

**City of Los Angeles  
Bicycle Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
August 5, 2008**

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

**BAC Members In Attendance**

Alex Baum	Mayor's Office (BAC Chairman)
Glenn Bailey	Mayor's Office
David Wolfberg	Mayor's Office
Michael Goodman	CD-2
Barry Seybert	CD-3
Larry Hoffman	CD-4
Paul Backstrom	CD-5
Bart Reed	CD-7
Ron Skarin	CD-9
Don Rosenberg	CD-12 (BAC Vice Chairman)
Joe Linton	CD-13
Brad House	CD 15

**BAC Members Absent**

Jay Slater	Mayor's Office
Nidia Garcia	CD-1
Yolanda Davis-Overstreet	CD-10
Kent Strumpell	CD-11
Aubrey Provost	CD-8
Brian Frobisher	CD-14

**City Staff**

Michelle Mowery	LADOT
Michael May	LADOT

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1. Call to Order/Introductions – The meeting was called to order by Alex Baum, Chairman. Committee members introduced themselves.
2. Public Comment – Data was not available at time of meeting minutes preparation. Any comments will be noted in meeting minutes for October 7, 2008 meeting.

### Action Items

3. Approval of June 3, 2008 Minutes – Continued to October 7, 2008 meeting.
4. Mandeville Canyon July 4<sup>th</sup> Incident – Discussion regarding possible recommendations to the Mayor, City Council, City departments and/or other government agencies. After member comments, no further action was taken.
5. LAPD Enforcement and Education Request – Consideration of letter submitted by Brad House regarding request for LAPD special enforcement operations and education at locations to be determined. Members debated various changes and edits to the 7/22/08 draft letter. Alex stated that he would talk to the LAPD Bike Patrol unit.

Members agreed to hear public comment on this item mid-way through the discussion. Four public comments were received relaying details of LAPD response to a cyclist/vehicle incident; a need for motorists to be more responsible and more enforcement against motorists; bicyclists' importance to transportation and praise for the letter; and a need to request LAPD assistance.

Member discussion continued regarding objectives of the draft letter, its likely effectiveness and alternatives to the letter. Members debated various word and phrase changes to the letter and voted upon several of them. Members concluded by passing a motion to approve the letter as amended and send it forward to LAPD.

6. Cyclists' Bill of Rights -- Review of Council Motion (Council File No. 08-1827) regarding incorporation of principles enshrined in Cyclists' Bill of Rights into the Bicycle Plan and other relevant documents and practices. After brief discussion, members agreed to hear public comment on this item. One comment was received which requested that the BAC adopt the "Cyclists' Bill of Rights" and noted that this wasn't the same as the CD 11 Council Motion. Member discussion followed and the BAC passed a motion to endorse both the CD 11 Council Motion and the Cyclists' Bill of Rights.

Brad House brought up a third, related document he wrote entitled “Los Angeles BAC Principles of Guidance” and read it aloud. Members debated whether it should also be endorsed and if it was properly amended. Members agreed to include references to open spaces. Members concluded by passing a motion to adopt the Los Angeles BAC Principles of Guidance as modified.

7. Exposition Construction Authority Request – Consideration of letter submitted by Kent Strumpell regarding request to the Expo Construction Authority to address gap in bikeway planned with LRT project in Cheviot Hills area in draft environmental documents. Members discussed the 8/5/08 draft letter and passed a motion to send the letter forward to the Expo Construction Authority.

8. Bikeway Infrastructure – Review of Council Motion (Council File No. 06-3231-S1) regarding bikeway infrastructure and increasing biking opportunities in order to decide whether to make recommendations to the Mayor, Council and/or City departments. Members passed a motion to support the CD 4 Council Motion.

9. Half Cent Sales Tax Increase -- Consideration of letter to Mayor Villaraigosa submitted by Kent Strumpell regarding the ½ cent sales tax increase measure and dedicating a portion of local return funding to bicycles and pedestrians. Members discussed transportation funding for bicycling and various word changes to the 8/5/08 draft letter. Members concluded by passing a motion to approve the letter as amended and send it forward to the Mayor.

#### Information Items

10. BAC Meeting Locations – Members discussed: the lack of parking at the current Parker Center location; the desire to meet in the DWP building once again; possible Brown Act violations regarding a DWP location; reasons why the BAC cannot meet at DWP and is no longer welcome there; formation of an Ad Hoc committee on meeting locations; and alternate locations.

11. Brown Act Compliance Issues – Glenn Bailey discussed the 72 hour posting rule; exceeding Brown Act requirements; the need to provide information in advance; the need to work with Caltrans building management for compliant access; and directional signage inside the Caltrans building for subcommittee meetings.

#### Reports

12. LAPD Report – No report.

13. Safety Program Update – No report.

#### 14. Subcommittee Reports –

Bikeways – Glenn Bailey reported on the 6/25/08 meeting's topics: the Orange Line bike path landscaping project; the Orange Line Canoga extension; the West Valley LA River bike path; bike lane projects in Venice and the Chautauqua tunnel staircase ramp for the Beach Bikepath.

Planning – No report due to Kent Strumpell's absence.

Advocacy and Education – Michael Goodman commented on the well attended 7/15/08 meeting and its topics: the Mandeville Canyon incident; CD 11's Bill of Rights and Brad House's Los Angeles BAC Principles of Guidance; BAC reorganization motion; Bicycle Plan update; and Brown Act compliance.

15. Bicycle Program Report – Michelle Mowery reported on Shared Use Lane Arrows aka Sharrows; 7/14/08 Mandeville Canyon Task Force meeting; Bicycle Plan update; Councilmember LaBonge's community bike rides; proposed Ballona Creek bike path gate closure; LA River bike path lighting issues; recent media coverage; and the Expo West bikeway.

16. Bikeway Engineering Report – Michael May reported on illegal bike lane/sign installations; pedestrian gates required by SCRRA for the San Fernando Road Phase 2 bike path project; and an update on the Taylor Yard bike path/bike bridge and its at-grade crossing.

17. BAC Member Comments – Barry Seybert indicated that he will not attend future meetings if parking cannot be secured for the Parker Center location. Glenn Bailey commented that the BAC was well represented at the 7/9/08 Transportation Committee meeting. He also discussed the State's Safe Routes to School program and that BAC input may be sought. Michelle noted that there are two staff vacancies in the Bikeways group and that she's had a vacancy in her group for five years.

18. Adjournment – 9:43 PM