



Proclamation

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 absenteeism and turnover; and increased employee productivity; and

WHEREAS, Increasing numbers of businesses have installed bicycle parking and shower facilities to 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 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, 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 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.***
- 3. Reminds all members of the importance of safety as illustrated by the Street Smart Campaign.***