BIKE TO WORK DAY

New Pit Stop Manager Orientation

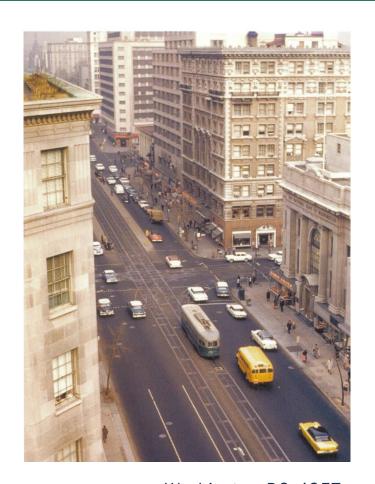
Douglas Franklin Senior Marketing Manager

Bike to Work Day Steering Committee February 7, 2024



COG Background

- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG)
- Since 1957
- COG is a hub for regional partnership.
- 501(c)(3) nonprofit association.
- Membership of 300 elected officials from 24 local governments, the Maryland and Virginia state legislatures, and U.S. Congress.



Washington, DC 1957



COG Background

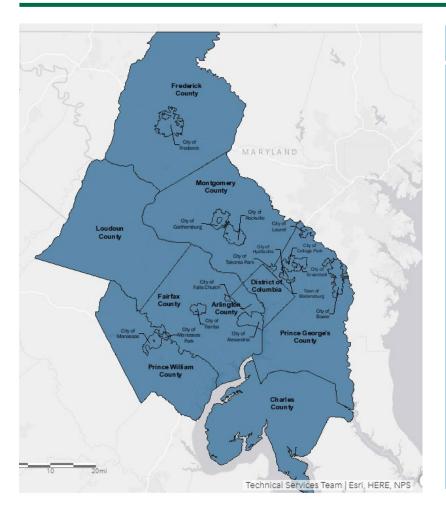
- A wide network of policy, technical, and advisory committees, partnerships, and programs advance COG's regional work.
- Elected leaders, transportation planners, police chiefs, housing directors, environmental experts, and more work together at COG.



- COG staffs more than 100 subject matter experts and other professionals to support its members.
- COG is supported by financial contributions from its member governments, federal and state grants and contracts, and donations from foundations and the private sector.



COG MEMBERS



District of Columbia Maryland Virginia Town of Bladensburg City of Alexandria City of Bowie **Arlington County** City of College Park City of Fairfax **Charles County Fairfax County** City of Frederick City of Falls Church Frederick County **Loudoun County** City of Gaithersburg City of Manassas City of Greenbelt City of Manassas Park City of Hyattsville **Prince William County** City of Laurel **Montgomery County** Prince George's County City of Rockville City of Takoma Park



TPB Background

- National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB).
- The TPB is an independent body, housed at and staffed by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG).
- Federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for Washington, DC metropolitan region.
- Works with local, state, regional, and federal partners.
- Coordinates transportation plans, provides data and analyses to decision makers, and coordinates regional programs to advance safety, land-use coordination, and more.



Commuter Connections

- A program of the TPB.
- Promotes and facilitates alternative commuter transportation versus single occupant vehicles.
- Regional programs and services include ridematching, employer outreach, Guaranteed Ride Home and other commuter incentive programs, TDM marketing, TDM evaluation, and special events.
- Funded by the District, Maryland, Virginia, and U.S. Departments of Transportation.
- Co-organizes Bike to Work Day.





WABA

- Washington Area Bicyclist Association.
- 501(c)(3) member-supported organization.
- Founded in 1972.



- Educates about safe bicycling.
- Advocates for better bicycling.
- Co-organizes Bike to Work Day.





