

**City of Los Angeles
Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes
February 1, 2005**

**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
Michael Goodman	CD-2
Barry Seybert	CD-3
Rick Llewellyn	CD-4
Melvin Leventhal	CD-5
Darien Mann	CD-6
Bart Reed	CD-7
Aubrey Provost	CD-8
Ron Skarin	CD-11
Don Rosenberg	CD-12 (BAC Vice Chairman)
Brian Forbisher	CD-14

BAC Members Absent

David Wolfberg	Mayor's Office
Vacant	CD-1
Vacant	CD-9
Vacant	CD-10
Joe Linton	CD-13
Vacant	CD-15

City Staff

Michelle Mowery	LADOT
Michael May	LADOT
Bruce Christianson	LAPD

Guests

None

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1. Introductions

2. **Approval of Minutes** – Approval of December 7, 2004 minutes.

3. **LAPD Report** – Officer Bruce Christensen reported that the TCS section of LAPD will be moving to new offices in the SBC Building at 12th and Broadway; they are working with Australian Officers on bicycle patrol techniques; a new police station – Mission Station - will be opening at Mission and Sepulveda, no word yet on the potential for bicycle patrol; funding is needed for new police bicycles; and the top brass – Chief Bratton and his Captains – are to attend bike school.

4. **Safety Programs Update** – No report.

5. Subcommittee Reports -

Bikeways - Glenn Bailey – No meeting held.

Planning – Mel Leventhal – No meeting held. Next meeting scheduled for March 8.

Education/Promotion – Ron Skarin - No meeting held. Next meeting scheduled for March 1st.

Advocacy – Michael Goodman – No meeting held. Next meeting scheduled for March 1st.

6. **Bicycle Coordinator's Report** - Michelle Mowery updated the committee on the status of the City's somewhat defunct bicycle licensing program. Councilmember LaBonge introduced a motion to City Council in June of 2004, which required DOT staff to report to the Transportation Committee regarding "the elements of the City's current bicycle licensing program, along with recommendations and possible funding sources to develop an efficient and effective system." Per the City's Municipal Code, all bicycles in the City of Los Angeles are required to be licensed; licenses are to be obtained from bicycle retailers when a bicycle is purchased or from the police department. In practice very few bicycle retailers and police stations have licenses for sale or are aware of the requirement.

Several members of the BAC voiced concern and disapproval of the requirement and in an informal show of hands only one member supported the program. It was noted that other agencies have used bicycle licensing programs as an enforcement tool rather than a service to bicyclists. Of concern to one member was the cost of the license to

the very poor and made the suggestion to offer a fee waiver for those bicyclists unable to afford licenses. Ms. Mowery will continue to work with the Juvenile Division of the LAPD and the Office of Finance and will report back to the BAC on report back to the Transportation Committee.

Ms. Mowery also reported on the status of the City's web page and the ongoing bicycle parking programs.

9. Bikeways Report – Michael May presented information about the San Fernando Road and Orange Line (BRT) bikeway projects from his written report.

10. Public Comments – No comments.

11. BAC Member Comments – Chairman Baum reported on the upcoming Track World Championships to be held at the new Carson Velodrome. It was noted MTA will hold a public meeting on March 2 at 6pm at the Braude Center regarding the redirection of its bus service.

12. Adjournment - 9:04 PM