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OBF Represents Ohio Cycling at OTEC for Fifth Year

Your Ohio Bicycle Federation (OBF) represented Ohio cycling during the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference (OTEC) for the fifth consecutive year Tuesday and Wednesday, October 28 and 29, 2014, in the Columbus Convention Center.

The OBF display featured OBF's House Bill 145 which would require that Ohio motorists pass cyclists leaving at three feet of clearance and permit all Ohio vehicles to legally proceed through an intersection after stopping and yielding right-of-way even when not detected by the device meant to move the traffic signal from red to green.

Visitors to the OBF display included ODOT Director Jerry Wray and Ohio Bicycle-Pedestrian Coordinator Julie Walcoff, also of ODOT. Wray is shown with OBF Chair Chuck Smith and Walcoff is shown with OBF Secretary Tricia Kovacs in the photos taken at the OBF display. OBF Board Member Andy Davis, a City of Akron Engineer, made a presentation on his "How We Roll Bicycle Safety Program" during OTEC.



Jerry Wray with Chuck Smith



Chuck Smith with Julie Walcoff

OBF participates in ODOT's first Bike/Ped Summit November 4th in the Columbus at ODOT HQ

160 advocates, ODOT people, MPO people, parks people, and others attended the first ODOT Bike/Ped Summit. It was exciting to see all the interest and activity related to cycling in Ohio. Chuck Smith presented along with 14 other experts.

You can review the presentations and keep up to date with ODOT and their Bike/Ped programs at <http://www.bike.ohio.gov/>



Chuck Smith presents OBF to the attendees.

**Kate with Red Bike in Cincinnati
Julie Walcof ODOT Bike/Ped Program Manager
Heather with COGO in Columbus**



Red Bike in Cincinnati and COGO are dueling for bike share leadership in Ohio.

The match was declared a WIN—WIN for Ohio.

HB145 does not pass 130th general assembly

Dec 11, 2014 — HB 145 (3' passing law) will not be passed this legislative session. We learned this last week when we stopped in to Senator Manning's office. She told us that Senate committees hold 3 hearings on bills and the Transportation committee is meeting only once more. She does not know if she will be assigned to the Transportation committee next session, but if so, she looks forward to working with us on this bill again

We also testified to the House Transportation, Public Safety and Homeland Security committee on behalf of HB637 to change texting while driving to a primary offense, and to prohibit cell-phone use in school and work zones. Sharon Montgomery, Brock Deitrich (who both lost family members due to cellphone distractions), Kimberly Schwind (AAA) and Howard Schnitz (motorcyclist) also testified. The bill passed out of committee with a vote of 10-2.

If you want to read the testimonies, you can see them if you open the link from today's hearing.

<http://www.ohiohouse.gov/committee/transportation-public-safety-and-homeland-security>

**OBF Day at the Cleveland Velodrome
September 14**

OBF was a founding member of the Cleveland Velodrome, involved in the creation of Ohio's only Velodrome by Fast Track Cycling.

OBF members received free velodrome training during OBF Day.

Bob Iden checks out the track.



HB145 petition

Please use the link below to electronically sign the petition that supports the 3 foot passing clearance of HB145

<https://www.change.org/p/ohio-legislature-enact-state-wide-three-foot-passing-law-for-bicycles>

OBF Embraces Social Media

Please visit and like the OBF facebook page for the latest updates on bicycle advocacy in Ohio.

You can also follow OBF on twitter, for updates.

Please Send OBF Your Email Address

If you wish to continue to receive our OBF Communicator, please send the email address at which you would like to receive our newsletter to Kris Stout of our membership team at kstout@legaldayton.com.

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.



Ohio Bicycle Federation

Pedal With OBF To A Better Ohio in 2015!

Ask your state representatives and senators to support our House Bill 145 which passed the Ohio House Transportation Committee, and is now in the full House.

HB 145 would:

1. Require that motorists pass cyclists leaving at least 3 feet of clearance.
2. Permit Ohio vehicle drivers (including bicyclists) to proceed into intersections after stopping and yielding right-of-way, even when the detector controlling the traffic light does not detect the vehicle and the traffic light remains red.

To contact your state representative and show support for HB 145, go to our OBF web site at www.ohiobike.org today!

Register below as an OBF member today!

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

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, OH 45377

Join OBF at the Following Upcoming Events:

September 14, 2014 the First OBF Day at the Cleveland Velodome

September 14, 2014 the OBF Fall Meeting, open to all Ohio bicyclists, will take place at 2:30pm in the new Tinkam Veale University Center Senior Classroom 11038 Bellflower Rd Cleveland, OH 44106 at Case Western Reserve University.

October 28-29, 2014 OBF at Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference in Columbus Convention Center.

April 22, 2015 In the Statehouse Atrium in Columbus for our



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