



# 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!

## THE BICYCLE ACCESS COUNCIL CELEBRATES AUGUST...

As a milestone **anniversary** and the **passage of Act 36 of 2016**.

After nearly four years of effort by BAC, a **Share-The-Road** vehicle registration plate became official and made available on August 8. An order form is up on PennDOT's website now—Form MV-917. The cost of the plate is \$40. A personalized plate will add a fee of \$100 in addition to the \$40 plate cost. All details are included on the form, which can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/za2bua2>

**Act 36** now allows PennDOT to issue this new plate for passenger vehicles and light trucks. PennDOT receives all revenue to be used for the central office position of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator and/or signage needed for bicycle projects. The final design was created by PennDOT with continuous input from BAC with the objective to expressly remind the public of the bicycle safety legislation passed in 2012 meant to give bicyclists a greater margin of safety on Pennsylvania roadways.

The intent of Act 36 includes several goals to benefit Pennsylvania bicyclists:

- Awareness to motorists that bicyclists are legitimate roadway users
- Passing a bicyclist requires not less than four-feet at a safe and reasonable speed
- Other provisions of Act 3 of 2012 will be promoted in media coverage
- Act 36 shall also be known as the **Dave Bachman Act** as a tribute and memorial to PennDOT's first Bike/Ped Coordinator who passed away unexpectedly July 2012.

**Representative David Maloney** (R-Berks) fought hard to get this passed, with many disappointing twists and turns in the legislative process before it was signed by the governor. Drafted by BAC and introduced by Representative Maloney in 2013, the bill started out as House Bill 1415, then had to be re-introduced as HB 150 when it failed to pass in the previous legislative session.

2016 PennDOT final design



2013 BAC mock up design



**Fifteen years ago** BAC was launched in Altoona in conjunction with the annual weekend League of American Bicyclists (LAB) rally held there and a quarterly meeting of the Pedalcycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PPAC). Officially created in May 2001, this was BAC's first event and its introduction to Pennsylvania bicyclists. Since then, the major milestones are: 2002—First use of the Share-the-Road logo on PennDOT envelopes, rotated now annually. 2012—Act 3 of 2012. Four-foot passing law and “other provisions” — Do you know them? 2016—Share-the-Road license plate.

Plus many events and functions while supporting bike clubs and individuals on many issues.

### **APPOINTMENT TO PPAC PROCEDURE...**

Was released May 19. PPAC is the *Pedalcycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee* that meets quarterly to advise the governor on bicycle and pedestrian issues. It is managed by PennDOT. Anyone who wishes to be appointed or re-appointed, must send a signed, dated letter with a resume attached. Details on how the letter is to be addressed and submitted may be obtained by contacting BAC. There is an opening for a state-wide constituency position formerly held by BAC Executive Director, Joe Stafford who resigned in February this year. **There are three more openings—rail-to-trails, Philadelphia-Metro and Pittsburgh-Metro.** All the citizen appointed positions will be considered based on qualifications and constituency affiliation. The appointments are effective in January 2017.

### **Dates to remember...**

Aug 19	Velodrome, Trexlertown. <b>BAC will be there.</b>
Aug 21	Covered Bridge Metric Century, Lancaster Bicycle Club. <b>BAC will be there.</b>
Sept 5	Hanover Cyclists , Labor Day Century. <a href="http://www.hanovercyclers.org">www.hanovercyclers.org</a> — “38th year”
Sept 18	Three Creek Century Ride, Harrisburg Bike Club
Sept 24	Shoo Fly Classic, Oley, Berks County Bike Club. <b>BAC will be there.</b>
Oct 23	Covered Bridges Ride, Central Bucks Bike Club. <a href="http://www.cbbikeclub.org">www.cbbikeclub.org</a>
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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