

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #122

Relating to Creating the Governor's Bicycle Coordinating Council

WHEREAS, a well balanced transportation network which provides alternative methods of moving persons and property so as to alleviate traffic congestion benefits all Wisconsin citizens; and

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

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

WHEREAS, bicycle transportation programs should be carefully integrated and coordinated to achieve maximum utilization of technical and financial resources; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, and specifically by Wisconsin Statute section 14.019, do hereby:

1. Create the Governor's Bicycle Coordinating Council.
2. Provide that the Council shall consist of not more than fifteen (15) members as follows:
 - a. The secretaries of the Departments of Transportation, Natural Resources and Development, or their designees;
 - b. The Highway Safety Coordinator, 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.
 - d. Citizen members appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure.
3. Provide that the chairperson of the Council shall be designated by the Governor from among its membership. At the initial meeting of the council such other officers as the Council may decide shall be elected. No member of the Council shall be compensated for his or her services, but members shall be eligible for reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

4. Direct that the Council shall:

a. Consider all matters relating to unifying the efforts of state agencies in encouraging use of the bicycle as an alternative form of transportation, promoting bicycle safety, education and regulation, promoting bicycling as a tourist and recreational activity and disseminating information on available state and federal funding for bicycle related activities and facilities to counties and municipalities.

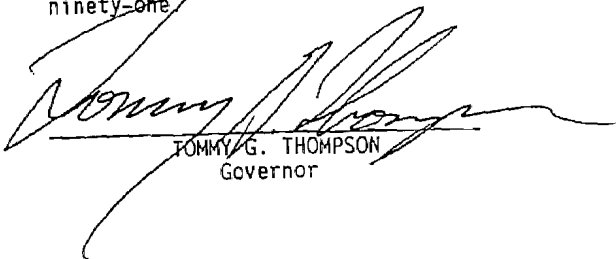
b. Review the bicycle related programs of state agencies and make recommendations to such agencies to assure a coordinated state bicycle program.

c. Submit reports to the governor and the legislature, including an annual report, reviewing state bicycle programs and making recommendations for legislation as appropriate.


5. 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.

6. Direct that the Department of Transportation shall provide staff support to the Council, and all state agencies shall provide information and assistance to the Council at its request. In order to carry out its responsibilities, 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 twenty-fourth day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-one


TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State