



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 DAY, MAY DAY—I REPEAT...

House Bill 150 is back on the Senate calendar, but no action is scheduled and no promises have been made. BAC has made the case for passage in time for Bike Month, especially for Bike Week, May 16-20. What are the chances of seeing a vote on the Senate floor before the next budget (2016-17) deadline June 30 and summer adjournment? This continues to be a grassroots campaign to move this legislation along. **Please call, e-mail or personally stop by your state senator's office** to ask for a floor vote to pass House Bill 150. If successfully passed, it moves on to the governor for his signature.

There are a limited number of days the Senate is in session until the summer recess, June 30 (assuming a new budget is passed on time). Here are the only session dates remaining: May 9,10,11,16,17,18; June 6,7,8,13,14,15,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30.

House Bill 150 allows PennDOT to issue a new plate for passenger vehicles at an additional cost of \$40 to standard registration fees. PennDOT receives all revenue to be used for the central office position of Bike/Ped Coordinator and/or signage needed for bicycle projects. The design shown is just a mock-up draft. Final design will be created by PennDOT and the Pedalcycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee.



There is still time to submit your ideas for symbols, images and the language used across the bottom for the final design. Submit designs to the Bicycle Access Council.

SPOKE-N-GEAR EXPO...

Is a Harrisburg event scheduled for May 20 across the Capitol on Commonwealth Avenue in Soldier's Park. The event will host many bicycle related organizations and display resources of activities across the Commonwealth. Previously it was held at the Keystone Building, which is the alternate location for unfavorable weather conditions.

1-800-FIX-ROAD...

Is still the best way to report road conditions hazardous for bicycling. Call to report potholes, missing signs, shoulder drop-offs and other maintenance concerns.

HERE'S A FITTING POEM FOR A SOGGY BIKE MONTH BEGINNING...

RAIN

It rained and it rained and rained and rained
 The average fall was well maintained
 And when the tracks were simply bogs
 It started raining cats and dogs.

After a drought of half an hour
 We had a most refreshing shower
 And then the most curious thing of all
 A gentle rain began to fall.

Next day was also fairly dry
 Save for the deluge from the sky
 Which wetted the party to the skin
 And after that the rain set in.

Anonymous—from a post card purchased in England, 1998
 Joe & Carolyn Stafford

Dates to remember...

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| May 7 | Spring Velofest, Trexlertown, PA (swap meet) 8:30 AM—2 PM |
| May 7 | Quad County Metric , Suburban Cyclists Unlimited. BAC plans to be there. |
| 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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