

D.C. LAW 5-179

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMPREHENSIVE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION AND
SAFETY ACT OF 1984

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 16, 1985

To establish a comprehensive bicycle transportation and safety program and to establish an Office of Bicycle Transportation and Safety; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation and Safety Act of 1984".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia finds that:

(a) Increased use of bicycles for transportation and recreation will result in improved air quality, reduced levels of noise and traffic congestion, greater energy conservation, lower transportation costs, fewer parking problems, and increased physical fitness.

(b) Bicycle fatalities and accidents can be reduced through broad-based education and facilities improvements.

(c) The promotion of bicycle transportation and safety in the District of Columbia ("District") requires the implementation of a comprehensive bicycle transportation and safety program.

(d) A bicycle office is required to coordinate the comprehensive program.

Sec. 3. (a) There shall be established in the District of Columbia a Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation and Safety Program to promote the safe and convenient use of the bicycle as a means of transportation and recreation.

(b) The scope of the program shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) planning and supporting road improvements for bicyclists, such as wide curb lanes, smooth shoulders, bicyclist-oriented signs and signals, and removal of hazards;

(2) improving access for bicyclists on the road network and on all modes of public transportation;

(3) monitoring construction and repair projects to ensure that no additional hazards or obstacles to bicyclists are created as the transportation system is built or rebuilt;

(4) assisting, organizing, and coordinating the planning, design, construction, improvement, repair, and maintenance of bicycle facilities, such as bicycle paths and bicycle lanes, both within and separate from the highway rights-of-way.

(5) promoting the installation of secure and convenient bicycle parking facilities;

(6) organizing safety education and training programs for young and adult bicyclists, as well as for motorists, to reduce bicycling accidents and foster safe use of bicycles; and

(7) promoting effective traffic law enforcement to protect the rights of all road users and to encourage good bicycling habits.

Sec. 4. There shall be established within the Office of the Director of the Department of Public Works an Office of Bicycle Transportation and Safety to promote the safe and convenient use of the bicycle as a means of transportation and recreation.

(a) The Office shall be headed by a bicycle coordinator who shall be a person with broad knowledge in all aspects of bicycle transportation and safety.

(b) The Office shall be staffed with a minimum of two full-time assistant bicycle coordinators who shall have appropriate experience and knowledge of bicycle matters.

(c) The duties of the bicycle coordinator shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) administering the Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation and Safety Program;
- (2) serving as a contact for federal agencies, the press, civic organizations, and individuals on all matters related to bicycling;
- (3) establishing priorities and programming of bicycle facilities;
- (4) coordinating the District of Columbia's bicycle program with all agencies on matters relating to bicycles, including transportation, recreation, touring, sports and racing, physical fitness, and economic development;
- (5) assisting the Mayor of the District of Columbia ("Mayor"), the Director of the Department of Public Works, or a District agency in preparing budgetary, legislative, or regulatory proposals which may affect bicycling; and
- (6) evaluating and reporting annually to the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works on the District's bicycling programs and recommending any needed changes in these programs.

Sec. 5. (a) There is established a District of Columbia Bicycle Advisory Council (the "Council").

(b) The Council shall be composed of 18 members appointed as follows:

- (1) one representative of the Department of Public Works, appointed by the Mayor;
- (2) one representative of the Department of Recreation, appointed by the Mayor;
- (3) one representative of the District of Columbia Energy Office, appointed by the Mayor;
- (4) one representative of the Metropolitan Police Department, appointed by the Mayor;
- (5) one representative of the Board of Education of the District of Columbia appointed by the President of the Board of Education; and
- (6) thirteen community representatives, with each member of the Council of the District of Columbia appointing one representative. Each of the community representatives shall be residents of the District with a demonstrated interest in bicycling. The representative appointed by the councilmember who chairs the committee having jurisdiction over bicycles shall serve as chairperson of the Council.

(c) The community members shall be appointed for a term of 3 years, with initial staggered appointments of 4 members appointed for 1 year, 5 members appointed for two years, and 4 members appointed for 3 years. The members to serve the 1-year term, the members to serve the 2-year term, and the members to serve the 3-year term shall be determined by lot at the 1st meeting of the Council.

(d) The purpose of the Council shall be to serve as the advisory body to the Mayor and District agencies on matters pertaining to bicycling in the District and to make recommendations to the bicycle coordinator on the budget and focus of the Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation and Safety Program.

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect after a 30-day period of Congressional review following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto) as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code, sec. 1-233(c)(1)).

Source

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 5-474 on first and second readings, December 4, 1984 and December 18, 1984, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on January 11, 1985, this legislation was assigned

Act No. 5-244, published in the February 8, 1985 edition of the D.C. Register, (Vol. 32 page 764) and transmitted to Congress January 24, 1985 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602 (c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 5-179, effective March 16, 1985.