BTWD Committee Meetings

- Hosted by COG.
- Five meetings annually:
 September through May.
- Every other month.
- Second Wednesday10:00 11:30 am







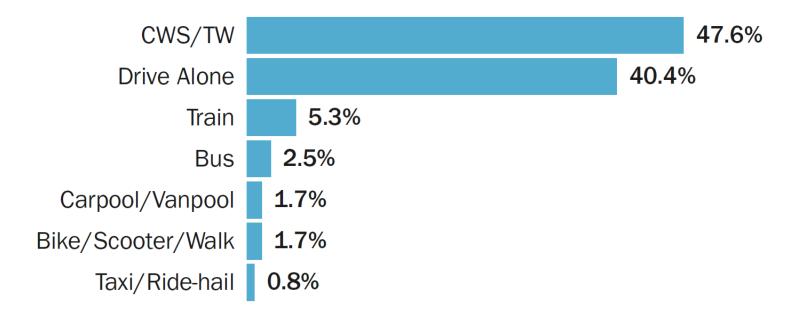
A Brief History of Bicycles

- Developed late 1880s.
- Basic frame design has stayed the same for 130+ years.
- Today's bikes are lighter, stronger, safer, and more comfortable.
- Bikes are designed for specific needs, i.e. mountain bikes, racing bikes, bikes made for commuting.





Weekly Commute Trips by Mode Including Telework and CWS



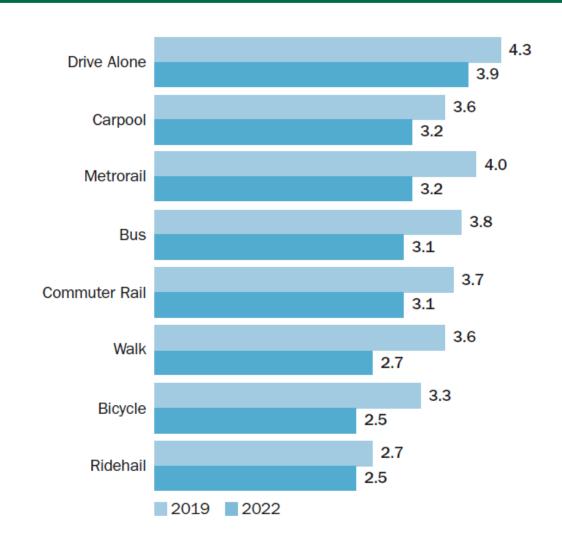
(n = 8,114)



Average Days Per Week Modes Used

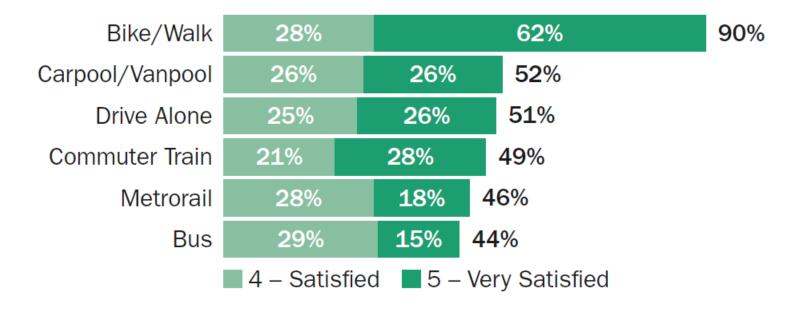
By Respondents Using Modes 2019 and 2022

(Drive Alone n = 3,972, Carpool n = 161, Metrorail n = 561, Bus n = 311, Commuter Rail n = 69 Walk n = 158, Bicycle n = 153, Ridehail n = 73; Vanpool and taxi not included due to insufficient sample sizes)





Satisfaction with Commute by Primary Commute Mode



(Bike/walk n = 190, Carpool/vanpool n = 119, Drive alone n = 3,364, Commuter train n = 47, Metrorail n = 393, Bus n = 209)



Average Commute Distance and Commute Time by Primary Mode (One-Way)

