

## **ITEM 11 - Action**

April 20, 2005

Approval of Regional Bike to Work Day 2005 Proclamation

### **Staff**

**Recommendation:** Approve enclosed Bike to Work Day 2005 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 20, 2005. 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, Bowie,  
College Park, Downtown DC, Dulles, Fairfax,  
Frederick, La Plata, Leesburg, North  
Bethesda, Reston, two sites in Rockville,  
Silver Spring, Sterling and Vienna.

April 20, 2005

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

**PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING MAY 20, 2005 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 to 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 is implementing a regional Employer Outreach for Bicycling project; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of May is "Clean Air Month" to promote air quality, and May is also "National Bike Month" to promote the bicycle as a means of transportation and recreation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL  
REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD:**

1. Proclaims Friday, May 20, 2005 as Bike To Work Day 2005 throughout the Washington metropolitan region; and
2. Encourages TPB member jurisdictions to adopt similar proclamations and support the event.