

ITEM 10 - Action

March 17, 2004

Approval of Regional Bike to Work Day 2004 Proclamation

Staff

Recommendation: Approve enclosed Bike to Work Day 2004 Proclamation.

Issues: None

Background: In an effort to increase public awareness of the viability of bicycle commuting in the Washington region, regional Bike to Work Day events are being organized at eighteen locations in the region on May 7, 2004. These events will encourage the business community and other regional decision-makers to support increased bicycle commuting through bicycle-friendly policies and initiatives.

The locations of the events are as follows: Alexandria, Bethesda, Bowie, College Park, Crystal City, Downtown DC, Fairfax, Frederick, Gaithersburg, Leesburg, North Bethesda, Reston, two sites in Rockville, Rosslyn, two sites in Silver Spring, and Vienna.

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**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
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**PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING MAY 7, 2004 AS
BIKE TO WORK DAY IN THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON REGION**

WHEREAS, Bicycle commuting is an effective means to improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion and noise, and to conserve energy; and

WHEREAS, Bicycle commuting benefits both employees and employers through better employee health and fitness; reduced commuting, parking, and health care costs; lower employee absenteeism and turnover; and increased employee productivity.

WHEREAS, increasing numbers of businesses have installed bicycle parking and other commute facilities to help employees and customers commute by bicycle; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board through its Commuter Connections program is implementing a regional Employer Outreach for Bicycling project; and

WHEREAS, the month of May is "Clean Air Month" to promote air quality, and May is also "National Bike Month" to promote the bicycle as a means of transportation and recreation,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL
REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD:**

Proclaims May 7, 2004 as Bike To Work Day 2004 throughout the Washington metropolitan region; and

Encourages TPB member jurisdictions to adopt similar proclamations and support the event.
