

**City of Los Angeles
Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
April 7, 2009**

**Parker Center Auditorium
100 N. Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

BAC Members In Attendance

Glenn Bailey	Mayor's Office (BAC Chairman)
Jay Slater	Mayor's Office (BAC Vice Chairman)
Alex Baum	Mayor's Office (BAC Chairman Emeritus)
Larry Hoffman	CD-4
Aaron Kirsch	CD-6
Aubrey Provost	CD-8
Ron Skarin	CD-9
Kent Strumpell	CD-11
Don Rosenberg	CD-12
Joe Linton	CD-13
Brian Frobisher	CD-14
David Wolfberg	Mayor's Office
Bart Reed	CD-7
Jonathan Weiss	CD-5

BAC Members Absent

Nidia Garcia	CD-1
Paul Backstrom	CD-2
Brad House	CD 15
Barry Seybert	CD-3
Yolanda Davis-Overstreet	CD-10

City Staff

Michelle Mowery	LADOT Bicycle Planning and Outreach
Paul Meshkin	LADOT Bicycle Program
Helene Bibas	LA Department of Planning

Guests

Tana Ball	LAUSD
Joseph Bray Ali	

1. Call to Order / Introductions – The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. Committee members introduced themselves. Jonathan Weiss is the new member representing Council District 5.

Presentations and Updates

2. Los Angeles Police Department Update - No report.

3. Safety Programs Update - Tana Ball from LAUSD provided a detailed survey of bicycle to school programs. She discussed survey which was conducted in LAUSD's District 3. The survey included questions about facilities in school, parents' and students' participation in the bicycle to school program and also safety measures. Highlights include: 66 percent of the schools surveyed responded to the survey, 86 percent of responding schools allow students to ride bicycle to school, 82 percent provide bicycle safety information such as use of helmets, 92 percent encourage students and the parents to walk together to school and that 84 percent of the schools provide some kind of bicycle parking facility such as bike racks.

4. A Political Framework and Legislative Agenda for Cycling in Los Angeles presentation made by Josef Bray Ali in which he outlined the need for legislative measures to promote cycling in Los Angeles by various measures such as funding, amending or creating laws to protect and/or preserve the bicyclists' causes. He also talked in detail about the positive impacts of bicycling on a personal and society level.

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - None

Action Items

6. Approval of February 3, 2009 Minutes – Approved.

7. Bicycle Racks in Elementary and Middle Schools – Tana Ball noted the lack of bicycle parking facilities in the schools. A motion was made to support LAUSD Draft Resolution to support bicycling to school.

8. Bicycle Licensing (Council File No. 08-2944) - Sr. Bicycle Coordinator, Michelle Mowery noted City Council's action to terminate the bicycle licensing program. She also noted that a memo from LAPD had been sent to the LAPD's force, effectively instructing them to refrain from enforcing the licensing requirement until further notice.

One public comment regarding a \$62,000 miscellaneous item in the City's budget for bicycle licensing fees.

9. Expo Bikeways (DEIR, Interagency coordination) – Kent Strumpell commented about the proposed alignment, funding issues, and the City of Santa Monica’s proposed North Track Option. Michelle noted ongoing issues with the DEIR relative to plans for the bikeway. A motion was made and approved to write letters to the Council members Bernard Parks, Jan Perry, and the Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, for their support for the project and the inclusion of the bicycle element.

10. Bicycle Plan – Helene Bibas from the City’s Planning Department reported that the Planning Department is vigorously pursuing finalizing the Bicycle Plan. The map is by far more comprehensive, detailed and informative than before and that the City is taking more time to make sure that the map is being prepared as correctly as possible. She also mentioned about the outreach efforts to be conducted at various locations in the City to insure the proper and timely inputs by the public. She mentioned that there would be a total of four more public meetings to review and provide input on the plan per Alta’s contract. When asked when the draft map would be ready for the public comments and Ms. Bibas responded she was hopeful that the map could be ready for comments by the mid to end of May of this year.

11. City Council Motion Re: Bicycle Plan, Griffith Park, Mountain Bikes- (CF-07-3494-S1) Extensive discussion regarding the Issue of allowing mountain bikes within City parks After a lengthy debate and many changes and amendments to various motions a vote was taken to support mountain bicycling in City parks excepting Griffith Park. An additional motion was made support Council motion CF 07-3494-S1

Five public comments made opposing mountain bicycling in City parks.

12. City Council Motion Re: Bicycle Operation on Sidewalks (CF 09 – 0680) – Item referred to Advocacy and Education Committee

13. City Council Motion Re: Abandoned Bicycles (CF 09 – 0681) – Item referred to Advocacy and Education Committee

14. BAC Outreach to Neighborhood Councils – Item tabled.

15. Alternative BAC Meeting Location – Plan for relocation of the meetings to a rotating schedule and variety of City locations. Motion and vote taken. Item failed. Meetings to continue at Parker Center Auditorium. Jay Slater to investigate alternative location downtown.

16. Advocacy and Education Subcommittee Chair Replacement – Ron Skarin selected to take over duties as Chairman of the subcommittee.

- 17. Subcommittee Reports** – Item tabled
- 18. Bicycle Program Report** – Item tabled.
- 19. Bikeway Engineering Report** – Item tabled.
- 20. BAC Member Reports/Comments** – Item tabled.
- 21. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM