



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 CEREMONIAL SHARE-THE-ROAD LICENSE PLATE BILL SIGNING...

By Governor Tom Wolf took place on October 19. In attendance was Representative Dave Maloney, the primary bill sponsor, and Joe Stafford, Bicycle Access Council. It was an honor to also invite Pat Bachman, Dave Bachman's widow, Dave's daughter Megan and Megan's daughter Delilah. When signed by the governor on August 8, 2016, Act 36 became the Dave Bachman Act in honor of PennDOT's first bicycle and pedestrian coordinator who contributed so much dedicated effort on behalf of Pennsylvania bicyclists. Dave passed away July 2012.

A share-the-road license plate is now available for Pennsylvania cars and light trucks. Web search for the new plate to find PennDOT Form MV-917. All the information on how to apply and fees to obtain one is on the two-sided form. This has been a four year campaign by the Bicycle Access Council to conceive, promote and monitor legislative action to finally get this plate issued through Act 36.



Pictured left to right, seated:
Joe Stafford, Governor Wolf, Representative Dave Maloney
Standing: Pat Bachman, Megan, Delilah



A SURVEY ON PENNSYLVANIA RUMBLE STRIPS...

Is focused to evaluate the performance and cost effectiveness utilizing an innovative low-cost asphalt material as a remedy to Pennsylvania's non-compliant rumble strips. Conducted by a Villanova University professor, the survey is short and easy to complete.

Pilot a Solution to Fix Non-Compliant Rumble Strips for Bicycle Safety — click here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SurveyForCyclists> The survey will be open until Nov18.

LIGHTS ON FOR SAFETY...

With shorter daylight hours, be sure to have front lighting "to see and be seen" as well as rear lights (not just reflectors) to be visible. While controversial, BAC recommends solid red rear lights versus blinking. Be sure to check battery strength before and after each ride.

A PIKE-2-BIKE TOUR OCTOBER 4...

With PennDOT Secretary, Leslie Richards and DCNR Secretary, Cindy Dunn was led by PennDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, Roy Gothie, showing the potential for the future development of an 8.5 mile trail along the abandoned section of Pennsylvania Turnpike that was bypassed in 1968. Within the trail are two unique tunnels — Ray's Hill at 0.7 miles and Sideling Hill at 1.3 miles long. The future trail lies within Bedford and Fulton Counties with the western trailhead along Route 30 in Breezewood at Tannery Road.

First available in 2001, the P-2-B had an engineering feasibility study completed in 2005. No action was taken and the non-profit organization that accepted the deed transfer from the Turnpike Commission failed to get support from state and county officials, or any partners. In 2014, a new economic and feasibility study was completed by Bedford County and renewed interest has been building.

While officially closed to the public, trespassing is not enforced. Thousands of visitors each year traveling from great distances seek out the P-2-B and ride at their own risk.



Above: Joe Stafford (yellow jacket)
Center: Secretary Leslie Richards



Tour group with local officials—Secretary Richards and Roy Gothie behind bike. Joe Stafford, second from right (blue shirt)

IMITATION IS THE BEST FORM OF FLATTERY...

When it comes to enacting state bicycle law amendments. Check out North Carolina: <http://www.dailytarheel.com/article/2016/10/bike-law-implemented-oct-1>

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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