ITEM 7 – Action
April 17, 2024

Approval of Regional Bike to Work Day 2024 Proclamation

Action: Approve the BTWD Proclamation.

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 over 100 locations in the region for Friday, May 17. These events will encourage the business community and other regional decision-makers to support increased bicycle commuting through bicycle-friendly policies and initiatives.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board through its Commuter Connections program promotes bicycling and organizes Bike to Work Day together with the Washington Area Bicyclist Association; 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, and reduced commuting and parking costs; and

WHEREAS, many employers have embraced bicycling and provide secure parking and shower facilities to help encourage bicycle commuting; and

WHEREAS, Capital Bikeshare's regional system has thousands of bikes at hundreds of stations across seven jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, more than 100 Bike to Work Day pit stops will be located within 23 COG member jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the week of May 13th 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 17, 2024 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.

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Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board