## **ITEM 7 – Action** April 16, 2014

### Approval of Regional Bike to Work Day 2014 Proclamation

**Staff Recommendation:** Approve the enclosed Bike to Work

Day 2014 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 seventy-nine

locations in the region for Friday May 16. 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, 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 bicycle commuting; and

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

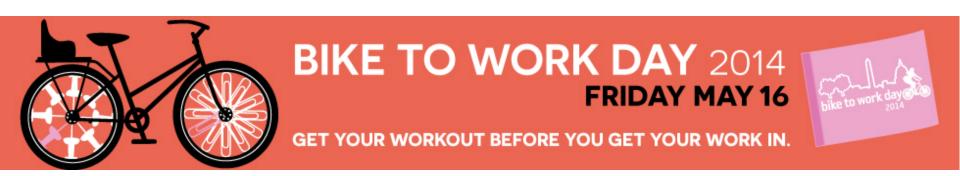
**WHEREAS,** Capital Bikeshare's regional bike sharing system has reached the milestone of 300 stations within the District of Columbia, Alexandria, Arlington, and Montgomery County, and is poised for continued expansion into more jurisdictions.

**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 12th 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 16, 2014 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; and
- 3. Reminds all members of the importance of bicycle safety as advocated by the Street Smart campaign.

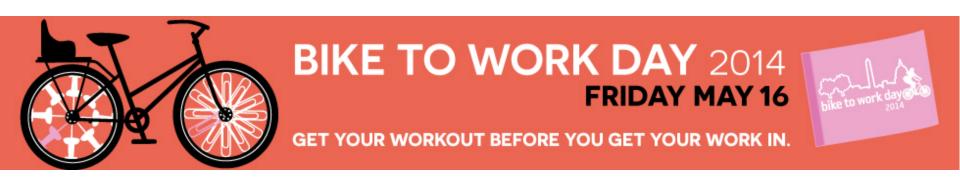


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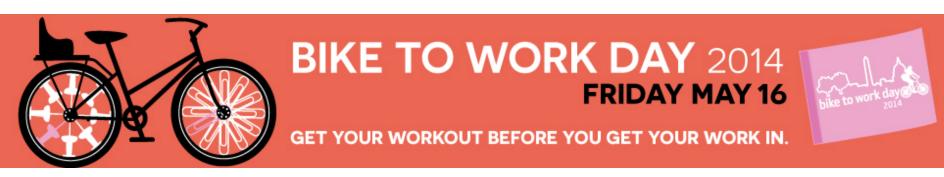
- Rolled out regionally by Commuter Connections in 2001.
- Will be held on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> to celebrate bicycling to work as a viable commute option
- Participation has increased from several hundred participants in the beginning to 14,650 last year

# **Event Survey**



- Conducted every three years
  - Measures impacts of event participation
  - Assesses use of bicycles for commute travel before and after event
- Survey results used in TERM Analysis
- Administered via e-mail to event participants (14,653)
- 4,255 completed questionnaires
  - 29% response rate

# **Event Survey Findings**



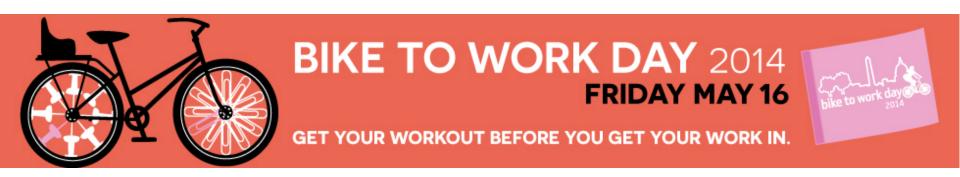
- 2013 was the first Bike to Work Day event for 26% of respondents.
- 17% of respondents never commuted by bike before participating in Bike to Work Day.
- 8% of participants started riding to work after the event, and 21% started riding more often.

# **Elected Officials**



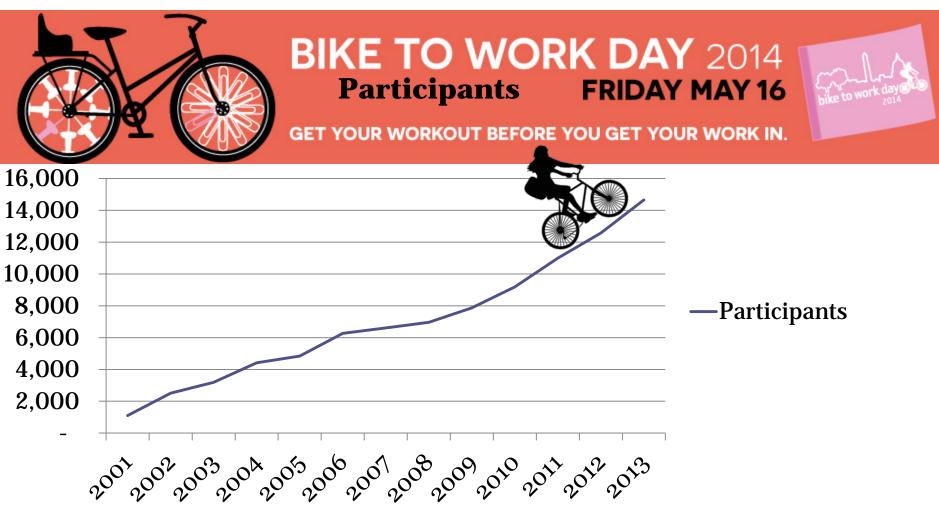






- Coincides with National Bike to Work week
- Goal for 2014 16% increase to 17,000
- Proclamation at April 2014 TPB Meeting
- Seven new "pit stop" celebrations for 2014
- Total of 79 "pit stops" throughout region

