

**City of Los Angeles
Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes
October 7, 2008**

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

BAC Members In Attendance

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| Alex Baum | Mayor's Office (BAC Chairman) |
| Jay Slater | Mayor's Office |
| David Wolfberg | Mayor's Office |
| Nidia Garcia | CD-1 |
| Michael Goodman | CD-2 |
| Larry Hoffman | CD-4 |
| Bart Reed | CD-7 |
| Ron Skarin | CD-9 |
| Kent Strumpell | CD-11 |
| Joe Linton | CD-13 |
| Brad House | CD 15 |

BAC Members Absent

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| Glenn Bailey | Mayor's Office |
| Barry Seybert | CD-3 |
| Paul Backstrom | CD-5 |
| Aubrey Provost | CD-8 |
| Yolanda Davis-Overstreet | CD-10 |
| Don Rosenberg | CD-12 (BAC Vice Chairman) |
| Brian Frobisher | CD-14 |

City Staff

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| Michelle Mowery | LADOT |
| Michael May | LADOT |

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1. Call to Order/Introductions – The meeting was called to order by Alex Baum, Chairman. Committee members introduced themselves.
2. Public Comment – Three public comments received bicycle licensing including arbitrary LAPD enforcement, bicyclist citations and LAPD harassment. Michelle Mowery commented upon LAPD's bike licensing program and noted that: it had been defunct for years; that LAPD did not have the resources to administer it; that DOT staff reports recommended that the program be modified or abandoned; and that the BAC's position view was it should be abandoned. Jill Sourial (Council District 1) noted that Councilmember Zine supported the program, had mentioned it at a recent City Council meeting and that the matter could be considered at a Public Works Committee meeting. Members discussed bike licensing and agreed that it should be included on the next meeting's agenda.

Action Items

3. Approval of June 3, 2008 Minutes and August 5, 2008 Minutes – Approved.

Information Items

4. City Council Motion regarding BAC (Council File No. 08-0475) – Michelle Mowery reported that the Motion was going to be considered in Council and that it called for: Recreation & Parks to provide staff for BAC meetings; DOT to fill a position to post agendas and minutes, record minutes and provide administrative support; and for the City Planning Department and the City Attorney's office to attend meetings on an as-needed basis. Jill Sourial noted that the Motion had received unanimous support from the Transportation Committee and expected the same from the entire City Council. Kent Strumpell inquired about existing DOT vacancies and Michelle responded that there were two vacant positions in the Bikeways Engineering group and one vacancy in her group.
5. City Council Motion regarding Bicycle Sharing Program (Council File No. 08-2053) – Michelle Mowery reported on bicycle sharing programs in other countries: the Dutch program and its theft problems; the Paris program and how it operates like the cart system at LAX, how it requires 200 staffmembers to maintain and deploy its bicycles, and how it required an extensive existing bikeway network to be effective. Members commented upon the cost of a bike sharing program, concern for novices and differences between Paris and Los

Angeles such as street widths and cultural views/familiarity with bicyclists. Michelle indicated that DOT would prepare a Request for Information (RFI) to determine the benefits of a program and would work with the authors of the Motion.

6. Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) 2009/2010 Grant Funding – Michael May reported that applications for the annual Caltrans grant program were due on December 1st and that only \$7.2 million was available statewide with a maximum of \$1.8 million per city. Michael indicated that his section would likely submit applications for two or three projects such as LA River bike path lighting refurbishment, an LA River bridge underpass at Riverside Dr/Zoo Dr. and the refurbishment of the Sepulveda Basing bike path along Victory Bl. Members suggested other projects such as Ballona Creek bike path lighting and bike lanes at various locations; Michelle explained that these were already being pursued using other funding sources. Michael noted that possible projects would be discussed further at the next Bikeways Subcommittee meeting if one it occurred before the December 1st deadline.

7. BAC Member Attendance – Michael May informed the Committee that DOT would be monitoring member attendance at the request of Councilmember Reyes and would use an attendance log similar to the one presented in the agenda package.

Reports

8. LAPD Report – No report. Michelle Mowery commented upon the turnover of LAPD Bike patrol personnel and recommended that this standing item be dropped from future agendas. Members expressed general agreement.

9. Safety Program Update – No report.

10. Subcommittee Reports –

Bikeways – No report due to Glenn Bailey's absence.

Planning – Kent Strumpell reported on 9/9/08 meeting topics including alternatives for the Ballona Creek bike path gate closure proposal and the results of a community meeting concerning possible alignments for the Exposition West bikeway.

Advocacy and Education – Michael Goodman indicated that his subcommittee was not able to meet for various reasons. The original meeting had to be rescheduled and the second meeting was cancelled due to a conflict with a City Council meeting.

11. Bicycle Program Report – Michelle Mowery reported on Mandeville Canyon; Bicycle Plan update; Shared Use Lane Arrows aka Sharrows; fencing related to the proposed Ballona Creek bike path gate closure; LA River bike path lighting issues; bike rack program and update regarding 300 racks; LAPD education program update; CBAC position regarding 52” vs. 42” rail height; and the recent ProBike/ProWalk conference in Seattle.

12. Bikeway Engineering Report – Michael May reported on the Orange Line landscaping project and Proposition K funds; refurbishment of the Arroyo Seco and Beach bike paths; and the bid package for the LA River 1C bike path’s construction start.

13. BAC Member Comments – No comments.

14. Adjournment – 8:48 PM