

## **ITEM 7 - Action**

April 21, 2010

### Approval of Regional Bike to Work Day 2010 Proclamation

#### **Staff**

**Recommendation:** Approve the enclosed Bike to Work Day 2010 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 thirty-five locations in the region on Friday May 21, 2010. 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 21, 2010 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, 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 shower facilities to help encourage employees to commute by bicycle; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, The week of May 17th 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 21, 2010 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.