

**City of Los Angeles
Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes
August 3, 2004**

**Department of Water and Power Board Room
111 N. Hope Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

BAC Members in Attendance

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| Alex Baum | Mayor's Office (BAC Chairman) |
| Michael Goodman | CD-2 |
| Barry Seybert | CD-3 |
| Rick Llewellyn | CD-4 |
| Melvin Leventhal | CD-5 |
| Darien Mann | CD-6 |
| Aubrey Provost | CD-8 |
| Ron Skarin | CD-11 |
| Don Rosenberg | CD-12 (BAC Vice Chairman) |
| Ruth Barnes | CD-15 |

BAC Members Absent

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| Glenn Bailey | Mayor's Office |
| David Wolfberg | Mayor's Office |
| Vacant | Mayor's Office |
| Guillermo Reyes | CD-1 |
| Bart Reed | CD-7 |
| Vacant | CD-9 |
| Vacant | CD-10 |
| Joe Linton | CD-13 |
| Vacant | CD-14 |

City Staff

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| Bruce Christiansen | LAPD |
| Michael May | LADOT |
| Michelle Mowery | LADOT |

Guests

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| Tana Ball | LAUSD |
| David Pullins | Major Motion Cycling Club |

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1. Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes – Approval of June 1, 2004 minutes.

3. Off-Road Transportation Corridors – The BAC, in response to a request from the mountain bicycle community, sought input regarding the possibility of reopening the issue of access to City off-road trails to mountain bicyclists. Public comments were taken from the following:

Christine Peters – Opposed to the concept.

Emily Gable – Feels the issue was settled years ago.

Chuck Soter- Opposed; believes this a Recreation and Parks issue.

Bernadette Soter – Feels City Council addressed this issue in 2000.

Lynn Brown – Believes bicycle transportation is on paved roads.

Armando Galvez – Supports shared trails as in State Parks.

Brad House – Feels there is a need for this issue to be addressed by the BAC as the trails are publicly funded.

Jeff Klinger – Feels trail access for bikes needed at parks throughout the City system.

Louisa Bonnie – Supports shared trails for transportation.

Don Vickers – Feels bicycling on trails is safer than on the roadways; wants access to trails in the Northridge area.

Chris Kelly – Bike shop owner, 90% of clients are mtn. bike users, need for transportation access to trails from the Valley to the Hollywood area.

Al Mogga – Doesn't feel bike access to trails is a transportation issue.

4. Mountain Gate HOA Plan to Block Public Access – Michael Goodman outlined a proposal, previously approved by City Council, to allow a homeowners association to erect a gate which would allow the HOA to control the public access to Canyon Back Road which leads to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Motion made by Michael Goodman for the “BAC to formally adopt a position to oppose the gate at the Mountain Gate housing development at Canyon Road as planned due to the impact to bicyclists.” Second Barry Seybert, no opposition.

5. Major Motion Youth Programs – David Pullins from the Major Motion Cycling Club made a presentation to the BAC regarding the Club's youth cycling program and its efforts to train more youth on the Velodrome. Mr. Pullins also sought the BAC's input and support for funding efforts to support its youth programming.

6. LAPD Report – Officer Bruce Christensen gave the committee an update on the LAPD Bicycle Patrol program. He also distributed an article in Los Angeles Sport and Fitness Magazine about the LAPD Bicycle Patrol, as well as an article about the LAPD

Bicycle Patrol response to a fire in the Canyon Echos Development.

7. Safety Programs Update – Tana Ball spoke of the OTS Summit and the plans to host the event again in 2006

8. Subcommittee Reports -

Bikeways - Glenn Bailey – No meeting held.

Planning – A meeting was held on July 13. Topics covered included the Bicycle Plan Update, Bicycle Parking Code Revision, new Bicycle Map, and the Bike Webpage.

Education/Promotion – Meeting held on July 6th. Items discussed included support of the new Velodrome in Carson, Bike to Work Day, Bike Accessible Attractions in LA, Safety Ed RFP, and Major Motion Cycling Club activities.

Advocacy – No meeting held due to holiday. Subcommittee Chairman Michael Goodman sought the BAC's support in light of the public testimony to review the municipal code language for bikes on public trails and develop new language for the BAC's review. Next meeting scheduled for September 7.

9. Bicycle Coordinator's Report - Michelle Mowery deferred to the activity outlined in her written report.

10. Bikeways Report – Michael May answered questions to his written report on Expo West Bikeway, BRT project and the issue of conflict on the Valley Circle bike lanes with the new development traffic plans.

11. Public Comments – Jeff Klinger made additional comments about the need for shared trails in the Parks system.

12. BAC Member Comments – None.

13 Adjournment - 9:15 PM