

**City of Los Angeles  
Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes  
February 3, 2009**

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

**BAC Members In Attendance**

Alex Baum	Mayor's Office (Exiting BAC Chairman)
Glenn Bailey	Mayor's Office (Entering BAC Chairman)
Jay Slater	Mayor's Office (Entering BAC Vice Chairman)
Nidia Garcia	CD-1
Michael Goodman	CD-2
Larry Hoffman	CD-4
Paul Backstrom	CD-5
Aaron Kirsch	CD-6
Aubrey Provost	CD-8
Ron Skarin	CD-9
Kent Strumpell	CD-11
Don Rosenberg	CD-12 (Exiting BAC Vice Chairman)
Joe Linton	CD-13
Brian Frobisher	CD-14
Brad House	CD 15

**BAC Members Absent**

David Wolfberg	Mayor's Office
Barry Seybert	CD-3
Bart Reed	CD-7
Yolanda Davis-Overstreet	CD-10

**City Staff**

Michelle Mowery	LADOT Bicycle Planning and Outreach
Paul Meshkin	LADOT Bicycle Program
Officer Breslin	LAPD Bicycle Coordination Unit

**Guests**

Pat Hines	Safe Moves
Tana Ball	LAUSD

**1. Call to Order / Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by, Chairman Alex Baum. Committee members introduced themselves.

**2. Public Comments** – One comment was received: DOT should bring in speakers aside from themselves to present on topics, offering a different point of view.

### **Action Items**

**3. Approval of December 2, 2008 Minutes** – Approved.

**4. Speed Limit Increases** (Council File No. 07-2116) – Michael Goodman commented that the speed limit increases should be an action item and that a state law would need to be changed before taking further action. It was agreed that the item would be addressed later in the meeting once an informational presentation was made to the full committee. When the item was revisited later in the meeting, because the presentation was not available, a motion was made to draft and send a letter to LADOT stating the following: the BAC's position that the five specific streets currently under consideration for speed limit increases should be removed from consideration; meetings should be set up to discuss the dangers of speed limit increases to the community; the BAC's opposition to the use of the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile rule to set speed limits; that three additional streets further along in the process of considering a speed limit increase be added; that notification to appropriate entities be made before speed limit increases go to the Transportation Commission. The motion was approved.

Public Comments – Two public comments were received: speed limits can be changed without changing state law – by getting the neighborhood councils involved among other options; LADOT has ignored MUTCD guidelines which state that standard guidelines can be waived in the name of bicyclist and pedestrian safety.

### **Information Items**

**5. Bicycle Licensing** (Council File No. 08-2944) - Sr. Bicycle Coordinator, Michelle Mowery commented that the City Council voted to terminate the bicycle licensing program.

**6. Expo Bikeways** (DEIR, Interagency coordination) – Kent Strumpell commented that the Expo Construction Authority (ECA) has decided to separate the Exposition bike path from the LRT project for the environmental process due to differing funding and associated guidelines. Kent stated that he has drafted a letter to the ECA and read it to the members. A motion to send the letter was approved. It was further noted by Glenn Bailey that associated comments should go through at both the EIR level and the political level. Kent further commented that LADOT has taken measures to restripe streets such as Pico and Gateway

Boulevards which may adversely affect the future Expo Bikeway. A motion to draft a letter to LADOT, advising them to collaborate internally to avoid such issues in the future was approved.

**7. Election of Chair and Vice Chair** (Council File No. 08-0475) – Michael Goodman announced that the nomination process for chair would begin; Glenn Bailey, Joe Linton, Jay Slater and Ron Skarin were nominated – Ron Skarin and Joe Linton declined. Glenn Bailey won the election 8-6. Upon immediately assuming the position of chair, Glenn Bailey announced that the nomination process for vice chair would begin; Jay Slater, Joe Linton, Kent Strumpell and Brad House were nominated – Kent Strumpell and Brad House declined. Initially, there was a 7-7 tie between Jay Slater and Joe Linton; Joe subsequently announced that he would withdraw or change his vote to Jay Slater, but members then agreed to re-vote. Jay Slater won the election 10-4.

Public Comments - One public comment was received: A secret vote would be a violation of the Brown Act.

### **Reports**

**8. LAPD Report** – LAPD Officer Breslin gave a brief description of the officer bicycle training program. Aubrey Provost asked if the training could be observed; Officer Breslin replied that it could.

Public Comments – One public comment was made: A database has been created as a private enterprise to track bicycle incidents using geo-coding. Riders can submit incident and driver information to the database.

**9. Safety Program Update** – Pat Hines, Tana Ball - It was reported that the Safe Moves program has hosted 1600 seminars and 103 rodeos that have been attended by 170,000 school children. Educational plays have been put on at the schools and bike helmet surveys have been conducted. Commuter surveys have been conducted, an \$8.00 helmet program has been in place and stationary bikes have been introduced to schools to help school children realize that riding 10 miles can be accomplished with ease. Kent Strumpell commented that the bicycle light program might be integrated with the helmet program.

It was also reported that LAUSD will partner with Bike to Work Day with a Bike to School Day program. It was also reported that there has been a lack of enforcing the helmet law for minors recently and that there have been 66 injuries this year involving young people riding bikes. It was recommended that a letter be sent to the school district reiterating helmet policies. It was also reported that many schools are doing away with bike racks.

## **10. Subcommittee Reports –**

Bikeways – No meeting held. Joe Linton is appointed to chair the Bikeways Subcommittee.

Planning – Kent Strumpell reported on the NBC/Universal development stating that once the draft EIR comes out, comments should be made addressing the lack of accommodation for non-motorized vehicles and L.A. River connection within the transportation plan of the development.

Advocacy and Education – No items aside from speed limit issue were discussed.

**11. Bicycle Program Report** – Sr. Bicycle Coordinator, Michelle Mowery reported on the progress of the new bicycle plan; upcoming Call for Projects; new bike parking program utilizing former parking meter posts; bikeways training for the Mayor's Office; Sharrows; Taylor Yard Bridge project; projects applied for in the Stimulus package.

Public Comments – One public comment was made: community input should be solicited for any and all aspects of bikeways related issues and projects.

**12. Bikeway Engineering Report** – Paul Meshkin reported on the status of new Bike Path projects stating that LA River Bike Path Phase 1C and San Fernando Road Bike Path Phase 2 will be in construction by mid 2009; three new bike lane segments – Hoover St., 98<sup>th</sup> St. and Anaheim St. had their plans signed and would be implemented shortly; three conceptual segments are now in design – Plummer St., Rinaldi St. and MLK Jr. Blvd.

**13. BAC Member Comments** – There will a LA Bike Summit Saturday March 7, 2009 at LA Trade Tech College; a request was made to find a new location for the meeting.

**14. Adjournment** – 10:30 PM