



NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD

Item #5

MEMORANDUM

May 20, 2015

To: Transportation Planning Board


From: Kanathur Srikanth
Director, Department of Transportation Planning

Re: Additional Announcements/Updates & Letters Sent/Received

The attached materials were received since the TPB mailout of May 14.

M E M O R A N D U M

To: National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

From: Nicholas Ramfos, Director, 
Alternative Commute Programs

Date: 5/20/2015

Re: **2015 Regional Bike to Work Day Event**

The regional Bike to Work Day event held on Friday, May 15th had 17,481 registrants at 79 pit stop locations. Registrations were 4% higher than last year.

Event participation was at an all-time high and was covered extensively by the media. There were several elected officials and dignitaries that attended event pit stops throughout the region including TPB members.

Attached is the final Bike to Work Day press release sent out on May 15, 2015.



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NEWS

Bike to Work Day Breaks Regional Record

17,500 cyclists take to the streets to support cycling as a clean commute option

May 15, 2015

Washington, D.C. - Commuters swapped gas pedals for bike pedals in the metropolitan Washington region as 17,500 cycled to work for the annual [Bike to Work Day \(BTWD\)](#) event, breaking event records. Registration for the event increased 4 percent over last year. The first BTWD was held in the region in 2001.

Co-organized by Commuter Connections and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA), the event was celebrated at 79 pit-stops within the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Cyclists enjoyed free refreshments, bike tune-ups, games, entertainment, enthusiastic speakers, and lots of pit-stop give-aways. Six bicycles were raffled off and the first 14,000 registrants received an official BTWD 2015 T-shirt, in new wicking fabric.

"We're grateful for the ongoing support from Bike to Work Day participants, volunteers, sponsors, and elected officials who've allowed the event to grow bigger and better each year," said Director of Commuter Connections Nicholas Ramfos. "Top level regional sponsors this year included ICF International, REI, and Marriott International."

BTWD comes but once a year; however, [Commuter Connections](#) provides information on bicycling, ridesharing, and transit options for use year-round. BTWD participants are encouraged to test out the many available alternative commuting options and use their favorite on [Car Free Day](#), September 22, 2015.

Follow Commuter Connections on Twitter at [@BikeToWorkDay](#) and use #BTWDC. Bike to Work Day celebrates National Bike Month in 43 major cities throughout the United States.

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[Commuter Connections](#) is a program of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, www.mwcog.org. Commuter Connections promotes bicycling to work, ridesharing and other alternatives to drive alone commuting, and provides ridematching for carpools and vanpools, and offers the free

Guaranteed Ride Home and 'Pool Rewards programs. Commuter Connections, www.commuterconnections.org is funded by the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and U.S. Departments of Transportation.

The [Washington Area Bicyclist Association](#) creates a healthy, more livable region by promoting bicycling for fun, fitness, and affordable transportation; advocating for better bicycling conditions and transportation choices for a healthier environment, and educating children, adults, and motorists about safe bicycling.

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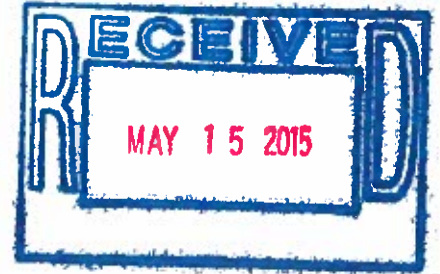
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE CHAIR

May 12, 2015



The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capital Street, NE Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002

Re: FY2015 MWCOG Transportation & Land Use Connections Grant Application

Dear Chairman Mendelson:


I am pleased to offer this letter of support for Montgomery County's funding application to the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) Transportation & Land Use Connections (TLC) Technical Support Program for the Bethesda Metro Station Access Wayfinding study.

This project would identify ways to enhance the experience for residents, employees and visitors accessing the Metro Station. The project should result in both increased ridership and improved pedestrian and cyclist travel to and from the station area and nearby destinations. Increased ridership on Metrobus and Metrorail is an important ongoing goal for Montgomery County and we support any improvements towards furthering this goal.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with you and the TPB on this project to improve the connections between transportation and land use in Montgomery County. We believe the study results would be beneficial not only to Metrorail Station areas in Montgomery County but the lessons learned could also be applied to other communities in the Metropolitan Washington Region.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Gary Erenrich, Acting Deputy Director for Transportation Policy, in the Department of Transportation at 240-777-7156.

Sincerely,



Casey Anderson
Chair