

**City of Los Angeles
Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
June 2, 2009**

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

BAC Members In Attendance

Alex Baum	Mayor's Office (BAC Chairman Emeritus)
Glenn Bailey	Mayor's Office (BAC Chairman)
David Wolfberg	Mayor's Office
Jay Slater	Mayor's Office (BAC Vice Chairman)
Paul Backstrom	CD-2
Larry Hoffman	CD-4
Jonathan Weiss	CD-5
Aaron Kirsch	CD-6
Bart Reed	CD-7
Ron Skarin	CD-9
Kent Strumpell	CD-11
Donald Rosenberg	CD-12
Brad House	CD-15

BAC Members Absent

Nidia Garcia	CD-1
Barry Seybert	CD-3
Aubrey Provost	CD-8
Yolanda Davis-Overstreet	CD-10
Joe Linton	CD-13
Brian Frobisher	CD-14

City Staff

Michelle Mowery	LADOT Bicycle Planning and Outreach
Paul Meshkin	LADOT Bicycle Program

Guests

Tana Ball	LAUSD
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- 1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by Committee Chairman Glenn Bailey.

Presentations and Updates

- 2. Los Angeles Police Department Update** - No report.

3. Safety Programs Update – Tana Ball from LAUSD reported Bike/Walk to School Day Program is on-going but the participation level was low due to the recent teachers strike at LAUSD. She projected the level of participation will pick up after the strike.

The “Youth Education”- a non-profit organization headed by Tana Ball received no grant but was able to give out 60 bicycle helmets to program participants and organized a LA River Bike Ride.

- 4. Safety Program Update- Pat Hines** – No report

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – Comments were made that on 6/1/2009, a female cyclist was hit and killed by LADWP contracted truck driver while hauling light poles. It was suggested that City should implement a training program that require city employees and contract drivers to complete a safety and sensitivity training course toward pedestrians and cyclists.

Comments were also made that City should maintain and not reduce any further funding for bicycle parking facilities and structures.

Action Items

- 6. Approval of April 7, 2009 Minutes** – Approved.

7. Alternative BAC Meeting Locations - The Committee members will look into the possibility to designate the Deacon Civic Auditorium as an alternative BAC meeting location.

8. Bicycle Master Plan- Jay Slater pointed out a draft version of the LA City Bikeway Network Map can now be found on the Bicycle Services Website. He spent some time reviewing the map and found: the resolution of the maps to be of poor quality; there were major streets such as a section of the Wilshire Blvd. was missing on the map; too many projects were proposed and they seem to be disconnected from the public input and with no prioritization of the projects. LADOT pointed out the projects listed on the draft maps represented the projects that the consultant thinks are the viable projects provided the funding and the right-of ways are available. Also there will be more public meetings to be held in July and higher resolution maps will soon become available on the Bicycle

Services website. It was suggested that printed copies of the Draft Bicycle Plan Maps be made available for public review at all city libraries. Public comment was made that the Planning Department staff and the staff from the consultant should be present at the BAC meetings to answer questions. BAC members will try to invite them for the next BAC meeting. Glenn Bailey urged the BAC members to review the draft maps and make as many comments and suggestions as possible. He is considering calling a special BAC meeting to address any Bicycle Master Plan issues before it is being finalized.

Aaron Kirsch reported that he represented BAC by attending the second Off-Road Bicycle Policy Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting in May. Three groups that represented the mountain bicyclists, equestrians and mountain hikers were present at the meeting. No progress made to allow mountain biking in city parks.

9. 2009-2010 Budget Re: Discontinuation of Bikeways Function, including Council Motion #9 and #21 (CF 09-0600) – DOT reported that the salary of Bikeway Section are funded with special funds (i.e. Proposition C funds) instead of general fund. The City will not be able to reduce the budget deficit by discontinuing the Bikeways function. DOT also reported that Bikeways Section is currently working with less than the full staff that was originally budgeted for and there should be no further reduction of staff and function for the next fiscal year.

10. Metro Orange Line Bike Path Maintenance (Also related City Council Motion (Cardenas/Greuel) CF 07-3885-S1) –

A motion was made to support the DOT's recommendation to develop the Orange Line Bicycle Path Task Force that will meet quarterly to review issues related to the bike path maintenance and for BAC to have a representative in the task force. It was passed unanimously.

11. City Council Motion (LaBonge/Garcetti) Re: Bicycle Operation on Sidewalks (CF- 09-0680)

BAC members pointed out that the current City Municipal Code already has sections that address the issues in this Council Motion. BAC members voted by a majority of 8-0 to oppose this Council Motion, 3 were abstained.

12. City Council Motion (LaBonge/Garcetti) Re: Abandoned Bicycles (CF 09-0681)

It was referred to Advocacy and Education Committee.

13. City Council Motion (Cardenas/Greuel) Re: Federal Funds for Safety and Outreach (CF 09-1022)

BAC members voted unanimously to support this City Council Motion

14. City Council Motion (Hahn/Rosendahl) Re: Bicyclist/Motorist incidents and Police Officer Training (CF 09-1035)

A member from Biking in LA.Com made a public comment that he was involved in an accident with a car while riding a bicycle. Due to the lack of proper training of the LAPD officer, he was cited for causing the accident. He researched and found out that Massachusetts State Police receives bicycle and pedestrian related training in the academy before becoming a police officer. He suggested that BAC should recommend to City Council to make a motion that requires LAPD cadets to receive a similar training.

15. Outreach to Neighborhood Council

BAC Chairman Glenn Bailey suggested each BAC member should reach out to the neighborhood councils within the District he/she represents. To establish a network of communication that will enable a better coverage and handle of bicycle related issues by the BAC Committee.

16. TDA Report

DOT reported that the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Report has been in Transportation Committee and will be in Council on Friday June 5, 2009. The TDA funds are collected as part the State sales tax on gasoline and allocated to local jurisdictions based on population. The TDA funds can only be used for bicycle and pedestrian related projects. Any unused TDA funds are reserved with Metro for a period of three years before the funds are lapsed. A copy of the report is posted on the Bicycle Program web site.

Reports**17. Subcommittee Reports – Item tabled****18. Bicycle Program Report – Michelle Mowery**

Michelle provided an update on the Sidewalk U-Rack parking project; the new Meter Hitch/Parking Meter Bicycle Parking project; status of the Shared Lane Marking (Sharrow study) that is waiting for funding from CD13; an update on budget and staffing issues; updated the committee on the disbanding of the bicycle licensing program; and bike-to-work day activities in May.

19. Bikeway Engineering Report – Paul Meshkin

Paul reported that the construction of the LA River Bike Path will begin on June 15, 2009 and the contractor has 180 working days to complete the project. Also construction of the San Fernando Road Bike Path project will begin in November of 2009. He reported that Bikeways Office prepared and submitted six funding

applications to Metro as part of the Metro's 2009 Call for Projects. He also reported on the status of the bike lane projects currently in design.

20. BAC Member Reports/Comments

Comments were made regarding BAC members who have been absent on regular basis and the need to notify their respective council offices. Also, Department of Recreation and Parks and the City Attorney should attend the BAC meetings.

21. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

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