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## Support HB 154 and SB 192

by OBF Chair Chuck Smith

Your OBF now has two bills in the Ohio General Assembly: House Bill 154 and Senate Bill 192. These identical bills would do much to improve cycling in Ohio. Each bill would:

1. Require that Ohio motorists leave at least three feet of clearance when passing bicyclists.
2. Permit all Ohio vehicles to proceed through an intersection after stopping and yielding right-of-way, even when the device designed to move the signal from red to green does not detect the vehicle.

Following June 10 testimony by OBF and others, HB 154 was approved on June 24 by the House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Public Safety Committee by a 14 to 0 vote (the vote was originally announced as 12 to 0, but two committee members not present added their votes after the hearing. Our bill went to the full House, which recessed for the summer. The House has now reconvened.

Senate Bill 192 was introduced by Senator Troy Balderson of Zanesville on June 30. SB 192 is identical to HB 154. The strategy now is for us to work on both bills at once. When both are approved, they will go to House/Senate Conference Committee. Here, there will be no problem, as the bills are identical. After Conference Committee, our bill will go to Governor Kasich for him to sign it into law.

Please support HB 154 and SB 192 by going to our OBF website at [www.ohiobike.org](http://www.ohiobike.org). Here, click on "CLICK HERE" on the right side of the page. Then, fill out the form, including your zip code and postal address. You will be linked electronically to your state representative and state senator, and given the opportunity to send a preformatted email to both. In addition to the emailed support, please also add your name to our growing petition supporting our legislation, also found on our OBF website.

Contact your legislators to ask them to support these bills

<http://www.ohiohouse.gov/index>  
<http://www.ohiosenate.gov/senate/index>



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# Ohio Bicycle Federation supports the following legislative bills

Our latest testimony can be found in the committee notes for the dates listed

## HB 110 Brandon's Law: Failure to stop after accident - increase penalty

Raises the penalty for failure to stop after an accident, when the offense results in death or an injury, from a felony of the third degree to a felony of the second degree.

This bill passed unanimously in the House Judiciary committee and the full House and is being reviewed by the Senate Criminal Justice Committee. OBF provided proponent testimony on September 30.

<http://ohiosenate.gov/committee/criminal-justice#>

## HB 154 / SB 192: Motor vehicles-safe passing distance from bicycles/malfunctioning traffic lights

Motorists must provide at least 3 feet when passing cyclists.

Provides that when a traffic signal fails to detect a vehicle, the driver may proceed as if the signal is malfunctioning.

HB 154 passed in the House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee. The companion SB 192 is being reviewed by the Senate Transportation, Commerce and Labor Committee. OBF provided proponent testimony on June 10.

<http://www.ohiohouse.gov/committee/armed-services-veterans-affairs-and-public-safety>

## HB 88: Electronics communications devices - restrict usage

Texting while driving raised from a secondary offense to a primary offense. Police officers may stop a vehicle if operator is observed texting while driving.

Prohibits cellphone use in school zones and construction zones.

HB 88 is being reviewed by the House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee. Another bill HB 146 has passed the Senate Criminal Justice Committee and the Senate and is being reviewed by the House Judiciary Committee. OBF provided interested party testimony on Oct 13. We would like HB 146 to incorporate legislation from HB 88.

<http://www.ohiohouse.gov/committee/judiciary>

## HB 107: Person or neighborhood association - request reduced speed limit/stop sign

Authorizes a resident of a street or neighborhood association to request the speed limit to be lowered or stop signs to be installed at an intersection.

Requires a petition signed by at least 51% of residents.

HB 107 is being reviewed by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. OBF provided proponent testimony on May 12.

<http://www.ohiohouse.gov/committee/transportation-and-infrastructure>

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Unidentified Pan Hope Ohio Rider joins OBF Board Members (left to right) Woody Ensor, Christine Connell, and Chuck Smith in promoting HB 154 during OBF Day on June 13 at the Bicycle Museum of America in New Bremen, Ohio.



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## OBF Webmaster Honored

Long-time OBF webmaster Bob Iden received the OBF's Horace M. Huffman, Jr. Award for Service to Ohio Bicycling for his 15 years managing the OBF's website at [www.ohiobike.org](http://www.ohiobike.org).

OBF Chair Chuck Smith presented the award on September 12 during "OBF Day in Cleveland." The photo shows Smith making the presentation in the Ohio City Bicycle Co-Op following the OBF's September 12 meeting. Smith created the website during the 1990s, and Iden managed it since 2000.



## Cycling Webmaster Brings Joomla to OBF Website

By OBF Chair Chuck Smith

You may have noticed a vast change in our OBF website at [www.ohiobike.org](http://www.ohiobike.org) recently. You will notice the change on your computer, and even more so on your mobile devices. Our OBF website is now mobile-friendly!

Our site has been upgraded to the popular and relatively new Joomla content management system (CMS).

OBF's Joomla story began this spring when OBF Board Member Frank Krygowski arranged for me a Youngstown bicycle tour, along with friends from the Outspoken Wheelmen of Youngstown.

During the tour, I met Outspoken Wheelmen Webmaster Bill Adams who has years of experience in web creation.

Joomla is a leading content management system (CMS) which is well-suited to designing websites. Joomla makes websites easier to update and manage. It also makes websites more mobile-friendly. It makes them easier to navigate.

Bill volunteered to upgrade our OBF website to Joomla, and now Bill's work is visible to all at [www.ohiobike.org](http://www.ohiobike.org). We welcome your comments regarding our new website. Please send them to me at [bikeohio@gmail.com](mailto:bikeohio@gmail.com), and I will forward them to Bill.

Bill's wife Missy McCormick teaches art at Youngstown State University.



Bill pedaling toward the Grand Teton Mountains during a recent trip to Wyoming



Bill taking his son Ash on a ride



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To save money and trees, your OBF Communicator will soon come in electronic newsletter form. Our OBF Ohio Bicycle Events Calendar will continue to be published in both electronic and paper form.

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## PEDAL WITH OBF TO A BETTER OHIO IN 2016

Register below as an OBF member today!

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Select Level	Years	Single	Family	Supporting or Organizational	Sustaining	Lifetime
[ ]	1	\$20	\$25	\$50	\$100	\$300
[ ]	2	\$35	\$45	\$90	\$190	
[ ]	3	\$50	\$65	\$135	\$280	

*Join or Renew at Supporting Level or above and receive an OBF T-Shirt (specify size)!*  
*Join or Renew at Sustaining Level and also receive the new Ohio to Erie Trail Bikeway map!*

Make check payable to "Ohio Bicycle Federation" and mail completed form to: Ohio Bicycle Federation, 812 East National Road, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

**NEW – Join on-line using PayPal** <http://www.ohiobike.org/e-joina.htm>



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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Join us Oct 27-28, 2015

At ODOT's Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference at the Columbus Convention Center.

#### Join us Feb 19-20, 2016

as OBF again sponsors the cycling portion of the Adventure Summit in the Wright State University Student Union in Dayton.

#### Join us Feb 23, 2016

At the Ohio Statehouse Atrium for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual OBF Ohio Cycling Summit.

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