

**City of Los Angeles
Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes
April 3, 2007**

**Department of Water and Power Board Room
111 N. Hope Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

BAC Members In Attendance

Alex Baum	Mayor's Office (BAC Chairman)
Glenn Bailey	Mayor's Office
Ron Skarin	Mayor's Office (pending)
Jeff Chapman	CD-1
Michael Goodman	CD-2
Rick Llewellyn	CD-4
Bart Reed	CD-7
Kent Strumpel	CD-11
Don Rosenberg	CD-12 (BAC Vice Chairman)
Brad House	CD 15

BAC Members Absent

David Wolfberg	Mayor's Office
Barry Seybert	CD-3
Paul Backstrom	CD-5
Darian Mann	CD-6
Aubrey Provost	CD-8
Elizabeth Castillo-Pedrosa	CD-9
Yolanda Davis-Overstreet	CD-10
Joe Linton	CD-13
Brian Forbisher	CD-14

City Staff

Michelle Mowery	LADOT
Michael May	LADOT
Gordon Helper	LAPD

Guests

Tana Ball	LAUSD
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1. Introductions – Committee members introduced themselves and welcomed Brad House, representing CD 15, to the committee.
2. Approval of Minutes – Approved as submitted. One public comment submitted requesting additional detail in minutes.
3. Introduction to Bicycle Planning and Engineering – Michelle Mowery provided a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed how bikeway planning, design, and implementation is facilitated in the City.
4. Sepulveda Blvd. Update – Michelle Mowery provided an update of the Sepulveda Blvd. Bike Lane and Reversible Lane project. The LADOT has modified the project based on extensive public outreach to the bicycle and neighborhood community groups in the area. The overall project has been modified based on the funding available and the input of the community. The bikeway design developed is a 6' signed and striped bike lane northbound (uphill) and a 6' bike route/striped and signed shoulder southbound (downhill). This design will allow skilled bicyclists, who are capable of riding at the speed of motorized traffic on the downhill section, to legally leave the bikeway. Bicyclists who are not comfortable or capable of riding with traffic will have a dedicated shoulder bikeway to ride through the affected corridor. The Caltrans Highway Design Manual recommends against the installations of bike lanes on grades. The City of San Francisco regularly installs one way bike lanes on streets on hillsides. Staff will investigate the tunnel reversible lane design. Staff was asked the status of the bicyclist activated tunnel-warning device. Staff reported the device was developed and installed in 2001 and has been operational since that date. Two public comments were submitted voicing opposition to the project design as a one bike lane design.
5. LAPD Report – Officer. Gordon Helper reported for Officer. Bruce Christensen who is out due to a bicycling injury incurred while on duty at the LA Bike Tour. Officer. Helper reported on items relative to the LAPD Bicycle Program including LAPD participation in: ongoing bike schools, officer training and rides; development of an officer training manual, acceptance of a new bike officer helmet; the April 29 City of Angels Ride, April 16 Police Bike Competition; and the development of an LAPD bicycle team.
6. Safety Program Update – Tana Ball reported on LAUSD bicycle programs and student participation in: the LA Bike Tour (683 students) and upcoming participation in the City Lites Clinic (April 4th) and Ride (May 19th).

7. Subcommittee Reports –

Bikeways – Glenn Bailey reported on the extension of the Orange Line Bike Path to Canoga Park, and eventually Chatsworth, and received public comment on the recent restriping of the Sunset Blvd. bike lane to correct errors in the existing striping to meet the designed 5' bike lane. Next meeting scheduled for 1:30 PM, May 22.

Planning – Kent Strumpel reported on trash receptacles in bike lanes, the Bike Boulevards concept, and gutter pan standards. Staff will invite BOE and DOT Traffic Calming staff to address issues at the next subcommittee meeting scheduled for 1:30 PM, May 8th.

Advocacy and Education –Michael Goodman reported on the continued issue of mountain bike access in city parks and his participation in the Greater Echo Park and Elysian Park Neighborhood Council. Next meeting scheduled for May 15th at 12 Noon.

A motion was introduced to write a letter from the BAC expressing the Committee's support Council member Reyes Routine Accommodation motion. Brad House, Kent Strumpel, none opposed.

A second motion was introduced to write a letter from the BAC expressing the Committee's support Council member Garcetti's Bicycle Facilities in the Civic Center motion. Brad House, Kent Strumpel, none opposed. Eight 8 public comments were submitted in opposition to the BAC's ongoing efforts to provide access to city parks for Youth Adventures mountain bicycle programs for at risk youth.

8. Bicycle Coordinator Report – Sr. Bicycle Coordinator, Michelle Mowery, reported on her participation in the State Highway Safety Implementation Plan; and updated the BAC on progress regarding storm grate covers, bicycle licensing, bicycle plan, the new bicycle map, bicycle plan update, Bike to Work Day Activities; Riverside Dr. 6th Street, and Riverside Dr. Bridges, and Council member Reyes' Council Motion to accommodate bicycles and pedestrians in roadway construction projects and Council Resolution to support AB 60 to provide for safe passing distance for bicyclists in the with CVC, and Council member Garcetti's Council Motion to provide bicycle facilities in the Civic Center.

9. Bikeways Report – Bikeways Engineer, Michael May, provided information on the Los Angeles River Bike Path, Ballona Creek repairs, new Harbor Blvd. Bike Lanes, repairs to the Sunset Blvd. Bike Lanes, DOT removal of bootleg sharrows, and Bikeways role in working with Caltrans 07 staff on the Venice Bike Lanes. Three public comments were submitted on the Sunset Blvd. Bike Lanes, harbor Blvd. Bike Lanes, and the lack of bicycle facilities in the mid-city area.

10. Public Comments – Three public comments were submitted on the Hyperion Bridge renovations; DWP utility cuts and fill in the asphalt, signage and a recent cyclist assaulted on Pico; and the lack of bicycle routes in the mid city area.

11. BAC Member Comments – Bart Reed commented about bicyclist access to transit, Glenn Bailey commented on issues with motorists parking on the Sepulveda Blvd. Bike Path; Metro's ongoing plan to cut or limit service and passed out maps to the members and the public. Various members made comments to the bicyclists in the audience in appreciation of their attendance and encouraged their continued support and efforts to make bicycling a more accepted form of transportation in Los Angeles.

12. Adjournment – 9:38 PM.