

**City of Los Angeles
Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes
December 5, 2006**

**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
David Wolfberg	Mayor's Office
Ron Skarin	Mayor's Office (pending)
Jeff Chapman	CD-1
Michael Goodman	CD-2
Rick Llewellyn	CD-4
Paul Backstrom	CD-5
Bart Reed	CD-7
Kent Strumpel	CD-11
Don Rosenberg	CD-12 (BAC Vice Chairman)
Brian Forbisher	CD-14
Stephen Box	CD-15

BAC Members Absent

Barry Seybert	CD-3
Darian Mann	CD-6
Aubrey Provost	CD-8
Elizabeth Castillo-Pedrosa	CD-9
Yolanda Davis-Overstreet	CD-10
Joe Linton	CD-13

City Staff

Michelle Mowery	LADOT
Michael May	LADOT
Bruce Christensen	LAPD
Joe Couce	LAFD
Eldon Karratti	LAFD

Guests

Tana Ball	LAUSD
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1. Introductions – Members welcomed new CD-15 representative Stephen Box.
2. Approval of Minutes – August minutes neglected to reflect that Don Rosenberg chaired the meeting in Alex Baum's absence.
3. Rail Volution Report – Glenn Bailey and Bart Reid reported on their attendance at the November 2006 Rail Volution Conference in Chicago, IL. Two workshops of particular interest were Bicycles: Catalyst for Change and Building a Bicycle Nation. The conference generally focuses on commuter rail as a mode of transportation but also recognizes the role of bicycling in the overall transportation picture.
4. BAC Charter Revision and Committee Structure – The committee discussed the pros and cons of returning to the a 10 month regular meeting schedule, the creation of two super sub-committees and the number of meetings staff could support. The discussion regarding the number of meetings was continued to the February meeting.

Motion: To combine the Education and Promotion and Advocacy Committee.
David Wolfberg; second Michael Goodman; none opposed.

5. LAPD Report – Officer Bruce Christensen reported on items relative to the LAPD Bicycle Program including: up coming Officer Bicycle School in January, the need for additional officers within LAPD to allow for bicycle officers on the street; and the recent 50 bicycle officer Skid Row Task Force which was responsible for 250 arrests.
6. Safety Program Update – LAUSD bicycle safety coordinator Tana Ball reported on the: Kid's-n-Safety Conference; 400 helmet fitting at Council member Gruel's Safety Fair on November 7th; the new Virtual City traffic safety training program, and upcoming LAUSD participation in the LA Bike Tour.
7. LAFD Report – Joe Couce Reported on the LAFD Bike Team (Paramedics and EMTs on bicycles including: an increase in numbers to 180; a response time to LAX which is more than 5 minutes faster than traditional paramedics; participation in IPMBA training; the need for additional bicycles; and an upcoming move into the renovated Westside fire station.
8. Subcommittee Reports –

Bikeways – Glenn Bailey reported on the group's review of the LA River Ph. 1C design; San Fernando Rd. Ph II Design and an update on Santa Monica Boulevard. Next meeting scheduled for January 30, at 10 AM.

Planning – Kent Strumpel reported on the status of the new Bicycle Plan, Bicycle Parking code revision, bicycle parking on parking meters, and bicycle parking at the Griffith Park Observatory and gutter pan standards on the city streets. A PowerPoint presentation was Made by Alex Robinson of Mia Leherer Associates to expand on the concept of recreational river loops for bicyclists and pedestrians. Next meeting scheduled for January 9th at 1:30 PM.

Education/Promotion – No meeting held. The sub-committee is to be combined with Advocacy.

Advocacy Meeting – Michael Goodman reported on the continued issue of mountain bike access in city parks. The group is to begin meeting with community groups near Elysian Park to introduce the Youth Adventures program concept for Elysian. Next meeting scheduled for January 23rd with Education/Promotion.

10. Bicycle Coordinator Report – In absence of her regular written report, Michelle Mowery, reported on the Call for Projects (CFP) process (for transportation funding which the DOT has been heavily engaged in defining projects for the entire funding pot. Projects in the amount of approximately \$43 million are to be submitted in the Bikeways category and two additional bicycle projects are to be submitted in the Transportation Demand Management category. Ron Skarin noted recent awards to Michelle and Joe Linton by the LABC.

11. Bikeways Report – Michael May, also heavily engaged in the CFP process did not submit a written report but updated the committee on the status of the Orange Line Bike Path landscaping funding and progress.

12. Public Comments – LAFD Firefighter, Eldon Karratti sought support from the committee and local bicycle groups regarding the problems with the release of geo location data from cell phone companies for missing individuals.

13. BAC Member Comments – Ron Skarin noted his continuing efforts to work with former Olympians to foster an interest in the sport of cycling; Jeff Chapman noted CD 13's efforts to identify and work with the Homeless within the Los Angeles River corridor; and Stephen Box noted the planning efforts on Bike Winter coming to Los Angeles in February.

14. Adjournment – 9:43 PM.