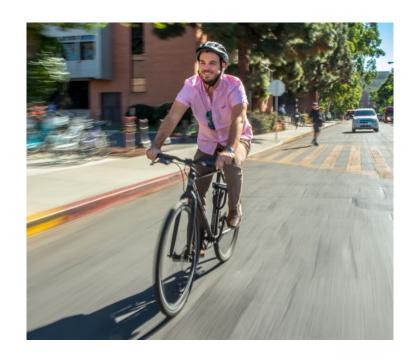
PRIMARY COMMUTE MODE	AVERAGE DISTANCE (MI.)		AVERAGE TIME (MIN.)	
	(N =)	AVERAGE	(N =)	AVERAGE
Commuter rail	38	31.1 mi.	47	76 min.
Drive alone	3,247	18.1 mi.	3,434	35 min.
Carpool	104	16.7 mi.	110	37 min.
Bus	175	13.9 mi.	206	50 min.
Metrorail	320	12.4 mi.	383	49 min.
Bike	88	4.5 mi.	88	25 min.
Walk	91	1.3 mi.	98	20 min.

Note: Distances greater than 120 miles and times greater than 150 minutes are excluded from the averages; vanpool is excluded from the mode list due to insufficient sample size for reliable analysis.



Personal Benefits of Bike/Walk Mode Use by Primary Mode

PERSONAL BENEFIT	CARPOOL (N = 135)	TRANSIT (N = 800)	BIKE/WALK (N = 261)
Save money	16%	22%	17%
Save time, travel faster	21%	11%	24%
Have companionship during commute	24%	1%	1%
Save gas, save energy	12%	7%	2%
Can use HOV lane	10%	0%	0%
Less traffic/don't need to drive	5%	23%	6%
Use travel time productively	5%	17%	4%
Avoid stress, relax	3%	16%	16%
No need to park/look for parking	3%	13%	5%
Receive financial benefit for mode use	0%	10%	0%
Get exercise	0%	5%	78%
Less wear and tear on car	7%	4%	2%
Flexibility/control/always available	6%	4%	8%
Arrive at work on time	4%	4%	6%
No need for a car	1%	3%	1%



(Shaded percentages indicate statistically higher values for benefits)



Bike to Work National Background

- In 1956, League of American Bicyclists established May as National Bike Month.
- National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling

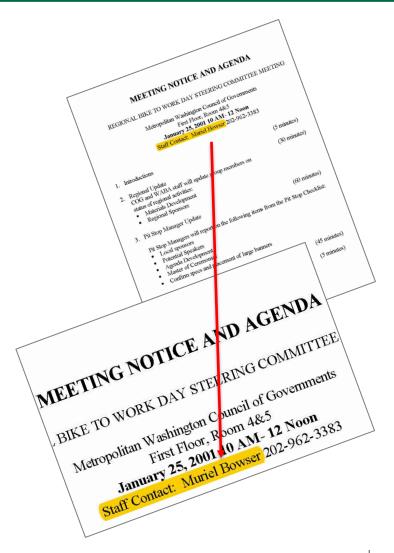
 and encourage more people to give biking a try.
- Bike to Work Week is part of National Bike Month.
- Bike to Work Week culminates on Bike to Work Day (BTWD).
- BTWD is the third Friday of May, this year on May 17, 2024.





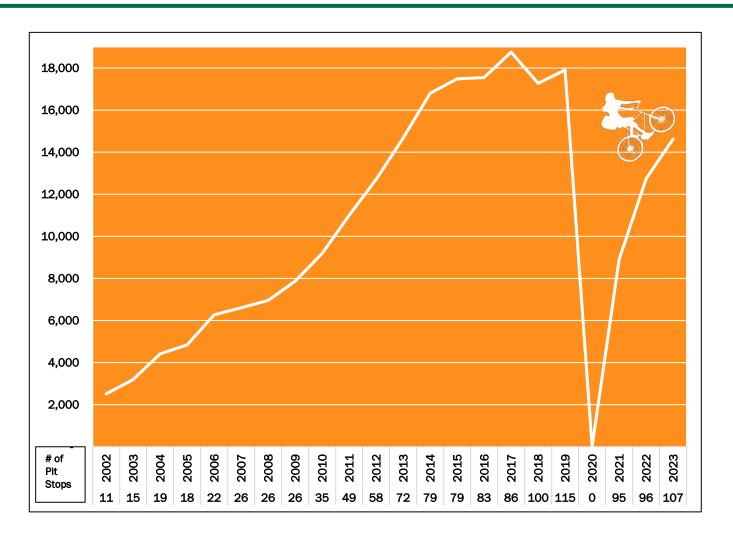
BTWD Washington, DC Region

- Locally BTWD began in 2000 by WABA as a D.C. only event.
- 2001, COG's Commuter Connections program expanded BTWD regionally.
- Pit stops added in Alexandria, Arlington, Bethesda, Silver Spring, and College Park.
- Expanded to include pit stops in all COG jurisdictions.



