



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!

IT'S OFFICIAL — NEWLY APPOINTED PPAC MEMBERS...

Have been confirmed by Governor Corbett and will meet January 10, 2014. A previously scheduled December 10 meeting had to be postponed, not only because of the heavy snow storm that day, but also on the technicality that an 'oath of office' sworn statement document had not been received and submitted in time for all citizen members. Here is the newest slate of members comprising the Pennsylvania **Pedalcycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**:

<u>Designated Seat</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Representing</u>
1 Senate Transportation Com	John Rafferty		Majority Chair
2 Senate Transportation Com	John Wozniak		Minority Chair
3 House Transportation Com	Nicholas Micozzie		Majority Chair
4 House Transportation Com	Michael McGeehan		Minority Chair
5 Secretary — Transportation	Barry Schoch		
6 Secretaary — DCNR	Ellen Feretti		
7 Statewide Constituencies	Joe Stafford	York	Bicycle Access Council
8 Trails Constituencies	Patricia Tome	Cumberland	PA Rails-to-Trails
9 Pedestrian Constituencies	Hans van Naersen	Delaware	PA Walks & Bikes
10 Metro Philadelphia	Alex Doty	Philadelphia	Bicycle Coalition Greater Phil
11 Metro Pittsburgh	Scott Bricker	Allegheny	Bike Pittsburgh
12 MPO/RPO	Laurie Ahlskog	Lancaster	Lancaster Co Planning Comm
13 Senior Citizen / Disabled	vacant 12-12-13		
14 Children & Education	John Schubert	Lehigh	Cycling Safety Instructor
15 Recreational Bicycling Club	Fred Richter	Lebanon	Lebanon Valley Bike Coalition
16 Public Member	William Hoffman	Lancaster	Cycling safety Instructor
17 Public Member	Chandra Kannan	Allegheny	

PPAC is established by legislative statute in Title 75, Vehicle code, §3571, and reauthorized by Act 98 of 2012.

THE SURVEY SAYS...

Nine percent of rural and twenty-six percent of urban working poor do not have access to a vehicle at their home. To get to work, 89 % of the rural working poor drive a car, motorcycle or truck (either alone or in a car pool); 8 % walk or **bicycle**; and 3 % use public transportation or other methods. Source: The Center for Rural Pennsylvania newsletter, 2013 Volume 22, No. 5

YEAR END DONATIONS are appreciated and tax deductible as allowed by law. BAC is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. A letter verifying donations is sent for amounts of \$250 or greater, or for any lesser amount upon request.

A BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACT...

Was introduced in Congress requiring the US Department of Transportation (FHWA) to create an additional national performance measurement of serious injuries and fatalities of non-motorized transportation to the data collected for motorized crashes. Last month, a coalition of bipartisan lawmakers introduced identical bills (HR3494 and S1708) to help reduce the number of bicycle and pedestrian fatalities on American roadways. Supporters say that the law would require each state to set a performance goal for the reduction of bike and pedestrian fatalities.

To date, there are very few sponsors of each bill and the impact on PennDOT and the benefit of this initiative in Pennsylvania, if and when passed, will be reviewed as details are revealed.

STOP MEANS STOP OR BE STOPPED...

According to this 8-13-13 news item about a roadway trail crossing. <http://tinyurl.com/mtfvao5>
<http://www.post-gazette.com/stories/local/neighborhoods-south/police-hand-out-tickets-to-great-allegheeny-passage-bicyclists-at-waterfront-699125/>

BAC GRASSROOTS CAMPAIGN...

For a Share-The-Road license plate got a boost at the Philadelphia Bike Expo on Nov 8-9. Suburban Cyclists Unlimited (SCU) and the Bicycle Club of Philadelphia (BCP) helped to offer information and distribute post cards to be mailed to legislators asking for their support to pass the bills in the General Assembly (HB 1415 & SB 1153) *Thank You SCU & BCP !!!*

'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING...

So, please help BAC have a cheerful holiday. Memberships and donations are needed now more than ever to carry on BAC's mission. Support what we do in the spirit of holiday giving.

Dates to remember...

Jan 10 PPAC meeting, 1-3 PM, Harrisburg. 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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