

Charlie Gandy: Adventures in Active Living

Speaker, Consultant and Media Spokesperson on Combining State of the Art Economic Development with Progressive Active Living Strategies Creating More Livable Communities



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"Within the field of creating bicycle and pedestrian friendly communities, Charlie Gandy is at the top of the list. It's not just his technical knowledge that gets the job done, it's his ability to get people of all professions and walks of life onto common ground. Charlie uses humor, twenty years of experience and connections, and passion to create workable solutions."

Mia Birk Author "Joyride"
CEO of Alta Planning + Design

"Few people can inspire individuals, groups and communities like Charlie Gandy. He just has a way of bringing people together for shared success in making places more walkable and bicycle friendly. Indeed, Charlie personifies Mahatma Gandhi's words 'be the change you want to see in the world' and he lends a ready hand to help you make change happen."

Kit Keller
Executive Director
Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals

Recent Media

AARP, the Press Telegram (multiple), the Los Angeles Times (multiple), Gazettes Newspapers, Live Long Beach Magazine, Long Beach Business Journal, Sign On San Diego, Corona Del Mar Today, Santa Monica Mirror, Santa Monica Daily News, "Riding Bikes with the Dutch" – film by Michael Bauch, "Welcome to Bike Long Beach" – video by Kerri Zane, Streetsblog.com – Los Angeles (multiple), Sacramento Bee, Bicycling Magazine and "Pedaling Revolution" by Jeff Mapes.

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A Conversation With . . .
**City Of Long Beach Mobility
Coordinator Charles Gandy**



"I must admit Charlie Gandy has become one of my favorite movers and shakers here in Southern California as I've watched the coverage of all the work he's done in Long Beach building and growing bike infrastructure."

Steve Herbert,
Chief Engineer
KCRW
Culver City Bicycle Coalition

About Charlie

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.

From mid 2009 to mid 2011 Gandy held the role of Mobility Coordinator for the City of Long Beach California's **Bike Long Beach** program. He continues an active consulting relationship with Long Beach and is proud to be a part of the remarkable culture shift in the city embracing both bicycling and walking.

Gandy is the Host Committee Chair for the September 2012 **Pro Walk/Pro Bike® Conference** also in Long Beach and sits on the board of the California Bicycle Coalition. He holds B.A. in Political Science from the University of Texas at Austin.

Gandy has traveled extensively around the world, enjoys trail running, cycling, roller skating, beach volley ball and is currently $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through his quest to climb all of the "14'ers" throughout Colorado and California.

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"... The city [Long Beach Ca] made a really smart move bringing in Charlie Gandy...Gandy is a nationally prominent bicycling proponent, who played a huge role in fostering livability in Austin Texas which helped differentiate that city from Dallas and Houston."

Joe Linton – "Long Beach Leaps Into Livability" Part I
Streetsblog.org – Los Angeles Oct 2009

Clients

Federal Highway Administration, National Park Service, Texas Department of Transportation, the cities of Austin, Houston and Pasadena, Texas, and Long Beach California, California Department of Health Services, New York Metropolitan Transportation Commission, The Grand Canyon Collaborative, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, National Center for Bicycling and Walking, and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

2011 Speaking Engagements as of July 2011

April 2011 - HCAT Conference/Cleveland Ohio

May 2011 – 2nd Annual Healthy Communities Active Transportation Conference/Los Angeles California

June 2011 – 6th Biennial Childhood Obesity Conference/San Diego California

July 2011 – TEDxSoCal Thriving/Long Beach California

New for Summer 2011 "Creating Charismatic Communities"

Gandy's newest presentation empowers local citizens, advocates and government agencies alike to use the elements of charisma from great leaders, and the world's most innovative companies, to create more healthy, sustainable, economically vibrant and alluring communities.

