

ITEM 8 - Action

April 15, 2009

Approval of Regional Bike to Work Day 2009 Proclamation

Staff

Recommendation: Approve the enclosed Bike to Work Day 2009 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 twenty-six locations in the region on Friday May 15, 2009. These events will encourage the business community and other regional decision-makers to support increased bicycle commuting through bicycle-friendly policies and initiatives.

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**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
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**PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING MAY 15, 2009 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 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; and

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

WHEREAS, the federal government has enacted a Bicycle Commuter Tax Provision for incurred costs which employers can pay for such as bicycle purchases, improvements, repair and storage; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board through its Commuter Connections program promotes bicycling through its Employer Outreach project and the annual Bike to Work event; and

WHEREAS, the month of May is "Clean Air Month" to promote air quality, and May 11th to the 15th is also national Bike To Work week, to promote 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 15, 2009 as Bike To Work Day 2009 throughout the Washington metropolitan region; and
2. Encourages TPB member jurisdictions to adopt similar proclamations in support of the event.