

**City of Los Angeles
Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
December 2, 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
Jay Slater	Mayor's Office
David Wolfberg	Mayor's Office
Nidia Garcia	CD-1
Michael Goodman	CD-2
Larry Hoffman	CD-4
Aaron Kirsch	CD-6
Bart Reed	CD-7
Aubrey Provost	CD-8
Ron Skarin	CD-9
Kent Strumpell	CD-11
Don Rosenberg	CD-12 (BAC Vice Chairman)
Joe Linton	CD-13
Brian Frobisher	CD-14
Brad House	CD 15

BAC Members Absent

Barry Seybert	CD-3
Paul Backstrom	CD-5
Yolanda Davis-Overstreet	CD-10

City Staff

Michelle Mowery	LADOT Bikeways
Paul Meshkin	LADOT Bicycle Program
Officer Shu	LAPD Bicycle Coordination Unit
Officer Breslin	LAPD Bicycle Coordination Unit

Guests

Tana Ball	LAUSD
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1. Call to Order / Introductions – The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by, Chairman Alex Baum. Committee members introduced themselves.

2. Public Comments - Two public comments received: BAC was asked to take on real bicyclist issues and not focus on meetings and studies; make it possible for private citizens to add agenda items; to assist bicyclists to obtain access to the DWP festival of lights; and bicycle licensing program was criticized.

Action Items

3. Approval of October 7, 2008 Minutes – Approved.

Information Items

4. City Council Motion regarding Bicycle Licensing (Council File No. 08-2944) - Sr. Bicycle Coordinator, Michelle Mowery commented on the City's Bicycle Licensing program and noted: the program has been essentially defunct for years and the 2007 DOT staff report recommended the program be modified or abandoned; the City does not have the resources to administer it at this time; LAPD is to reevaluate the program at the request of the Transportation Committee. The members conferred and agreed that it should be eliminated and discussed how they could lobby the Transportation Committee and individual Council members to end the program. Request to add this item to the next BAC agenda as an action item.

Public Comments - Three public comments were received: LAPD issuing citations for lack of licenses and the potential for citations for having no reflectors on the pedals; and licensing fees vary from city to city, questioning the lack of standardization.

5. City Council Motion regarding Bicycle Sharing Program (Council File No. 08-2053) – Sr. Bicycle Coordinator, Michelle Mowery reported on bicycle sharing programs in other countries and cities: the original Dutch program and its theft problems and the current Paris program operating electronically like the luggage cart system at LAX. Michelle indicated that DOT would prepare the RFI for issuance when Council approves the motion.

6. City Council Motion regarding Shared Pavement Markings (Council File No. 08-1723) – DOT staff reported on issues causing delay to the implementation of the pilot program: the difference in traffic volumes and geometric design between San Francisco and Los Angeles make it more difficult to find suitable locations in the City of Los Angeles as required by the standard and San Francisco is installing Sharrows that are not meeting the CA MUTCD standards. Some committee members asked why we could not do the same. DOT Staff indicated San Francisco is risking liability by not following approved standards.

DOT staff indicated CD 13 is looking into outside funding the Sharrow study and that a new DOT intern is being hired to work on the study. Committee members expressed frustration at the length of time that it is taking to put Sharrows on the ground.

Public Comments - Two public comments were received: Sharrows will reduce volume of traffic on streets; Streets are not safe for bicycles unless Sharrows are installed and what type of material will be used and will it be safe and not slippery?

Reports

8. LAPD Report – LAPD officers reported on LAPD Academy bike officer training: it includes 40 hours of training; is not open to the public; Committee member asked if LAPD had training on bicyclist rights.

9. Safety Program Update – It was reported that some school principals are prohibiting children from riding their bicycles to school due to safety concerns; there is no clear LAUSD policy on this issue and the district is leaving the decision up to the principals. A new program has been started with BAC member, Ron Skarin, to teach children how to ride bicycles safely to school and Safe Routes to School application will be done in the next cycle.

10. Subcommittee Reports –

Bikeways – No meeting.

Planning – No meeting. Kent Strumpell reported that he would like DOT staff to provide a list of Bikeways projects and the number of miles implemented each year.

Advocacy and Education – No meeting was held due to lack of participation. Next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2009.

11. Bicycle Program Report – Sr. Bicycle Coordinator, Michelle Mowery reported on the progress of the new bicycle plan; progress on the Los Angeles River Master Use Agreement; staffing concerns; work on the Riverside Dr. and 6th street bridges; Mandeville Canyon Task Force; proposed Bike Sharing program; CD 13 Planning Workshop; and the pilot meter post bicycle parking program.

12. Bikeway Engineering Report – Paul Meshkin reported on the status of new Bike Path projects either in design phase or ready to go to construction, LA River Bike Path Phase 1C and San Fernando Road Bike Path Phase 2 will be in construction by mid 2009. He was asked about informing BAC on the status of new projects being considered for next Metro's Call for Projects in 2009 and to

inform BAC on the number and scope of these projects prior to submittal for funding. He was also asked to look into a bike lane project on Rinaldi, Porter Ranch and CD 12 area.

Public Comments - One public comment was received: request that other city departments attend the BAC meeting, DOT was asked to provide number of bike lane miles, number of bike racks; traffic counts, and accident data.

13. BAC Member Comments – There will a LA Bike Summit Saturday March 7, 2009 at LA Trade Tech College which will be an opportunity for bicyclists to participate in workshops at the summit; Good Samaritan Hospital has a new three bike sharing program for its employees to bike around the facility; request to post the BAC Principals of Guidance on the BAC website; BAC members may choose to have their contact information made public; and speed zone surveys suggesting that speed limits be increased due to a higher 85th percentile on streets with bike facility should not be allowed.

Procedure for items to be place on the BAC agendas was discussed, procedure requires items may be heard in the subcommittees but must be approved by the BAC chairman for addition to the BAC agenda. The BAC will look into the nomination and election process of the new BAC chairman for action at the next meeting. Request to invite DOT and City Attorney to attend meeting to discuss speed limit issues.

14. Adjournment – 9:10 PM