



Bicycle Access Council News & Digest

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Hello Members and Supporters of the Bicycle Access Council.

It's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania!

A PENNSYLVANIA SHARE-THE-ROAD REGISTRATION PLATE...

House bill has picked up more co-sponsors. Now at twenty-three co-sponsors, the next step for HB 1415 is a hearing by the House Transportation Committee. The General Assembly will not be in session until September. Here is a list of current co-sponsors:

Dave MALONEY (Prime Sponsor), Garth EVERETT, Steve BARRAR, Stan SAYLOR, Patty KIM, Tina PICKETT, David MILLARD, Bernie O'NEILL, Ron MILLER, Peter DALEY, Jerry KNOWLES, Tom KILLION, Tom CALTAGIRONE, Mark COHEN, Mark PAINTER, Bill KORTZ, Kathy WATSON, Tom MURT, Erin MOLCHANY, Mauree GINGRICH, Mark GILLEN, Mike STURLA, and Nicholas MIOZZIE. The total is now 15 Republicans and 8 Democrats.

Be sure to contact these members thanking them for their support. If your House member is not listed, contact them as a constituent to ask if they would sign on as additional co-sponsors, or at least support the bill.

BAC is still seeking a Senator to introduce a companion bill for the Senate Transportation Committee to consider. No responses yet to letters and phone calls sent to a select number of senators asking for a bill to be introduced.

Post cards are now available to mail to Representatives as a reminder to support HB 1415. To receive a supply of these cards as pictured below, contact BAC. USPS postage is 46¢ — or a Forever stamp — to mail these post cards. Let's blitz the General Assembly with these!



\$80 MILLION FOR “MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION” FUNDING...

Is not available as hoped for when Senate Bill 1 (SB-1) failed to pass by June 30. The next attempt to find funding for road and bridge repairs, plus other transportation needs will likely be taken up in the fall by the General Assembly. Unfortunately, the cost of doing nothing is far greater than the public cost of SB-1 in terms of future escalating costs and lost jobs.

IN RELATED NEWS...

HB 213, a bill to allow Electric-Assist bicycles on commonwealth roads, is still not scheduled for a hearing with the House Transportation Committee. Prime sponsor Rep. Seth Grove (R-York) said recently he expects to see it acted on this fall. Until passed, use on public roads is illegal. HB 213 will not address use of electric-assist bicycles on non-motorized facilities, such as Rail Trails. Rules and regulations by trail developers and managers are to be based on local control and characteristics of the facility's intended use. Retailers and on-line sellers of bicycles and conversion kits often misrepresent or ignore state law. Be advised.

THE LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS...

Has redesigned it's national brand logo. Look familiar? You only have to look back to 1880.



Dates to remember...

Aug 18 Covered Bridge Metric Century, Lancaster. BAC will be there. Stop by.
 Sept 12 Pedalcycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PPAC) meeting, 1 PM.
 Open to the public. Contact BAC for details.

Mission Statement...

The Bicycle Access Council is a non-profit advocacy organization that serves as a forum for Pennsylvania bicyclists and as an ombudsman for bicycling issues.

It is the objective of the Bicycle Access Council to make bicycling on roads throughout the Commonwealth safe, respectable and a transportation choice by educating its members and the motoring public.

All funding for the Bicycle Access Council comes from memberships and donations. Annual membership is \$20 per year. BAC does not share membership information.

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