



# 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!

**SENATE BILL 1153 AUTHORIZING PENNDOT TO ISSUE A SHARE-THE-ROAD PLATE...** Was introduced on Oct 29 by prime sponsor, Senator Lisa Boscola (D-18) Lehigh Valley area. This is a companion bill to House Bill 1415 introduced May16, 2013 with the exact same language. There are seven co-sponsors to SB 1153: Mike Folmer (R-48); LeAnna Washington (D-4); Lawrence Farneses (D-1); James Brewster (D-45); John Yudichak (D-14); Stewart Greenleaf (R-12); Judith Schwank (D-11). Senators Boscola and Folmer are co-chairs of the Legislative Bike Caucus. Your state senator not listed here? Ask them to be a co-sponsor.

**Senate Bill 1153** can now be part of the grassroots campaign by Pennsylvania bicyclists to contact their General Assembly members asking for support and a vote to pass these bills out of the respective transportation committees and on for a quick vote to be signed into law. Each bicyclist should find out who their state Senator and Representative is and send a handwritten note to their capitol or district offices. Better yet, save a stamp and bike it over to them. In your own words, let them know that you are a constituent and voter asking for their support. Be sure to include your name and home address. BAC has postcards available at no charge to mail (shown below). Contact BAC to request some for yourself and fellow bicyclists.

To find your members' capitol or district address, go to <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/>  
For the text of the actual bill, use the "Find Legislation By" box. Type in HB 1415 or SB 1153.



**IN THE, “HEY, WAIT A MINUTE — I SPOKE TOO SOON” DEPARTMENT...**

**The citizen appointments to the Pedalcycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PPAC) by the governor were not confirmed as reported here last issue in the News & Digest.**

BAC contacted the Governor’s Office for official confirmation of names and organizations to be represented only to be told no action has been taken. BAC’s request has been noted though.

**A NEW HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN,...**

**Nicholas Micozzie (R-163), representing parts of Delaware County, was appointed by House Speaker Sam Smith to replace Representative Dick Hess, who passed away unexpectedly.** The new chairman faces the daunting task of moving legislation for transportation funding, some of which may affect bicycling infrastructure as part of multi-modal transportation.

**DELAWARE DOT WILL DISCONTINUE ‘SHARE-THE-ROAD’ (STR) SIGNAGE...**

**And remove its use from the state sign manual as of November 1.** This was done at the request of *Bike Delaware*, a statewide bicycle advocacy organization. Unlike Pennsylvania, the STR used in many states utilizes two separate yellow-background signs — a diamond shaped bicycle only outline and a plaque below with text stating, Share The Road. PennDOT combines the graphic and text in a single warning sign. DeIDOT will continue to use the yellow diamond bicycle outline sign (W11-1) and the BMUFL (R4-11), [bike logo] May Use Full Lane. The STR signage has long been a controversial topic among advocates because of the vague interpretation by motorists and bicyclists on who should be sharing with whom. Comments?

Dates to remember...

- Nov 9/10      Philly Bike Expo. Note new location. Convention Center, 1101 Arch Street.
- 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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