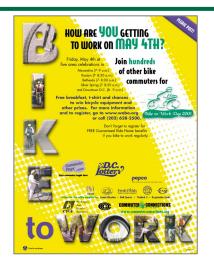


Event Registration by Year





BTWD Posters From the Past















BTWD Posters From the Past













Bike to Work Day

BTWD Posters From the Past















BTWD Posters Past to Present











Bike to Work Day Purpose

- Introduces the concept of bicycling to work as a viable commute alternative.
- Provides springboard to try bicycling to work.
- Celebrates bicycling as a clean, fun, and healthy way to get to work.
- Provides camaraderie and voice for bicycle community.
- Engages employers, neighborhoods, and elected officials.





BTWD Support - Commuter Connections

- Committee meetings
- Regional sponsor drive
- Marketing materials
- Website
- Social media sites
- Press outreach
- Regional proclamation
- Bike router online map
- Regional paper bike map
- Bicycling to work guides
- Employer challenge
- Official event report





BTWD Support - WABA

- Online registration
- Registration reporting
- VIP invites
- Manage bicycling convoys
- Attendance at pit stops







Pit Stop Managing Entities

Bike Shops

Business Improvement Districts

Chambers of Commerce

County/City Governments

Colleges/Schools

Community Volunteers/Neighborhood Groups

Developers/Property Management

Federal Agencies

Fitness Centers

Government Contractors

Hotels/Apartments

Non-profit Organizations/Associations

Parks and Recreation

Private Sector Employers

Professional Services

Restaurants and Other Eateries

State Departments of Transportation

Transit Agencies

Transportation Organizations

U.S. Military



Pit Stops Come in All Sizes







Pit Stop Sizes





Beginners to Bike Enthusiasts







Bicycling Convoys







Pit Stop Responsibilities

- Local promotion.
- Securing food & beverage sponsors.
- Giveaways and raffle prizes.
- Staffing/volunteers.
- Relevant vendors.
- T-shirt retrieval and distribution.
- Arrangement of pit stop logistics.





Employer Amenities and Benefits

- Showers, changing rooms, lockers.
- Bike racks.
- Secure bike parking.
- Bikeshare membership discounts.
- Flexible schedules.
- Bicycle maps and brochures.
- Bicycling brown bag lunches.
- Bike clubs.
- Bicycle subsidies.





Bicycling Benefits Employers Too

- Healthy, happy, active workforce.
- Bicycle commuters take an average of 15 percent fewer days off work due to illness.
- Bike parking is far more affordable and efficient than car parking.





Employer Challenge





BTWD Rain Policy

- A rain date is not established.
- BTWD is rain or shine.
- Pit stops are encouraged to have a contingency plan ready in advance.
- For inclement weather, use tents, building lobbies, parking garages, and other structures with overhead coverage.





BTWD Rain Policy

- Pit stop managers to determine whether or not to cancel local pit stop events.
- If a pit stop cancels or makes location changes, keep registrants informed at least 24 hours in advance.





Bicycle Police







Bikes and Transit







Promoting Your Pit Stop

- Distributing event flyers and/or rack cards.
- Organize a group of volunteers to get the word out.
 - Local bicycle shops
 - Retail countertops
 - Storefront windows
 - Company lobbies
 - Faculty lounges
 - Community centers
 - Chamber of commerce
 - Houses of worship, etc.





Promoting Your Pit Stop

- Posts on social media.
- Email to your lists.
- Press release to local newspapers, radio stations, bloggers.
- Online calendars.
- Include Bike to Work Day logo or url www.biketoworkmetrodc.org, as part of your email signature.
- Place logo w/link on your organization's web site.





