



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...

Grassroots campaign is underway. BAC is making it easy for individuals to contact their legislators requesting them to support House Bill 1415 that authorizes PennDOT to issue Share-The-Road vehicle license plates. Postcards are available for mailing to legislators. They are free — contact BAC for as many as you need. In your own words, as a constituent, ask your Representative to vote for, as well as, co-sponsor HB 1415, if they have not signed on yet. A list of HB 1415 co-sponsors may be found in the July/August BAC News & Digest.

The General Assembly will be in session beginning September 23. Now is the time to flood the Capitol with HB 1415 postcards. To find your state legislator, use your web browser to search for **PA General Assembly**. Choose the "Who's my Legislator" feature to search by zip code or county for office addresses. To view the actual House bill, enter HB 1415 in the "Find Legislation By" feature on the home page.

Below is a facsimile of the actual postcard, blank on back. It requires a Forever stamp to mail. Note: This is not the final design of the STR plate. Send your ideas or suggestions to BAC.



A SENATE COMPANION BILL TO HB 1415...

Is expected to be introduced soon. On September 10, Senator Lisa Boscola (D-18), along with Senator Mike Folmer (R-48) circulated a member memo seeking co-sponsors. The memo refers to HB 1415 introduced by Representative Dave Maloney (R-130). This is *Great News* !!!

PPAC CITIZEN MEMBERS FINALLY APPOINTED...

By the governor. The Pedalcycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PPAC) was in limbo since Act 98 of 2012 reorganized the structure and membership. Approved by the former members in 2010, new appointments reflecting changes in organizations required legislative action. Once passed, compliance with Act 98 could not take place until the citizen members could be vetted and approved by the governor's office, the process for any commission. News that the appointments were made final was announced literally minutes before the September 12 PPAC meeting. Formal appointment notification by the governor has not yet been received. Because of this, many new members were absent, which lacked a quorum from acting on the first order of business — electing officers and setting meeting dates for 2014. Next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 10.

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN,...

Representative Dick Hess (R-78) passed away unexpectedly on September 6. The impact on the leadership of this important committee is yet to be determined. House Speaker Sam Smith may allow senior majority representatives to assume the transportation chairmanship, or allow interested committee members “move up” in ranking. Representative Mike McGeehan (D-173) is the current minority Chair of Transportation.

A NEW LEGISLATIVE BIKE CAUCUS...

Is looking for members. A memo recently circulated around the Capitol invited Senators and Representatives to join the caucus. The Bike Caucus was created in June as a bi-cameral and bi[ke]-partisan group of legislators interested in promoting bicycling as a healthy, active activity around the Commonwealth. Co-Chairs are: Senators Mike Folmer and Lisa Boscola and House Representatives Tom Killion and Mark Longiotti.

Dates to remember...

- Oct 20 Central Bucks Bike Club Covered Bridge Ride. BAC will be there.
- Dec 10 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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