainable transportation is back for another year, and we hope you'll join us! This year's Commuter Challenge takes place **June 2-9**, once again taking place during National Environment Week.

We've got some exciting new changes this year, which we know you are as stoked about as we are, including:

- A new and improved website
- New promotional tools and resources to get your colleagues engaged
- New prizes
- More exposure for your workplace via social media and the BC website

The Commuter Challenge is a fun, friendly competition between individuals and workplaces. Participants walk, cycle, take transit, ride share or work from home.

We're just putting the finishing touches on our materials for this year, but in the meantime, connect with us via [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and of course, let us know if you have any questions.

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The Bicycle Valet calls for volunteers

Without our team of enthusiastic volunteers [The Bicycle Valet](#) would not be at so many events and park so many bikes. Volunteering for The Bicycle Valet is a great gig – no regular time commitment, free admission to events, legendary parties. And our volunteers feel good about taking concrete action to support the environment and active transportation. If this sounds like something you would like to do we would love to have you [join us](#).

It's going to be another busy season at The Bicycle Valet. We are pleased to announce that we will be offering our service at the [Vancouver Whitecaps FC](#) games, which kicks off our season on March 2. We've already got events booked through to October. Keep track of where we will be by regularly checking our full [calendar](#) of events and keep an eye out for our new email updates.

If you would like to have The Bicycle Valet at your event we would be happy to provide you with a free



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Volunteer for The Bicycle Valet and you too will be this happy!
(*Note: These are real volunteers, not actors!)

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Living Streets hosts final event

On March 13 the Living Streets program will be presenting all of its gathered audit results to the City of Surrey Transportation team. The event will be an interactive charrette-style get together for all residents and interested parties to share their perspectives on transportation issues in Surrey.

Recommendations will be made by Living Streets participants who completed audits and would like to share their concerns, ideas, and compliments first hand!

Anyone open to sharing their perspectives and ideas is invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

So save this date: **March 13, 2013, 6-8pm, Surrey City Centre Library.** Food, drinks, and prizes included!

For more information and to **RSVP**, please contact Beth Hurford at 604 669 2860 or beth.hurford@best.bc.ca.

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How do you travel in Surrey?
 Why do you choose the transportation methods you do?
 What can we do to promote sustainability within the community?
 What are some small, measureable changes that can be made now to make a difference?

BEST's Living Streets program welcomes all participants and any members of the community who might be interested in sharing their ideas, opinions, and perspectives related to active, and sustainable transportation.

We will share these ideas in an interactive, positive way with City of Surrey staff in this community dialogue session. We will learn from them, and they will learn from us. Let us work together to help make Surrey a more livable, vibrant, city!

JOIN US!
March 13, 2013 from 6-8 p.m.
City Centre Library, Dr. Ambedkar Room (418)
Food, prizes, and the sharing of great ideas included!

Space is limited - please RSVP to beth.hurford@best.bc.ca





Who is hosting? BEST is a non-profit charitable organization with a mission of advancing the transformation to sustainable transportation and a vision of vibrant communities based around walking, cycling, transit, and car share.

Who will attend? BEST staff and volunteers, City of Surrey staff, representatives from multiple community groups within Surrey, and members of the community at large. Everyone with constructive ideas and a healthy vision for the future is welcome to attend.

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BEST AGM April 10

The BEST 2013 Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 10** from 6:00-8:30 at the YWCA Hotel, Canfor Room, 733 Beatty Street, Vancouver. The AGM is an excellent opportunity for members to speak with the board and staff and to offer suggestions as to how BEST should move forward in the future. And we are delighted to have Claire Havens of SFU's Carbon Talks with us to give a presentation on this exciting project.

Members will be receiving their notices over the next few days. If you are not a member this is a great time to join – just visit our [website](#) or call our office at 604 669 2860 and we will be happy to send you a membership form.

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