BTWD Posters/Rack Cards









Banners







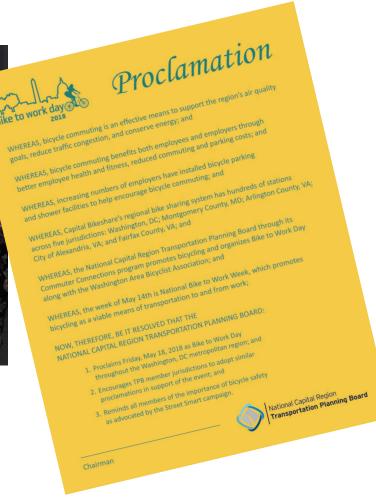
Regional Proclamation



Encourages TPB Interpretations in support proclamations in support
 Reminds all members of as advocated by the Strings and a

TPB Meeting





Local Proclamations



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BIKE MONTH

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 health and fitness and reduced commuting and parking costs; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County is home to an expansive bicycle network, including some of the region's most popular bicycle trails; and

WHEREAS, Arlington recently approved an update to the Bicycle Element of its Master Transportation Plan to further build out a network of safe bicycle infrastructure suitable for riders from ages 8 to 80; and

WHEREAS, Arlington has a growing population of cyclists who are actively involved in shaping county, regional, state, and national transportation and community policies; and

WHEREAS, BikeArlington celebrates "Yay! For Bike Riders" on May 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Safe Routes to Schools has designated May 8, 2019 to be National Bike to School Day; and

WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists has declared the week of May 13-17, 2019 to be Bike to Work Week; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Regional Transportation Planning Board proclaimed May 17, 2019 to be Bike to Work Day throughout the Washington metropolitan region, of which Arlington is a part;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Christian Dorsey, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as

BIKE MONTH

in Arlington County, and urge all residents to support and participate in these and other activities that contribute to the health of the community and the environment.







Social Media





@BikeToWorkDay

#BTWD2024





Social Media



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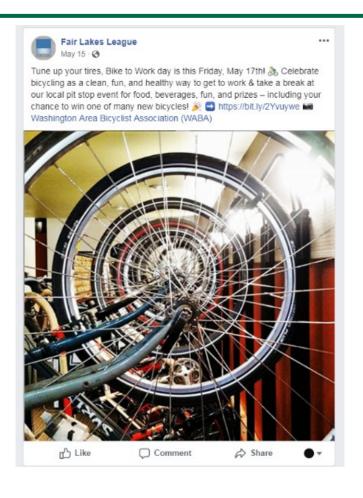
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Elected Officials







