



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 REGIONAL BIKE SUMMIT...

Hosted by BSCPA is organizing a bike summit, **Saturday, March 19**, for anyone interested in improving conditions for bicycling in South Central PA. This includes advocates, transportation planners, bike shop personnel (profit and non-profit), bike club representatives, LCIs (League Cycling Instructors) or any individuals. There will be informational presentations, some panel discussions and networking opportunities. PennDOT and other organizations will be available to answer questions. The Summit will be at **Quality Bicycle Products** Eastern Distribution Center in Lancaster, and tours of the building will be offered. South Central Pennsylvania is Adams, Perry, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, Lancaster and York — all of which are in PennDOT District 8, but anyone is welcome to attend. Registration fee is \$10. To view the agenda and register, go to: www.bicyclecentralpa.org

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR NEIGHBORHOOD BIKE WORKS...

A nonprofit organization, seeks a full time Executive Director to oversee, develop, and inspire a vision for NBW's youth and adult programs while also managing NBW's administration and fundraising. In 2016, NBW will build on recent growth and a successful relocation to a new hub. Based in West Philadelphia, NBW primarily serves persons of color from low-income communities. Job to begin in May, <http://bit.ly/20KerKk>

BEDFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...

Took action by approving a committee to update the Master Plan for the Pike-2-Bike Corridor the 8.5 mile section of abandoned Pennsylvania Turnpike located in Bedford and Fulton Counties. The *Bedford Gazette* reported the action on February 17. P-2-B is expected to draw many visitors to the area to ride and trek on what is destined to be one of the most unique trails in the US. Ultimately, it will become an alternate route for a portion of BicyclePA Route-S. Featuring two exceptionally long tunnels, the trail has been visited by thousands of curious travelers over the years ever since transferred by the Turnpike Commission to Southern Alleghenies Conservancy even though it's officially closed. Any casual web search will discover past user experiences and comments. Drone views are especially stunning.

PennDOT, DCNR and the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission have all expressed interest in supporting this project.

A HIGH FLYING BIKE JUMP... <http://tinyurl.com/h8qpo3e>

PENNDOT AND STATE POLICE...

Released the following ahead of the state's Highway Safety Law Awareness week, which was February 21-27, the agencies provide the following reminder, as one of four recent laws: *The "4 Foot Bicycle Law" requires drivers to pass a bicycle at a distance of "not less than four feet" at a careful and prudent speed. The law also permits drivers to cross the center line during this process if safely able to do so. No turn by a driver should interfere with a bicycle proceeding straight.*

HOUSE BILL 150...

Is still being negotiated by Senate Leadership to "get back on the Calendar" for consideration. It was taken off according to Senate "Rule 9" directing it "put back on the table" for lack of action. According to Senator John Rafferty, chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, HB 150 is among several bills being 'horse-traded' for action. BAC urges all bicyclists to call their state senator asking them to move on this bill.

**Dates to remember...**

March 13	Daylight Saving Time begins
March 19	Regional Bike Summit, advocacy training conference). Details this issue.
March 20	Spring begins (also Palm Sunday)
May 7	Spring Velofest, Trexlertown, PA (swap meet) 8:30 AM—2 PM
May 7	Quad County Metric , Suburban Cyclists Unlimited. Registration now open.
May 16-20	Bike-to-Work Week
May 20	Spoke-n-Gear Expo, 9 AM-3 PM, Harrisburg
Aug 21	Covered Bridge Metric Century , Lancaster Bicycle Club
Sept 18	Three Creek Century Ride , Harrisburg Bike Club
Oct 1	Fall Velofest, Trexlertown, PA (swap meet) 8:30 AM—2 PM
Nov 5, 6	Philly Bike Expo
Nov 6	End Daylight Saving Time

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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