



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

Was introduced by Representative Dave Maloney (Berks) on January 20. **HB 150** replaces HB 1415 that failed to pass last session. It passed **unanimously** by the House Transportation Committee on February 3. **HB 150 was passed in the House on February 11 (195-0 vote)**. It now follows the normal proceedings to be forwarded on to the Senate. **BAC** will begin a new grassroots campaign with key legislators to urge swift passage of this bill.



If your state **senator** appears below, please contact him or her as a constituent to ask for their support to bring this House bill up for consideration. The Senate may vote on a House bill. There is no companion bill in the senate as there was last session (SB 1153).

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES CONFIRM MEMBERS...

For **2015-16** legislative session. Below are the legislators assigned by committee and party:

Senate Transportation — Chair, John Rafferty (R), Co-Chair, John Wozniak (D)
Majority — Robert Tomlinson; Camera Bartolotta; Patrick Browne; John Gordner; Patrick Stefano; Randy Vulakovich; Scott Wagner.
Minority — Lisa Boscola; James Brewster; Shirley Kitchen; Matt Smith.

You may also wish to thank your House Representative for quick action on HB 150.

House Transportation — Chair, John Taylor (R), Co-Chair, William Keller (D)
Majority — Lynda Schlegel Culver; Julia Harhart; Kate Harper; Doyle Heffley; Tim Hennessey; Mark Keller; Jim Marshall; Ron Marsico; Jeffrey Pyle; Marguerite Quinn; Mike Reese; Stan Saylor; Justin Simmons; Mike Vereb; Katherine Watson.
Minority — Bryan Barbin; Tim Briggs; Mike Carroll; Maria Donatucci; Ed Gainey; Stephen Kinsey; Robert Matzie; Cherelle Parker; Steven Satarsiero; Michael Schlossberg.

THE PENNDOT BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR...

Position posting resulted in 250 applications from a nationwide search. January 6 was the final date to submit. A selection team narrowed the number of candidates to twenty for initial phone interviews. PennDOT expects to make a selection sometime in March as interviews progress.

PENNDOT GOES ROUND AND ROUND...

Over *roundabouts* as it might affect bicyclists. BAC affirmed its approval when asked recently if a roundabout would be helpful for bicyclists when a "modern roundabout" project replaces a dangerous intersection in PennDOT District-5. BAC wants to hear from bicyclists with any thoughts, comments or suggestions about using a modern roundabout. For more information, see PennDOT's Driver Manual, Pub 95, page 49. <http://tinyurl.com/myz85o>

'WOOD' YOU LIKE TO RIDE THESE BIKES?...

See: <http://tinyurl.com/orra7pu> or <http://www.wimp.com/bicyclesfunctional/>

PITTSBURGH MAYOR MAKES CHANGES...

To encourage bicycling downtown. Here's a review of what's been done:
<http://tinyurl.com/l58rjb>

IF YOU JUST WANT FACTS ABOUT TRANSPORTATION,...

Try reading this. See how Pennsylvania compares. <http://tinyurl.com/p56mzse>

Dates to remember...

Feb 21-22 Endurance Sports Expo, Greater Philly Expo Center, Oaks, PA
March 19* **PPAC**, Pedalcycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Harrisburg
Open to the public. *Note change of date. Contact BAC for 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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