



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!

AT A PENNSYLVANIA SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING...

On July 21, Governor Rendell asks for a three cent liquid fuels [gas] tax increase by the General Assembly to help fix roads and bridges in this Commonwealth. At the same hearing, the PA Chamber of Business and Industry testified it would support a five to ten cent tax increase, which the Chamber claims is a fairer user fee, while opposing taxing oil companies. The governor also made the case to increase driver license and motor vehicle registration fees.

PA HOUSE BILL 1110...

Is getting closer to meeting the objections of PennDOT. The Bicycle Access Council (BAC) continues to respond and defend the changes it proposed to the Vehicle Code contained in various statutes of HB 1110. "This Bicycle Safety bill is important to increase the margin of safety for bicyclists on Pennsylvania roadways and clarify the Vehicle Code for all law enforcement agencies" according to Joe Stafford, BAC Executive Director. This bill stresses the safest way to overtake bicyclists in clear compliance with the existing rules of the road.

To see the proposed legislation or any others, go to **www.state.pa.us** Click on General Assembly, then enter HB 1110 in the "Find Legislation By" box (current 2009-2010 session). A PDF or Word format choice will appear. While you're at it, view HB 1109. Comments?

THE "CURRENT" STATUS OF ELECTRIC-ASSIST BICYCLES...

Will be discussed soon. A meeting is planned in August with legislators and PennDOT to develop legislation to include a "legal definition" of e-bikes and appropriate statutes defining their use on Pennsylvania roadways. The Bicycle Access Council (BAC) has been asked to provide guidance on the applicable issues to be considered for any new legislation. Electric Assist bicycles will be an agenda item for the September 23 Pedalcycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PPAC) held in Harrisburg.

Meanwhile, Trail Developers and Trail Facility Managers are taking notice too. BAC attended a Greenways and Trails Workshop in Lewisburg, PA on July 15 to participate in discussions of policies and liability issues.

How will this affect trails? What are the issues? How about trail access for disabled persons? See <http://www.topix.net/forum/source/york-daily-record/T5C1UOU867MNO63HQ>

"HEY, I RESEMBLE THAT REMARK"...

When questioned by non-cycling folks. check out: <http://comics.com/frazz/2010-07-14/>

REALTORS GET REAL WITH BICYCLES...

To show properties. See <http://tinyurl.com/22ualyq>

THE SECRET SECT OF BICYCLISTS...

Is bashed in this biased European article of the "cyclo-path" rant. Send BAC your comments on this. <http://tinyurl.com/23lp3t9> Now see below.

TELL THE BIG LIE...

Often enough, and it begins to sound believable. Legal bicycling expert Bob Mioskie spins his version of why bike lanes are needed. See <http://tinyurl.com/23bbn82> Comments?

YOU CAN'T DEFINE BICYCLE ART...

But you'll know it when you see it. <http://tinyurl.com/2cszzb3> Select slide show >> to view all. For more information visit: www.MarkCottmanGallery.com

Dates to remember:

Aug 15 Lancaster Covered Bridge Metric Century
Rider limit is 3,000 this year. Deadline **was** July 1st
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. NO REGISTRATION ALLOWED ON DAY OF EVENT.

Sept 23 PA PPAC, Harrisburg. Open to the public

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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