

MEDIA ADVISORY



Atlanta Bicycle Coalition Offers Helping Hand to Atlanta Commuters After I-85 Highway Collapse

*-- Local nonprofit offers free bike classes and meet 'n' greet with professional cellist
and bicycling advocate, Ben Sollee*

Metro Atlanta is still reeling from the Thursday collapse of a section of I-85, a major artery of the city's infrastructure. As Atlantans grapple with transit options, the [Atlanta Bicycle Coalition](#) (ABC) offers resources to support an alternative mode of transportation: cycling.

'Hack Your Commute' Classes

Launching the week of April 3, ABC is expanding its existing bike class offerings to include a free class series, designed specifically for Atlanta drivers considering alternatives in light of the I-85 collapse.

For Atlanta residents who already know how to ride a bike, but want to learn tips for getting around the I-85 affected areas, and learn city-riding skills, the following classes are available:

[Friday, April 7th](#) at 6 p.m.

[Sunday, April 9th](#) at 1 p.m.

[Monday, April 10th](#) at 11 a.m.

[Friday, April 14th](#) at 6 p.m.

Meet 'n Greet Bike Commuter Breakfast

ABC will also host a drop-in breakfast on Thursday, April 6th from 7-9 a.m. at The General Muir. All Atlanta residents interested in exploring cycling as a mode of transportation are invited.

The event will include live music from professional cellist, [Ben Sollee](#). Sollee is well-known for touring to gigs with his cello loaded on his bicycle.

Drop in to meet people who commute by bike, ask a question, or even just grab a coffee to go. Event details on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1844122245613686/>

Additional Resources

Whether riding a bike from the MARTA station to work or just to get to the grocery store, [ABC classes](#), [resource page](#), and [meet 'n greet breakfast](#) will instill the skills and confidence needed to rise from the ashes of the I-85 fire.

The Atlanta Bicycle Coalition has been advocating for safe, bikeable streets for over 25 years. As 220,000 drivers who used I-85 daily are funneled off the highway and onto city streets, it's increasingly important that city streets prioritize safety for people walking, biking, and driving.

For more information about the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition's work to improve street safety and connectivity, visit <http://www.atlantabike.org/connectingthecity>.

More Info: To read our blog reflection on the recent event, visit www.atlantabike.org/resurgens. To learn more about opportunities to hack your commute by incorporating bicycling, visit <http://www.atlantabike.org/85collapse>.

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