



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 SHARE-THE-ROAD REGISTRATION PLATE...

Is now a possibility pending legislative passage of a new House bill. BAC initiated the idea late last year, then stepped up efforts this spring. After distributing an appeal letter to a select number of General Assembly members, a few House members indicated their support. Following some informal discussions, **Representative Dave Maloney (Berks)** came forward as a prime sponsor, with fourteen co-sponsors. **House Bill 1415 was introduced on May 16.**

Next steps include review by the House Transportation Committee before a full House and Senate vote can send it up to the governor. The bill designates a collaborative effort with PennDOT and PPAC (Pedalcycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee) to come up with a final design including the graphic and text elements displayed. BAC has created the one below as a starting point. Any artistic or wording suggestions are welcome.

Pennsylvania bicyclists will be encouraged to contact their Representatives asking for support and passage of this bill. A grassroots campaign will need the involvement of bike clubs, bike shops and various Pennsylvania bicycle advocacy coalitions. Watch for details on how you can help!

The following Representatives were the co-sponsors of HB 1415. Be sure to thank these members and ask for their continued support: **Garth EVERETT, Steve BARRAR, Stan SAYLOR, Patty KIM, Tina PICKETT, David MILLARD, Bernie O'NEILL, Ron MILLER, Peter DALEY, Jerry KNOWLES, Tom KILLION, Tom CALTAGIRONE, Mark COHEN, Mark PAINTER.** This is a "bike-partisan" bill with five Democrats and ten Republican sponsors



A PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATIVE BIKE CAUCUS...

Is being formed as a bipartisan, bicameral effort with named co-chairs. Senators Mike Folmer (R-Lebanon) and Lisa Boscola (D-Lehigh) along with House Representatives Tom Killion (R-Delaware) and Erin Molchany (D-Allegheny) will lead the effort to support bicycling. A list of members will be added to the BAC website when available.

A CAPITOL BIKE RALLY...

Is planned to support comprehensive transportation funding (Senate Bill 1) meant to dedicate state investments in multi-modal transportation. Several speakers and special guests will be on hand to promote the safety, health, and environmental benefits of including infrastructure development. All bicyclists are invited to rally around the Capitol front steps at **10 AM on June 11** to take part in this event. Deputy-Secretary Brad Mallory will address the group. Transportation Committee chairs are invited. Meeting location in case of rain is the atrium of the Keystone Office Building (bikes will be allowed inside the building). The event organizer is a new group, **Mission: Rediness** formed in 2013. See, www.missionrediness.org

PENNSYLVANIA MOVES UP IN 'BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE' RANKING...

To 15th place as announced by the League of American Bicyclists (LAB). PennDOT's yearly application was submitted to LAB for a highly complicated weighted ranking system. Go to www.BikeLeague.org to see the full details.

WHEN THE SUM OF THE PARTS EQUALS ONE BIKE...<http://tinyurl.com/p93bzd>

Dates to remember...

June 11 *Active Transportation Rally*, 10 AM, Capitol steps (KOB atrium — rain option)
June 20 *Dump the Pump Day*... A car-free day using alternate modes of transportation.

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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