The Press







Food and Beverage







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SWAG and Bike Literature







Raffle Drawings & Prizes







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Bike Techs







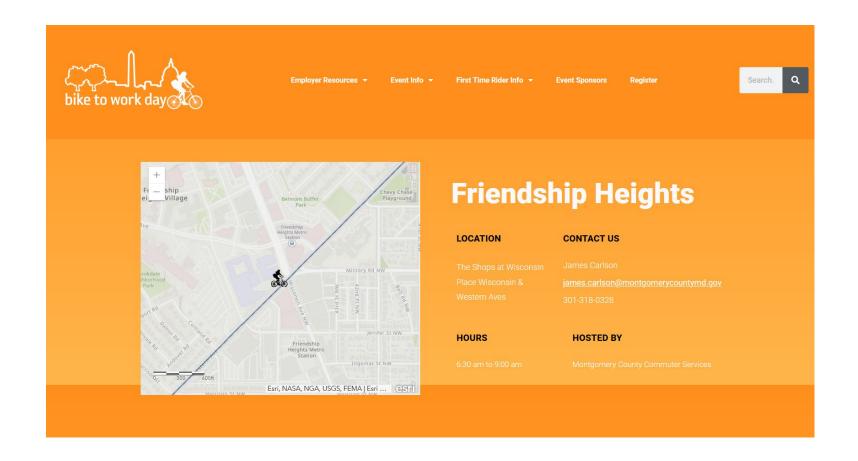
Sponsor Recognition







Pit Stop Web Page

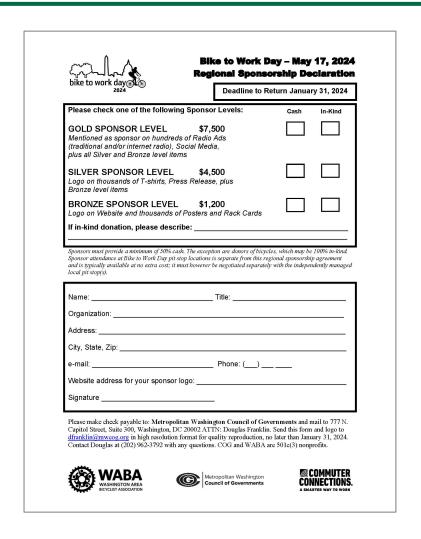




Sponsorship Regional

Regional

- Bronze
 - Website/posters
- Silver
 - T-shirt
- Gold
 - Radio





T-shirts







T-shirt Distribution

- Pit stops must pick up shirt order.
- Fixed number of shirts.
- Bicyclists must attend to get a shirt.
 - 1. If you have 50 shirts, the first 50 who register and show up get a shirt. (don't show up, forfeit shirt).
 - 2. Registered, didn't make cut-off and attend; may have any forfeited T-shirts.
 - 3. Didn't register but attend; may have shirts after above are satisfied.





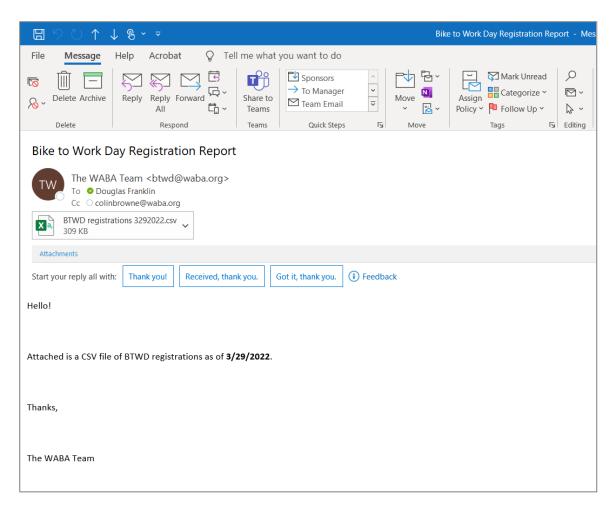
T-shirt Distribution

- Sizes are first come first served.
- Bicyclists can and are encouraged to attend multiple pit stops.
- T-shirt is only available at pit stop where registered.
- Only WABA can change a pit stop for a bicyclist who already registered.





Registration Reports







Information privacy

- Respect personal data.
- Do not share registration lists.
- Only use for BTWD purposes.
- FOIA.





Community Engagement







Entertainment

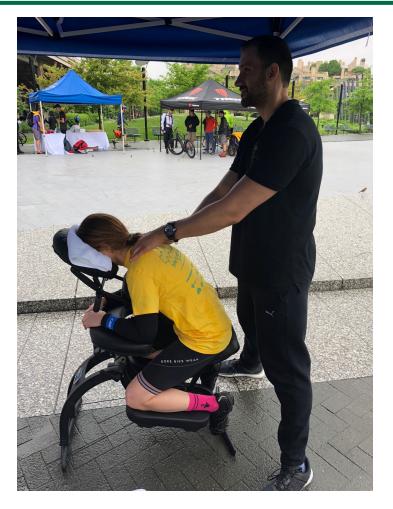






Be Creative







Vendors







HAVE FUN!





Thank You





Veteran Pit Stop Managers Best Practices

- Dan Hayes District of Columbia, Columbia Heights pit stop
- Tiffany Jennings Prince George's County, Largo/Kettering/Perrywood Community Center pit stop
- Dan Pittman Prince William County, Woodbridge Chinn Aquatics & Fitness Center pit stop



Q & A



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