

About Charlie Gandy

A nationally recognized expert in community design, trail planning and design, and bicycle and pedestrian advocacy, Charlie Gandy has been on the forefront of the livable communities conversation for over twenty years.

Gandy began his life in public service at the age of twenty-two as one of the youngest members ever elected to the Texas House of Representatives. In 1990 he founded and served as the first Executive Director of the **Texas Bicycle Coalition** and then moved onto the national stage as the Director of Advocacy Programs for the **Bicycle Federation of America**.

Known for his innovative training programs Gandy pioneered the popular “**Walkable Community Workshops**,” giving voice to pedestrian safety issues. He also launched the “**Thunderhead Alliance**,” which has sparked a national grassroots political movement recognizing the intelligence of bicycling and walking as simple, efficient transportation.

As the Mobility Coordinator for Long Beach California’s **Bike Long Beach** program Gandy is proud to be a part of the remarkable culture shift in the city embracing both bicycling and walking. Gandy holds B.A. in Political Science from the University of Texas at Austin.