

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER # 60

Relating to the Recreation of the Governor's Bicycle Coordinating Council

WHEREAS, a well-balanced transportation network which provides multi-modal alternatives to reduce traffic congestion benefits all Wisconsin citizens; and

WHEREAS, bicycle transportation is one component of a balanced transportation system, and is energy efficient, pollution free and low in capital expense; and

WHEREAS, the technical and financial resources available to assist in the orderly development of bicycle transportation are scattered throughout various government agencies; and

WHEREAS, bicycle transportation programs should be carefully integrated and coordinated to achieve maximum benefits from available technical and financial resources; and

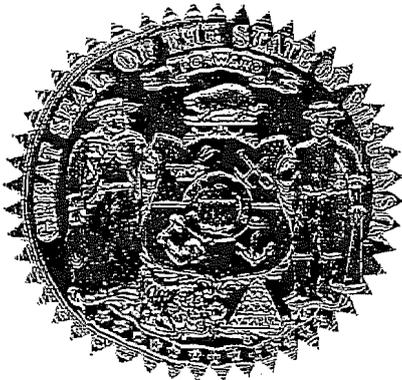
WHEREAS, sound planning for a bicycle transportation system requires that citizens work together with governmental officials; and

WHEREAS; bicycling is a healthy recreational activity that is important to Wisconsin's quality of life and economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM DOYLE, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the laws of this State, and specifically by Wis. Stat. § 14.019, do hereby:

1. Re-create the Governor's Bicycle Coordinating Council;
2. Provide that the Council consists of not more than seventeen (17) members as follows:
 - a) The Secretaries of the Departments of Tourism, Natural Resources, Transportation, Public Instruction, Health and Family Services, or their designees;
 - b) Director of the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety, or his or her designee;
 - c) Four legislative members, consisting of one member from each of the two most populous parties in both the Senate and Assembly, selected in the same manner as members are appointed to standing committees of those houses; and
 - d) Seven citizen members appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure with at least one elected or non-elected local official representing a county or community government;
3. Provide that the Chairperson of the Council shall be designated by the Governor from among the Council's membership. At the initial meeting of the Council, such other officers as the Council may decide shall be elected;

4. Direct the Council to consider all matters related to:
 - a) Unifying the efforts of state agencies in encouraging use of the bicycle as a form of transportation and recreation;
 - b) Promoting bicycle safety, education and regulation;
 - c) Promoting bicycling as a tourist and recreational activity;
 - d) Creating safe and pleasant bicycling environments;
 - e) Promoting bicycling as a life-long activity - from childhood to adulthood;
 - f) Developing strategies to encourage bicycling use by children, especially for home-to-school trips and vice-versa;
 - g) Advocating for the development and maintenance of trails and bikeways;
 - h) Disseminating information to counties and municipalities about available state and federal funding for bicycle related activities and facilities; and
 - i) Reviewing the bicycle related programs of state agencies and making recommendations to assure a coordinated state bicycle program;
5. Direct the Council to report annually to the Governor and the legislature with a review of state bicycle programs and to make recommendations on relevant legislation as needed;
6. Provide that the Council may hold hearings and conduct studies necessary to evaluate and improve bicycle programs and may prepare reports to inform the public of its work;
7. Direct the Department of Transportation to provide basic staff support to the Council, and all state agencies to provide information and assistance to the Council at its request; and
8. Provide that the Council shall meet at least quarterly, and may meet more frequently at the call of the chair.

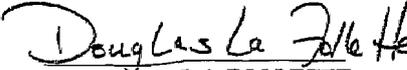


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this seventeenth day of June, in the year two thousand four.



JIM DOYLE
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State