



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!

MAY IS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH...

And May 14-18 is Bike-To-Work-week. For decades, the League of American Bicyclists has promoted Bike Month. Check out the LAB website for more information and links to regional and local activities. www.BikeLeague.org

With high fuel prices and a down economy, bicyclists still have an added incentive to commute to work and ask their employer to offer a voluntary tax free fringe benefit that pays \$20 per month that has been available since January 2009 under the Bicycle Commuter Act.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES...

With two new additions to the PennDOT sign manual for use by municipalities as needed. SHARED LANE MARKINGS (SLM) and BIKES MAY USE FULL LANE (BMUFL)



SLMs encourage safe passing of bicyclists by motorists, and reduces the incidence of wrong-way bicycling by its directional design.

SLMs help motorists interact in traffic by alerting drivers where bicyclists are expected to occupy the lane when lanes are too narrow to share side by side.

SLMs help bicyclists choose a lane position in a shared lane with on-street parallel parking in order to reduce the chance of a bicyclist's impacting the open door of a parked vehicle.

With Pennsylvania's new Bicycle Safety Law, Act 3 of 2012, bicyclists may use any portion of a lane that is too narrow to share. Still, the BMUFL may be useful in special cases to reduce conflict and is now preferred over the traditional yellow warning sign, Share-The-Road.



YORK CITY ADDS SHARED LANE MARKINGS...

On a major roadway that runs the entire length of the city. Philadelphia Street, that runs westbound is also a BicyclePA route. Installation of SLMs are permanent and just in time for the second Bike-In-York-Week, May 14-19. See: www.BikeInYork.org Last year, a permanent Bike Lane was installed on King Street that runs east bound.

LANCASTER BICYCLE CLUB CREATES ANNUAL FUND TO SAVE...

Covered Bridges. Responding to recent damage by last year's devastating storms, LBC initiated an annual fund to be donated to Lancaster County to help maintain and restore any affected historic covered bridges. As part of the club's community grant program, money raised from the annual Covered Bridge Ride held each August will be donated, along with matching funds from participating riders at the event.

THE BICYCLE ACCESS COUNCIL HAS SIGNED ON TO THE...

Traffic Safety Coalition campaign to support the expansion of red light enforcement cameras beyond Philadelphia to reduce crashes and save lives in Pennsylvania. You can learn more and show support by visiting www.SafeIntersections.com and signing the Pledge for Safety yourself. Currently Senate Bill 595 is pending to expand use to Second and Third Class cities.

"Safety cameras enhance the ability of local law enforcement to enforce critical traffic safety laws and to make our streets and roads safer for pedestrians and motorists alike. Every road user has the right to feel safe while using our roadways and that traffic safety laws will be obeyed." — Traffic Safety Coalition

WHO NEEDS A BIKE WHEN YOUR SUV...

Has a built in exercise machine? Check out: <http://tinyurl.com/82jlsj5>

Dates to Remember

May 14-19 Bike Week. See: www.bikeleague.org for info and resources to participate.
May 24 PPAC (Pedalcycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee), Harrisburg
Open to the public. Contact BAC for meeting 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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