



# *Proclamation*

WHEREAS, Bike to Work Day 2021 is a welcome way for area workers to get needed exercise and mental wellbeing in light of the COVID pandemic; and

WHEREAS, employees still working from home may participate by bicycling to their local neighborhood “pit stop” and back home again to start their work day; and

WHEREAS, more than 90 Bike to Work Day pit stops are located within ten jurisdictions in the region; and

WHEREAS, staggered arrival and departure times and a strict COVID policy will keep bicyclists safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS, the Bike to Work Day pit stops will serve as T-shirt “pick-up-points” and bicyclists will be on their way within five to ten minutes; and

WHEREAS, bicycle commuting is an effective means to support the region’s air quality goals, improve mobility, and conserve energy; and

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

WHEREAS, Capital Bikeshare’s regional bike sharing system has more than 500 stations across six jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Friday, May 21, 2021 as Bike to Work Day throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan region; and
2. Encourages TPB member jurisdictions to adopt similar proclamations in support of the event; and
3. Reminds all members of the importance of bicycle safety as advocated by the Street Smart campaign.