

# 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!

## **SHARE-THE-ROAD LICENSE PLATE BILL ...**

**HB 150** passed the Senate Transportation Committee on May 4. It was referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee, hopefully scheduled for a hearing soon. Senator John Rafferty, introduced an unforeseen amendment based on a technical word change created by Act 89. The original bill language refers to an "annual" registration fee, which will become biennial.

So, what's next? When Appropriations commits the bill as amended, a Senate and House concurrence action is needed to send HB 150 on to the governor.

**HB 150** authorizes PennDOT to issue a Share-The-Road license plate for motor vehicles at an added cost of \$40 designating all funds to be used for the central office Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator position and/or bicycle signage projects.



## **MOVIN' ON UP, TO THE STATESIDE...**

Rankings of ***Bicycle Friendly States*** as evaluated by the League of American Bicyclists, Pennsylvania now ranks 12th. The improved status over last year's position of 19, was the largest leap of all state awards. The prior year rank was 15, so Pennsylvania really can be proud of the accomplishment to recover and advance!

## **PENNDOT CENTRAL OFFICE BIKE-PED COORDINATOR POSITION...**

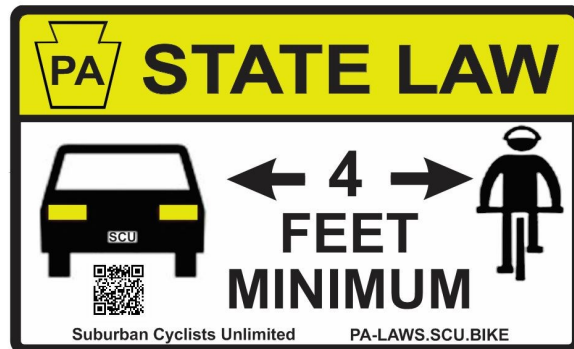
Is still not filled. A candidate that made the final selection suddenly withdrew her application. PennDOT was tasked to go back and review the top candidates to try again. A final choice is expected to be in place sometime in June.

### THE NEXT PPAC IS SCHEDULED IN WARREN, PA...

At the conclusion of the Pennsylvania Greenways and Trails Summit. Some PPAC members will be attending the Greenways Conference and all are encouraged to attend the September 20-22 event. In addition to the conference and workshops, many outdoor activities are being planned. Registration is required for the summit. PPAC meetings are open to the public.

### SUBURBAN CYCLISTS UNLIMITED (SCU) BIKE CLUB...

Created and has the 'yard sign' shown available for sale, \$10. They are 18"x12" double-sided core board material with a very substantial ground mounting wire frame. See the April BAC News & Digest for use guidelines. The sign highlights Act 3 of 2012, bicycle safety legislation, with a link to a 'bike law' page on SCU's website.



### PHILADELPHIA LAUNCHES A NEW BIKE SHARE...

With 70 bike stations around the city. Mayor Michael Nutter declares Indego™ as a "new mass transit" system. Funded with support from Independence Blue Cross and the city, the new bike share rolled out smoothly April 23. See: <http://tinyurl.com/pv962lq>

### LANCASTER BICYCLE CLUB IS HIGHLIGHTED...

For area recreational rides with *Lancaster OnLine*. Seven area rides are linked to cue sheets and information about the routes and attractions. See: <http://tinyurl.com/nta88lb>

### Dates to remember...

May 15 Spoke-n-Gear Expo, 400 North St., Harrisburg. 9 AM -2 PM. Bike-to-Work Day.  
 May 30 Horse Farm Tour, Hanover Cyclers  
 Sept 22 PPAC (Pedalcycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee), See details this page.

### 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.

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