

# Ohio Bicycle Communicator



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## OBF Safer Passing Bill to be Introduced Sep



Senator Teresa Fedor of Toledo will introduce a bill that would require Ohio motorists to leave three feet of clearance when passing bicyclists into the Ohio Senate on September 28. The bill represents one of six recommendations given to Senator Fedor by OBF Chair Chuck Smith during a May bicycle tour from Toledo to Columbus. The recommendations were approved by the OBF Board during the April meeting. Senator Mark Wagoner (R, 2nd), also of the Toledo Area, joined Senator Fedor and Smith on the May bicycle tour, which concluded on the Statehouse grounds (photo of Smith and Fedor at conclusion of tour on left). Senator Wagoner will co-sponsor the bill. Senators Fedor and Wagoner will appear with Smith in a 10:30 a.m. September 28 news conference to take place on the west lawn of the Statehouse. Our bill already has 17 other Senate co-sponsors, including Senators Capri Cafaro (D, 32nd), Bob Gibbs (R, 22nd), Karen Gillmor (R, 26th), David Goodman (R, 3rd), Jim Hughes (R, 16th), Eric Kearney (D, 9th), Dale Miller (D, 23rd), Ray Miller (D, 15th), Sue Morano, (D, 13th), Thomas Patton (R, 24th), Tom Sawyer (D,

28th), Joseph Schiavoni (D, 33rd), Kirk Schuring (R, 29th), Shirley Smith (D, 21st), Fred Strahorn (D, 5th), Nina Turner (D, 25th), and Jason Wilson (D, 30th).

Please check our OBF web site at [ohiobike.org](http://ohiobike.org) for the latest developments regarding the legislation. We will post what bill number is assigned to the bill in the Senate and in the House.

With this information, please contact your state senator and representative to ask their support of the bill. Contact information for state senators may be found at <http://senate.state.oh.us/>. House information is available at <http://house.state.oh.us/>.

If you have questions on any of the above please email OBF Chair Chuck Smith at [chuck@ohiobike.org](mailto:chuck@ohiobike.org).



[www.ohiobike.org](http://www.ohiobike.org)

The Ohio Bicycle Federation is an alliance of individuals and organizations interested in promoting the use of bicycles for recreation, transportation and sport. It serves by providing opportunities for the betterment of bicycle education, engineering, legislation, and the encouragement of activities involving the use of bicycles and by serving as a forum for the exchange of information and ideas.

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### **Don Burrell Represents OBF on Transportation Matters Board**

Long-time OBF Board Member Don Burrell has been selected to represent OBF on the Transportation Matters Board. The OBF joined Transportation Matters earlier this year. Transportation Matters is a high-level professional organization which is already having a positive impact on Ohio transportation.

Check out the Transportation Matters web site at <http://www.transportation-matters.org/>, where the new organization defines itself as a “broad-based, statewide coalition actively advocating for full funding of a safe and efficient multi-modal transportation network that preserves and enhances Ohio’s economic competitiveness, mobility and quality of life.”

In the above picture, Transportation Matters Executive Director Bill Habig welcomes Don to Transportation Matters.

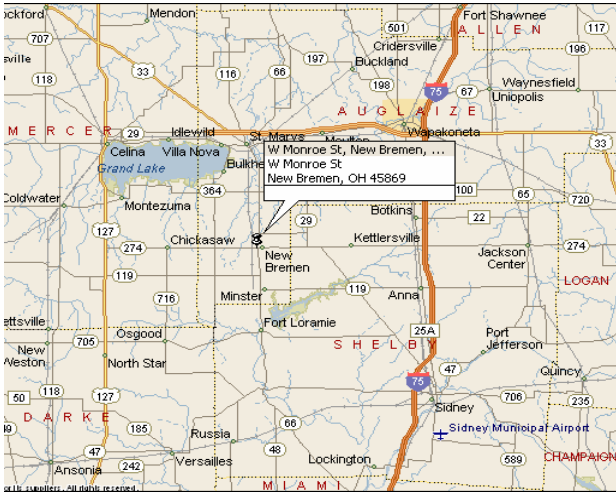
### **OBF to Participate in Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference**

OBF Board Members Dan Carrigan, Andrew Davis, Patricia Kovacs, Steve Magas, and Don Burrell plan to make presentations during the Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference, to take place October 27-28 at the Columbus Convention Center. If you attend, don’t miss our OBF display on the exhibit floor. For information, go to <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/engineering/OTEC/Pages/default.aspx>.

## Join us October 10 for First New Bremen Historic Tour & OBF Meeting

Please join us for an historic event to take place Saturday, October 10, 2009 at [The Bicycle Museum of America](#), 7 West Monroe St. (SR-274) in New Bremen, Ohio. Phone: 419-629-9249. Proceeds go to save the first bicycle shop of Orville and Wilbur Wright located at 1005 West Third Street in Dayton.

- 8-9 am: Registration in front of Bicycle Museum of America - \$10.
- 9-11 am: Miami and Erie Canal Bicycle Tour
- 11 am: Lunch on your own at LaPiazza Restaurant, next door to Bicycle Museum of America.
- 12 Noon: Wheelmen Period Bicycle Demonstration in parking lot behind LaPiazza Restaurant.
- 1 pm: Tour of Bicycle Museum of America.
- 2-5 pm: Ohio Bicycle Federation meeting in Bicycle Museum of America.



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