

**City of Los Angeles
Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
October 6, 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)
Ramona Marks	CD-1
Larry Hoffman	CD-4
Jonathan Weis	CD-5
Aaron Kirsch	CD-6
Bart Reed	CD-7
Aubrey Provost	CD-8
Ron Skarin	CD-9
Kent Strumpell	CD-11
Donald Rosenberg	CD-12
Joe Linton	CD-13
Brian Frobisher	CD-14
Brad House	CD-15

BAC Members Absent

Michael Goodman	CD-2 Resigned
Barry Seybert	CD-3
Yolanda Davis-Overstreet	CD-10

City Staff

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

Guests

Tana Ball	LAUSD
Helen Bibas	LADCP
Jordan Turner	LADCP

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:51 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 on school wellness program meeting she attended. Reported on bicycle policy at local schools and if it discourages kids to bike to school. Tana asked if BAC members knew of any schools within their respective districts that discourage bicycle riding to school. Tana reported that the program gave away 650 bike helmets and 6 new bikes for the Wendy Greuel Health and Safety Fair.

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

5. Los Angeles Bicycle Coalition – Jennifer Klausner – No report

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – None

7. Bicycle Program Report – Michelle Mowery

Michelle provided an update on the bicycle meter hitch program that installed 174 additional bicycle racks. Update on bicycle parking in general the City is ordering more inverted-u bicycle racks, staff is field checking and marking locations throughout the City. The bicycle program staff continues to work on the sharrows pilot study. The bicycle program staff attended several public outreach events and disseminated education materials. DWP Festival of Lights this year will include a “bicycle night” and Metro is conducting a folding bike program.

8. Bikeway Engineering Report – Paul Meshkin.

Paul reported that a new five year maintenance contract for the Orange Line Bike Path and Chandler Blvd Bike Path executed. The contract is effective from October 1 2009 to September 30, 2014 and the contractor is ShelterClean Inc. Construction of LA River Bike Path is underway and is scheduled for completion in March 2010. San Fernando Rd. Bike Path Phase 2 construction is scheduled to begin in November of 2009. Winnetka Avenue Bike Lane project between Gault and Nordhoff streets is in design. Bike lanes were installed on Reseda Blvd. between San Fernando Mission Rd. and Devonshire St. Bikeways office has started the design of the portion between Devonshire St. and Nordhoff St. and should be completed within six to nine months.

Action Items

9. Approval of August 4, 2009 Minutes – Approved.

10. New Location Beginning December 2009: Deaton Auditorium-

Glen Bailey reported that the new police building will have a public inauguration on October 24th, 2009 at 10:00 am. Glen reported on the bicycle parking for the new building which is too far from the front entrance. Additionally, it was reported that there might be bicycle parking located in the 1st floor of the parking garage.

Public Comment:

- 1) The BAC needs to stick up for bicycles and adequate bicycle parking at the new auditorium.
- 2) The new police headquarters need to adhere to City Standards. Overall, it is a matter of safety no one wants to park bicycles in dark smelly area.

BAC Motion: Request safe and secure parking before December meeting. Motion Passed. 9 ayes, 3 oppose and 3 abstentions.

11. Westwood Boulevard Restriping (BAC Planning Subcommittee recommends that Expo Include Bicycle Lanes on Westwood Blvd.)

BAC Motion: Retain same curb lane width at a minimum for bike route. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Pico-Olympic One-Way Street Conversion (BAC Planning Subcommittee Recommends that the BAC Comment on the Draft EIR Once issued)

BAC Motion: Request DOT to present to planning subcommittee regarding Pico/Olympic plan. BAC to comment once draft EIR is available. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Reseda Boulevard Bicycle Lane, Nordhoff to Devonshire Streets (Recommends prompt installation)

BAC Motion: Oppose peak hour or permanent auto lanes and support installation of 1996 adopted plan. Motion passed unanimously.

14. City of Los Angeles Draft Bicycle Plan – Planning/DOT staff – Jordan Turner Department of City Planning- Jordan gave a presentation of the Draft Bicycle Plan and outlined the different chapter contents. Public meetings will be held throughout the City in October. Each member was allowed to comment on

the plan but full detail comments from each member should be put in writing and presented at the special BAC meeting in late October.

General Comments from BAC:

- How are priority streets designated and how to place a street at a higher priority.
- Include Measure R Funding
- There needs to be a special BAC meeting to comment on the Plan
- Need to change criteria used to select street prioritization which is based on proximity to Metro, School or Parks but some streets have higher use without the proximity factor.
- What is the process for the plan once all comments come in?
- Off road element and education sections are weak.
- Vision is good.
- Rate projects to reach the most bicyclists not just 10.
- Bike Plan should change wording from potential to proposed and proposed to designated.
- Have the designations been vested by City Attorney.
- Plan should be at each library. Time window needs to be extended.
- Central Area map needs names on streets.
- Get the plan out to people.
- Need to include measureable benchmarks for the plan.

Public comment:

- 1) Process will allow 42 days of public input. Need to obtain public support and be able to formulate a critique of the plan. Whereas the public has 1 day for every 14 days that staff had to spend on the document. Please extend public comment period to January 4th 2010.
- 2) The goals and vision statement are hypocritical to the plan and map. Overall decrease bike lanes. Public wants continuous bikeways but instead the public receives gaps in the system. There is a difference between what the plan talks about versus what the map shows. Need to improve the language and make the wording stronger such as designated. Need more time for public comments.
- 3) Re-iterate that the deadline for public comment be extended to January. There are several locations throughout the city that do not have public meetings scheduled yet have a lot of bicyclist such as Echo Park and the Hollywood area. The public outreach is not capturing the bicycling audience in LA.
- 4) Amazed at report. Need to prioritize more safe bikeways in the Valley. If 5% of the campus community at Cal State Northridge rode a bike there would be over 2,000 bicyclists on the Street. Will try to invigorate student body at Cal State Northridge to provide input for October 26th meeting. Need more public dialogue.

- 5) The bicycle plan should have a long and lengthy comment period. The document uses soft wording and does not include Topanga Canyon. Start with hard words that will result in action.
- 6) Same verbage but need to keep it strong. Reseda should not be a bike friendly street should be designated as a bike lane. Reseda has plenty of space at least 10 to 12 feet.
- 7) The public wants bike lanes, the plan is not listening to what the public wants. Need to extend the public input period.

BAC motion: The BAC recommends that the public comment period be extended to January 8th 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

15. Subcommittee Reports –

Advocacy and Education – Ron Skarin – No Quorum

- Talked about on-street bike parking
- Abandoned bikes
- Bikes on Trains
- Listened to a Youth group presentation
- Looking for good ideas to encourage bike education to public

Bikeways- Joe Linton – No meeting, no report.

Planning – Kent Strumpell – In action items

- Planning a joint special meeting Oct 27th

16. BAC Member Reports/Comments

Aubrey Provost reported on the very successful community bicycle ride called Crenshaw Crush. The ride included several different groups that came together to help plan and carry out the event. Special thanks to Stephen Box and Jeremy. The ride went from Leimert Park to USC and back. Even though the event did not receive council support it was a success. There will be a ride taking place in East Los Angeles sponsored by the Eastside Riders. Once again, challenges other district BAC members to create their own social bike rides.

17. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

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