



City of Los Angeles Bicycle Advisory Committee

Advocacy and Education Sub-Committee

Rob Kadota - Sub Committee Chair

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 7pm.

Collins/Katz Family YMCA - Community Room

1466 S Westgate Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90025

(Committee members should attend in person to achieve quorum, Others may utilize the zoom option.)

- 1) Call to Order/Introductions
 - a) (Updated committee membership: Rob, Karen, Curtis, Aubrey, Lionel, Brennan, Julian)
 - b) Those in attendance: Rob and Julian. Those in attendance via zoom included: Karen, Lionel, Jennifer and Christophe LaBelle (CD 4) and David Woloz (CD14/Boyle Heights NC).
 - c) Karen shared her very positive bike share experience in Copenhagen.

- 2) News and Announcements
 - a) Chair Updates and news (Rob)
 - i) National Bike Summit is March 11-13, 2025 in Washington DC.
 - ii) Meet Carol K of Cycling 50+ Survey - Monday Sept 30th at 6pm - Rob's house for a Middle Eastern Potluck meet/greet/eat event. 3759 Barry Ave. LA CA 90066
 - iii) Illustrated Guide for Beginning and Returning Cyclists - <http://www.atomiccycles.com/guide.html>
 - iv) International Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 9, 2024 (<https://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>)
 - v) AARP Bike Audit training with Angeles school on Sept. 12th.
 - vi) LA Congress of Neighborhoods is coming soon - Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024 starting 8am and ending at 4:30. Lunch is usually provided. Could be a great outreach/recruitment event for the BAC.

- 3) Public Comment for items not on the agenda
 - a) Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE) and the Mar Vista Community Council (NC) are sponsoring a bike path clean up for Sat. Sept. 21st. More details TBA.
 - b) SVANC is also planning on a bike path clean up this upcoming Saturday, Sept 7th. Starting at 7:30am.
 - c) <https://walkbikeburbank.org/> is doing some great work as is <http://wehobike.org/>

- 4) Updates from LADOT/METRO/CalTrans
 - a) LADOT (<https://ladot.lacity.org/>) Community Outreach Efforts
 - b) Streets LA (<https://streetsla.lacity.org/>)
 - c) Metro (www.metro.net)
 - d) CalTrans (<https://dot.ca.gov/>)

No reports were given.

5) Review and Approve Minutes from the last sub-committee meeting

6) Old Business

a) Planning Retreat Survey Results (9 completed surveys) - not discussed.

b) [City of LA Bicycle related council files](#)

i) [Council File 20-1469-S1](#) (Temporary Closures / Active Transportation Facilities / Transportation Network Improvement / Public Right-of-Way Reservation System / Proposed Policies and Procedures) motion referred to transportation committee.

(1) A motion of support for [Council File 20-1469-S1](#) was discussed. Because the A&E Subcommittee didn't have a quorum, it's hoped that the Planning and Bikeways Engineering Subcommittee can agendaize and pass a motion of support that will go to the next LABAC General Meeting for consideration and approval.

ii) And other City Council files as they relate to advocacy and education...

(1) Rob, Philip and Jennifer will try to schedule a meeting the week of Sept. 8th to continue discussion about bicycle related council files and help clarify and differentiate the roles of the subcommittees and the general committee.

7) Administrative Business

a) Development of an LABAC Business Plan and proposed budget (Rob/Curtis)

b) Development of a Committee Outreach calendar

i) CicLAvia rides and Outreach

(1) Heart of LA - 10/13

(2) The Valley - 12/08

(a) Rob will reach out to LADOT and other partner/sister organizations to table together.

ii) [National Bike Month](#) (May 2025)

(1) Bike to School

(2) Bike to Work

iii) [Safe Routes to School](#)

(1) Culver City Bike to School Training Day.

(a) Rob shared his Culver City/Walk 'n Rollers experience of teaching/guiding new middle school kids how to ride from their elementary school to their new middle school. Giving out free helmets, locks and lights and demonstrating helmet fit and bike lock skills on site. Bike skills were taught and kids rode to the Culver City Bus headquarters to see their new electric buses and learn how their student bus pass is valid all over LA County. Students also had the opportunity to load and unload their bikes from the bus's bike racks Parents were actively discouraged from attending the event. Culver City Bus program provided a pizza party for all those in attendance at the end of the program.

iv) Sister Organization Celebrations and Campaigns

(1) SAFE, SFA, Bike LA, Walk 'n Rollers.....

(a) SAFE Bike Lane monthly bike lane clean ups. One is coming up in Mar Vista later this month.

(b) SVANC bike lane clean ups.

- (c) There seems to be an effort that Lionel discussed about upgrades for the Olympics are not just for that event but represent permanent changes that benefit everyone in the city, not just Olympic guests.
 - (2) Is Bike LA doing any programs like Operation Firefly, Blessing of the bicycles and more? Rob will reach out to Eli for an update.
 - (3) We could consider developing an "Idea Book" for City Council offices to utilize with community partners to host some of the programs that used to be offered by Bike LA.
- c) Develop strategy/materials to fill open committee/alternate seats.
 - i) Many alternate seats are unfilled.
 - ii) Lionel mentioned to Monica Rodriguez's staff at an event that they have open seats on the LABAC.
- d) Committee Resource Manual any updates or feedback?
 - i) Will recirculate the manual in the next several weeks -Rob
- e) LABikeCommittee.org and LADOT BAC (underdevelopment) web page updates, revisions and suggestions
 - i) LADOT Website - suggested pages and resources vs LABikeCommittee web page - should they mirror each other or how might they be different?
 - (1) Rob and Julian will meet next week to develop a plan to move this project forward. A discussion was had about being able to log bike concerns in a database of sorts. One idea would be to generate a word cloud using the list of issues, concerns ideas that people express.
 - (2) <https://www.bikelaneuprising.com/> is a website that tracks bike lane obstructions. Does LA utilize this? Is this something worth promoting?
 - ii) Develop Council District and Neighborhood bike resource guides
 - (1) ie CD 11 - Playa Vista, Mar Vista, Westchester, Venice, Del Rey, West LA/Sawtelle, Pacific Palisades, Ladera and Brentwood.

8) Advocacy Business

- a) [Vision Zero](#) Updates
- b) [Yes on HLA](#) - Safe Streets LA, News and Opportunities
- c) <https://bikeleague.org/> [Bicycle Friendly America/Communities](#)
- d) [Biketalk.org](#)
 - i) Can or is there an LA Pedalploozza?

9) Education/Outreach Business

- a) [National Bike Month](#) events and opportunities
- b) Develop a list of transportation representatives from city wide NCs.

10) Closing Thoughts, Meeting Feedback and Future Agenda Items - once around the table

- a) Julian expressed a question about how do residents log bicycle related questions to either the committee or the city? LABAC has a project suggestion list that LADOT has at times referred to when looking at what our priorities/concerns are. Could easily be something on our web site in some fashion. 311 is not necessarily a great experience for capturing bicycle related issues. Working with CPAB, LAPD, District Attorney, CD offices and NCs are some of the ways someone motivated enough might take to try to resolve an issue or concern.

- b) Bike Theft article in the LA Times describes the development and use of Bike Index. Organized crime has started to get involved in big bike theft rings that involve Mexican mafia and more.
- i) <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-08-27/police-brushed-him-off-so-he-exposed-an-international-bike-theft-ring-on-his-own>
 - ii) <https://bikeindex.org/lapd>