### **ITEM 7 – Action** April 20, 2011

#### Approval of Regional Bike to Work Day 2011 Proclamation

**Staff Recommendation:** Approve the enclosed Bike to Work

Day 2011 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 forty-nine

locations in the region for Friday May 20. These events will encourage the

business community and other

regional decision-makers to support increased bicycle commuting through bicycle-friendly policies and initiatives.

# NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD 777 North Capitol Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20002

### PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING MAY 20, 2011 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 conserve energy; and

**WHEREAS**, bicycle commuting benefits both employees and employers through better employee health and fitness; reduced commuting and parking costs; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing numbers of employers have installed bicycle parking and shower facilities to help encourage employees to commute by bicycle; and

WHEREAS, the bicycle commuter tax provision can be used by employers to assist employees with bicycle purchases, improvements, repair and storage; and

**WHEREAS,** a regional bike sharing system, Capital Bikeshare, has been rolled out in D.C. and Arlington and is poised for expansion.

**WHEREAS**, the TPB through its Commuter Connections program promotes bicycling and organizes Bike to Work Day along with the Washington Area Bicyclist Association; and

**WHEREAS,** the week of May 16th is National Bike to Work Week, which promotes bicycling as a viable means of transportation to and from work;

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

- 1. Proclaims May 20, 2011 as Bike to Work Day throughout the Washington metropolitan region; and
- 2. Encourages TPB member jurisdictions to adopt similar proclamations in support of the event.
- 3. Reminds all members of the importance of bicycle safety as illustrated by the Street Smart Campaign.

#### National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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#### MEMORANDUM

**To:** National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

From: Nicholas Ramfos, Director,

**Commuter Connections** 

**Date:** 4/20/2011

Re: 2011 Bike To Work Day

Bike to Work Day has been held annually in the Washington metropolitan region with a main rallying point or "Pit Stop" in downtown DC for at least a decade. Initially the event was coordinated by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA). In September 2000, the TPB's Commuter Connections program partnered with WABA to form a regional Bike to Work Day Steering Committee that examined the feasibility of adding additional Bike To Work Day Pit Stops throughout the region, thus creating a larger awareness of using cycling to work as a viable commuting alternative.

Since that first involvement with Bike to Work Day in 2001, registration for the event has grown with more participants signing up every year. It started with 1,000 participants at five Pit Stops in 2001. It is expected that on May 20, 2011 over 10,000 commuters will participate at 49 Pit Stops throughout the region. The attached listing shows each of the Pit Stop locations.

# Bike to Work Day 2011 Pit Stop Locations



| State | Pit Stop                      | Location  |   |
|-------|-------------------------------|---|---|
| DC    | Adams Morgan                  | Triangle Park                                   | Columbia Rd/Champlain & Euclid Sts, NW      |
| DC    | Anacostia                     | Anacostia Economic Development Corp Gateway Bld | Martin Luther King Jr Ave & Good Hope Rd SE |
| DC    | Buzzard Point                 | US Coast Guard Headquarters                     | 2nd Street SW                               |
| DC    | Capitol Hill                  | Eastern Market                                  | 8th & Pennsylvania Ave, SE                  |
| DC    | Capitol Riverfront            | The Yards Park                                  | 230 N St, SE                                |
| DC    | Columbia Heights              | Columbia Heights Plaza                          | Park Rd, Kenyon & 14th Streets NW           |
| DC    | Downtown                      | Freedom Plaza                                   | 14th St & Pennsylvania Ave, NW              |
| DC    | Farragut                      | Farragut Square                                 | Connecticut Avenue and K Street             |
| DC    | Mt. Vernon Triangle           | BicycleSPACE                                    | 459   St, NW                                |
| DC    | NoMa                          | First & M Sts., NE                              | Block off the Met Branch Trail              |
| MD    | Bethesda (Downtown)           | Reed Street                                     | Corner of Woodmont and Bethesda Aves        |
| MD    | Bowie                         | Old Town  | Fire Station                                |
| MD    | Bowie                         | Town Center                                     | Outside the Food Court                      |
| MD    | College Park                  | City Hall                                       | Knox Road at Route 1                        |
| MD    | Frederick                     | MARC Station Downtown                           | South East St                               |
| MD    | Hyattsville                   | Magruder Park                                   | Hamilton St                                 |
| MD    | Hyattsville                   | Library   | Adelphi Road                                |
| MD    | Indian Head                   | Village Green Pavilion                          | Walter Thomas Rd                            |
| MD    | National Institutes of Health | Building One                                    | 1 Center Dr, Bethesda                       |
| MD    | National Institutes of Health | Executive Blvd                                  | Bethesda                                    |
| MD    | Naval Medical Center          | South Gate Near the Helipad                     | Rockville Pike, Bethesda                    |
| MD    | North Bethesda                | White Flint Mall                                | Rockville Pike, North Bethesda              |
| MD    | Oxon Hill                     | MD side of Wilson Bridge                        | Heritage Cove Road                          |
| MD    | Rock Springs Business Park    | Marriott International Headquarters             | Fernwood Rd, Bethesda                       |
| MD    | Rockville                     | Falls Grove Transportation Center               | Fallsgrove Drive                            |
| MD    | Rockville                     | Rockville Town Center                           | Montgomery Ave. Front of Regal Theatre      |
| MD    | Silver Spring                 | One Discovery Place                             | Georgia & Wayne Aves                        |
| MD    | White Oak                     | U.S. Food & Drug Administration                 | New Hampshire Ave & Mahan Rd                |

## Bike to Work Day 2011 Pit Stop Locations



| State | Pit Stop              | Location                              |                                  |
|-------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| VA    | Alexandria            | Market Square at Alexandria City Hall | King Street                      |
| VA    | Ballston              | Conte's Bike Shop                     | Wilson Blvd                      |
| VA    | Burke                 | VRE Station                           | Premier Court                    |
| VA    | Crystal City          | Crystal City Water Park               | Crystal Drive                    |
| VA    | Fairfax City Downtown | Van Dyck Park                         | Grand Commons Avenue             |
| VA    | Fairfax Corner        | Public Plaza                          | In front of Coastal Flats        |
| VA    | Haymarket             | Haymarket Bicycles                    | Costello Way                     |
| VA    | Herndon               | Town Hall Green                       | Lynn & Elden Sts                 |
| VA    | Leesburg              | W&OD Trail at Raflo Park              | Harrison St.                     |
| VA    | Manassas              | Kelly Leadership Center               | Rt. 234 Bike Trail               |
| VA    | Manassas              | George Mason University               | Freedom Aquatic & Fitness Center |
| VA    | Manassas              | VRE Station                           | Harris Pavilion                  |
| VA    | Merrifield            | WO&D Trail                            | Sandburg St                      |
| VA    | Reston                | Town Center Pavilion                  | Discovery & Market Sts           |
| VA    | Rosslyn               | Gateway Park                          | Lee Highway & Lynn Street        |
| VA    | Springfield           | Franconia-Springfield / Metro Park    | Walker Lane                      |
| VA    | Sterling              | W&OD Trail                            | Rt. 28                           |
| VA    | Tysons Corner         | Booz Allen Hamilton                   | Greensboro Drive, McLean         |
| VA    | Vienna                | Town Green                            | Maple Ave. East                  |
| VA    | Woodbridge            | VRE Station - Rippon Landing          | Farm Creek Dr.                   |
| VA    | Woodbridge            | Chinn Aquatics & Fitness Center       | Troupe & Chinn Park Dr.          |