



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 and parking costs; and

WHEREAS, increasing numbers of employers have installed bicycle parking and shower facilities to help encourage employees to commute by bicycle; and

WHEREAS, the bicycle commuter tax provision can be used by employers to assist employees with bicycle purchases, improvements, repair and storage; and

WHEREAS, a regional bike sharing system, Capital Bikeshare, has been rolled out in D.C. and Arlington and is poised for expansion.

WHEREAS, the TPB through its Commuter Connections program promotes bicycling and organizes Bike to Work Day along with the Washington Area Bicyclist Association; and

WHEREAS, the week of May 16th 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 20, 2011 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 bicycle safety as illustrated by the Street Smart Campaign.