

**City of Los Angeles
Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes
June 5, 2007**

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

BAC Members In Attendance

Alex Baum	Mayor's Office (BAC Chairman)
Glenn Bailey	Mayor's Office
David Wolfberg	Mayor's Office
Ron Skarin	Mayor's Office (pending)
Jeff Chapman	CD-1
Michael Goodman	CD-2
Barry Seybert	CD-3
Rick Llewellyn	CD-4
Paul Backstrom	CD-5
Bart Reed	CD-7
Aubrey Provost	CD-8
Don Rosenberg	CD-12 (BAC Vice Chairman)
Brad House	CD 15

BAC Members Absent

Darian Mann	CD-6
Elizabeth Castillo-Pedrosa	CD-9
Yolanda Davis-Overstreet	CD-10
Kent Strumpel	CD-11
Joe Linton	CD-13
Brian Forbisher	CD-14

City Staff

Michelle Mowery	LADOT
Michael May	LADOT
Gordon Helper	LAPD

Guests

Tana Ball	LAUSD
Larry Hoffman	CD-4 Pending

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1. Introductions – Committee members introduced themselves. CD representative, Rick Llewellyn, CD– 4, announced that this would be his last meeting and that Council member La Bonge would be appointing Larry Hoffman to replace him at the next meeting.

Action Items

2. Approval of April 3, 2007 Minutes – Approved with corrections Item #7 corrected to Canoga Station and Item # 11 corrected to Sepulveda Basin Bike Path. Two public comments received requesting additional detail in minutes and issues with the Brown Act.

Information Items

3. Integrated Bicycle Presentation – CABO members Dan Gutierrez and Brian De Sousa presented “Inclusive Planning & Design: Understanding and Supporting the Full Spectrum of Cyclist Behavior” to the Committee which covered a number of topics including: Background Information, Cyclist Behavior Spectrum, Integrated Behavior Importance, Crash Risk vs Behavior, and Facility and Law Impacts.

4. Sepulveda Blvd. Reversible Lane Project Update – Staff provided an update of the Sepulveda Blvd. Bike Lane and Reversible Lane (RL) project and noted that the project is moving forward with no changes since the last meeting. Glenn Bailey gave a brief overview of a public meeting recently held at the Skirball Center that included an overview of the RL project and Caltrans 405 widening project. He voiced noted concerns about how the ramp relocations may impact cyclists. Some members expressed opposition to the reversible lane element of Sepulveda Tunnel as planned in the City’s project. One public comment received noting concern with the tunnel-warning device as the reversible lane signage is installed on the tunnel.

5. City Council Ordinance 178794 – Staff provided an overview of the ordinance that increases various parking fines in the City. The ordinance, which becomes effective at the end of June, will increase the CVC mandated fine for parking in a bike lane from \$40 to \$70 in the City of Los Angeles. BAC members expressed issue with the parking of trash receptacles in the bike lane; staff noted that without a VIN number, DOT Parking Enforcement has no authority over the receptacles. It was noted that this issue is on the agenda for the Advocacy and Education Committee and would probably have to be addressed through the Bureau of Sanitation. Two public comments received noting problems with trash receptacles in bike lanes.

Reports

6. LAPD Report – Officer Gordon Helper reported that Officer Bruce Christensen is recovering and walking on his own now and is expected back on his bike in nine months to a year. A LAPD Command Staff Bike School was conducted which included Chief Bratton and other high level LAPD police officers. Ofcr. Helper also noted that a bicycle officer event was held with over 300 officers participating. He reported that police officers assigned to bike patrol will be allowed to testify in court in bicycle uniforms. Due to issues with the May Day rally in Mac Arthur Park, LAPD Bicycle Units will be trained to and responsible for protest rallies in the future. He also noted that founding LAPD Bicycle Officer Craig White had recent retired from the Department.

7. Safety Program Update – Tana Ball reported on LAUSD bicycle programs and the development of LAUSD Physical Education programs in bicycling.

8. Subcommittee Reports –

Bikeways – Glenn Bailey reported on status of the Orange Line Bike Path projects. Next meeting scheduled for July 24th at 1:30 PM.

Planning – Kent Strumpel was unable to attend the meeting. Next meeting scheduled for July 10th at 1:30 PM.

Advocacy and Education –Michael Goodman reported on the annual report by Safe Moves for the School Bicycle Safety and Transit Education Program and the continued issue of mountain bike access in city parks. Next meeting scheduled for July 17th at 12 Noon. One public comment received encouraging more education and outreach programs.

9. Bicycle Coordinator Report – Sr. Bicycle Coordinator, Michelle Mowery, reported on her participation in the State Highway Safety Implementation Plan; and updated the BAC on progress regarding storm grate covers, bicycle licensing, the new bicycle map, bicycle plan update, Bike to Work Week activities; bicycle accommodation on the Riverside Dr. 6th Street, and Riverside Dr. Bridges and appeals to Metro's Call for Projects for lack of and inadequate funding for San Fernando Road Phase IIIb and Bicycle Safe Story Grates.

10. Bikeways Report – Bikeways Engineer, Michael May, provided information on the Prokop Case which declared the City immune from liability on the Los Angeles River Bike Path, Brad House's CD 15 bike lane report and corrections, and staff recommendations for funding projects including San Fernando Road Phase IIIa, Manchester and Imperial Blvd. Bike Lanes, Wayfinding Bicycle Signage, and Bike Safe Storm Grates. Two public comments received regarding the Prokop case.

11. Public Comments – Three public comments were submitted thanking the BAC for their efforts, Metro’s upcoming Orange Line Lesson’s Learned meetings, and Metro’s recent bike awareness campaign.

12. BAC Member Comments – Glenn Bailey suggested an ongoing report be added to the agenda for Metro staff to update the BAC on Metro projects.

13. Adjournment – 9:22 PM.