



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!

TOM WOLF ANNOUNCES CABINET POSTS...

For **Transportation** and **DCNR**. Leslie Richards will "Take the Wheel" as head of PennDOT and Cindy Dunn will "Blaze the Trail" (again) at DCNR.

Ms. Richards is a current commissioner of Montgomery County, as well as a director at SEPTA and chairs the board of directors of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. DVRPC is one of the largest metropolitan planning organizations in the country. She is very well versed in transportation policy and funding. She is credited with her active role to help in the passage of Act 89 — the much needed transportation bill to restore roads and bridges plus adds a new commitment to multimodal transportation.

Barry Schoch will remain on temporarily as special senior advisor within the governor's office overseeing state agencies implement Act 89 to ensure efficiency and cost effectiveness.

Cindy Dunn returns to carry out the mission and policies of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. As a past deputy-secretary at DCNR, Cindy has always been very supportive of so many projects throughout the commonwealth with a DCNR stated goal of a trail experience within fifteen minutes of every resident. Welcome back, Cindy!

John Quigley has "recycled" as DEP Secretary having served under Governor Ed Rendell.

A SHARE-THE-ROAD LICENSE PLATE BILL...

By Representative Dave Maloney is still pending to be re-introduced while co-sponsors are sought. All the work has been done to vet this bill with House and Senate Transportation Committees during the last legislative session (2013-14). So, while a new bill (and new bill number) must go through the same process as before, it is hopeful that it will be passed as routine. BAC has concerns that a new bill may be targeted for an amendment that would add controversy and complicate the process. Now is the time to contact your state representatives to ask for their support for a clean and simple bill.

DONATIONS...

Are needed and appreciated and tax deductible as allowed by law. The Bicycle Access Council is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. A letter verifying donations received in 2014 was sent to individual donors for amounts of \$250 or greater, or for any lesser amount upon request. If you did not receive a letter or would like one (individual memberships qualify), contact BAC.

YOU CAN SEE A BIKE STOP BOX...

In Pittsburgh now. Check out: or, <http://tinyurl.com/mnpjzut>
<http://triblive.com/news/alleggheny/7360247-74/bike-lane-stop#axzz3PIO05lsW>

HEY, HONEY. I'M GOING TO TAKE THE FORD FOR A RIDE...

—The Ford electric-assist bike, that is. The Ford-branded beach cruiser is powered by battery. The battery gives the user up to 20 miles of pedal-free operation or even longer, if the rider pedals part of the time. Executive Chairman Bill Ford says he has encouraged the company to reimagine the future of transportation. "He has tasked us with looking into the future, and how we're going to make sustainable products and be profitable," according to Erica Klampfl, the company's Future Mobility manager says.

WHAT DOES THIS SURVEY SAY ABOUT YOU...

And what would you say about this survey? BAC welcomes your comments.

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1885930/bikingbad>

Thanks to member Dan Rappoport for passing this along.

HERE'S SOME COMIC RELIEF...

About bicycling. Note: you may scroll < > for more. See: <http://tinyurl.com/kjtrvsc> or, <https://www.facebook.com/yehudamoon/photos/a.117445578336399.24519.117328218348135/791032284311055/?type=1&ref=nf>

Dates to remember...

Feb 8 Bike Swap, Westminster, MD. <http://stopswapandsave.com>
Feb 21-22 Endurance Sports Expo, Greater Philly Expo Center, Oaks, PA

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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