

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

**Department of Water and Power  
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
Larry Hoffman	CD-4
Bart Reed	CD-7
Aubrey Provost	CD-8
Ron Skarin	CD-9
Kent Strumpel	CD-11
Don Rosenberg	CD-12 (BAC Vice Chairman)
Joe Linton	CD-13
Brad House	CD 15

**BAC Members Absent**

Jeff Chapman	CD-1
Michael Goodman	CD-2
Barry Seybert	CD-3
Paul Backstrom	CD-5
Darian Mann	CD-6
Yolanda Davis-Overstreet	CD-10
Brian Frobisher	CD-14

**City Staff**

Michelle Mowery	LADOT
Michael May	LADOT

**Guests**

Tana Ball	LAUSD
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1. Introductions – Committee Chairman introduced new member Jay Slater appointed by the Mayor.

### Action Items

2. Approval of December 4, 2007 Minutes – Approved with the correction of “crowd control” within the LAPD Report.

3. DWP Festival of Lights – Michelle Mowery read from an email from Michael Goodman, which described a presentation made by DWP staff to the Advocacy subcommittee. The BAC passed a motion to communicating to DWP and the Recreation and Parks Commission a support for lifting the ban on cyclists during the festival.

Three public comments received noting requirements to keep the road open to cyclists and supporting allowing cyclists access to the festival.

4. Universal City Development Projects – NBC/Universal staff presented an overview of the master plan’s transportation map. The plan currently includes bike lanes and a bike path within the properties but does not allow for development of a bike path on the south side of the Los Angeles river as called for in the City’s Los Angeles Revitalization Master Plan. The letter being drafted by the BAC should urge the developers of the Universal project include bike path access to the Los Angeles River and take measures to make the adjacent roadways they affect more bicycle friendly.

Two public comment received noting Universal’s development on the river is actually on Army Corps of Engineers property, noted that the BAC should request a copy of the EIR once it is available and suggested that bicycles be counted.

### Information Items

5. Bicycle Safe Grates – Public Works Bureau of Engineering staff described the City’s efforts to retrofit storm grates with an approved “bike safe” storm grate. BAC members recommended checking the grates being used on Santa Monica Blvd. and placement of the grates crosswise.

One public comment received expressing support for grates with crosswise alignment.

### Reports

6. LAPD Report – No report.

7. Safety Program Update – Tana Ball reported on her work with LAUSD and her plans to continue to seek education funding for bicycle safety programs through her non-profit. She also noted legislation (AB 321) that would decrease the speed limit around schools to 15 mph.

8. Subcommittee Reports –

Bikeways – No meeting held.

Planning – Kent Strumpel provided an update on the progress of the bicycle plan. Next meeting is scheduled for March 11 at 1:30 PM.

Advocacy and Education – No report. Next meeting scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon.

Four public comments received making recommendations to the City regarding transportation; recommending more public meetings for the bike plan; referring to Council Member Reyes motion regarding bicycles; and suggesting the bicycle plan public meetings for mountain bike access be deleted.

9. Bicycle Program Report – Sr. Bicycle Coordinator, Michelle Mowery, reported on the status of the Bicycle Plan update and upcoming meetings to be held on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and March 1; Bicycle Map project; bicycle accommodation on the 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Riverside Driver bridges, bicycle rack installations and the Expo Phase II Bike Path problems.

One public comment received regarding the bicycle rack program.

10. Bikeway Engineering Report – Bikeways Engineer, Michael May, provided information on the lighting issues along the Los Angeles River Bike Path

11. Public Comments – Six public comments were received reporting on SCAG's Draft Regional Transportation Plan now in circulation with comments due February 18<sup>th</sup>; the bicyclist's bill of rights; the lack of rights in communist countries; and problems with Culver City Police Department.

12. BAC Member Comments – Ron Skarin reported on his recent trip to Kenya and the use of bicycles for transportation.

13. Adjournment – 9:48 PM.