

## **ITEM 12 - Action**

April 19, 2006

### Approval of Regional Bike to Work Day 2006 Proclamation

#### **Staff**

**Recommendation:** Approve enclosed Bike to Work Day 2006 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 eighteen locations in the region on Friday May 19, 2006. These events will encourage the business community and other regional decision-makers to support increased bicycle commuting through bicycle-friendly policies and initiatives.

The locations of the events are as follows: Alexandria, Arlington, Bethesda, two sites in Bowie, College Park, Downtown DC, Dulles, Fairfax, Fairfax City, Frederick, Leesburg, North Bethesda, Reston, two sites in Rockville, Silver Spring, Sterling, Waldorf and Vienna.

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**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD  
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20002-4239**

**PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING MAY 19, 2006 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 National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board through its Commuter Connections program promotes bicycling through its Employer Outreach project; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of May is "Clean Air Month" to promote air quality, and May 15<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19, 2006 as Bike To Work Day 2006 throughout the Washington metropolitan region; and
2. Encourages TPB member jurisdictions to adopt similar proclamations in support of the event.