# **Bike to Work Day Participation**



## **Poster and Rack Card**







# Pit Stop Banner

## **WOODBRIDGE-**RIPPON LANDING

**VRE Station Parking Area** 6:00am to 9:00am



























Register at www.BIKETOWORKMETRODC.org or call 800.745.7433

## **Event Web Site**



### **BIKE TO WORK DAY** 2014

**FRIDAY MAY 16** 



HOME

EMPLOYER RESOURCES

EVENT INFO

FIRST TIME RIDER INFO

**REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1, 2014** 

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### **Bike to Work Day**

On Friday May 16, 2014 Commuter Connections and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association invites you to join over 10,000 area commuters for a celebration of bicycling as a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work. Attend one of 75+ pit stops throughout D.C., Maryland, and Virginia to receive refreshments, and be entered into a raffle for a free bicycle! & free T-shirts available at pit stops to the first 13,000 who register.









### **Pit Stops**

Over seventy five pit stops will host Bike to Work Day events throughout D.C., Maryland and Virginia. Take a break at a pit stop on your way to work for lots of food, fun and prizes. Register now, it's free!

#### **Commuter Convoys**

Bicycle commuter convoys are forming now for Bike to Work Day on May 16th. All bicyclists are welcome to join the free convoys and there's no need to sign up. Convoys are led by experienced bicycle commuters.

#### Find a Ride Buddy

Use the Washington Area Bike Forum to find a ride buddy for Bike to Work Day or join an online discussion about bicycling in the Washington, D.C. area.

#### **Event Poster**

Download a PDF of the Bike to Work Day 2013 event poster. Email it to your family,

#### Sponsors

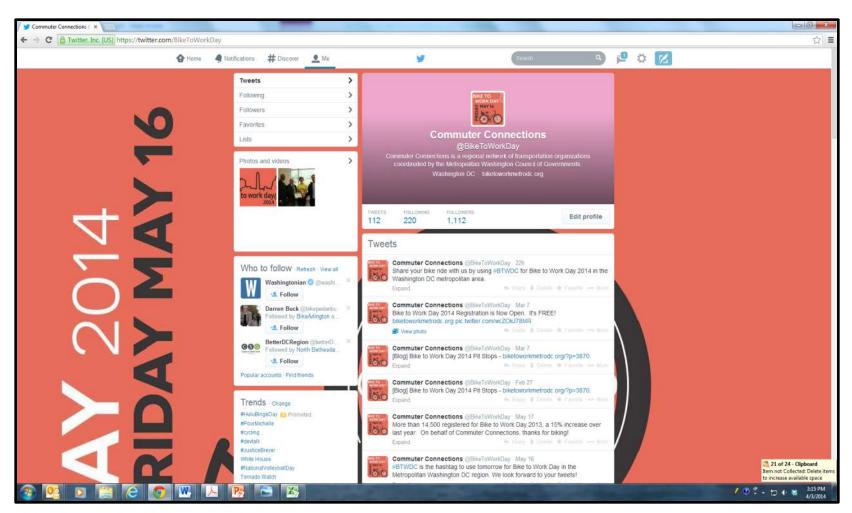
Bike to Work Day organizers wish to thank our generous sponsors who help make this

#### Increase Bicycling Skills

WABA's adult bicyclist education opportunities are available for a wide range

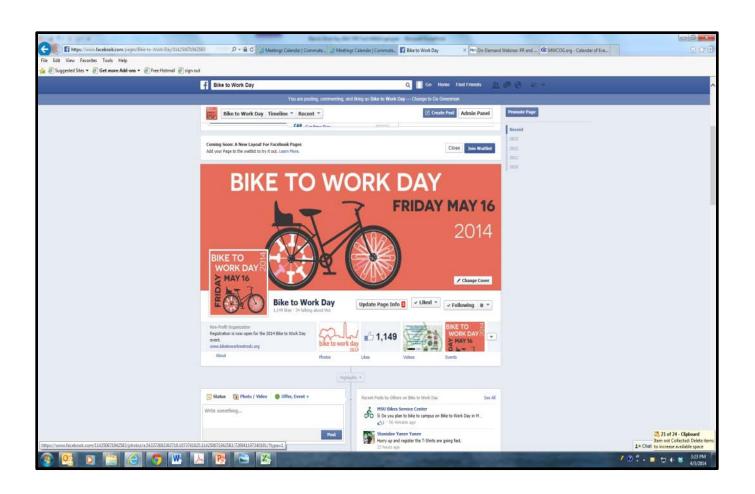
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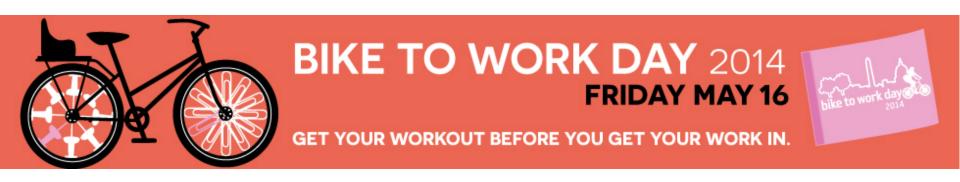






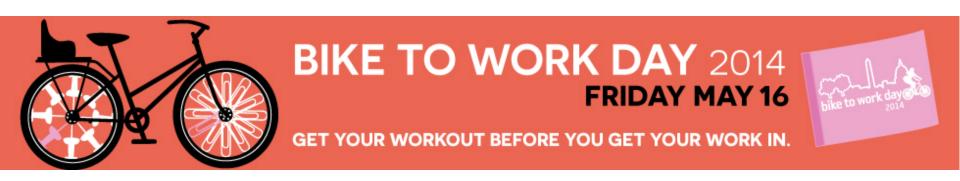
- Free and open to all commuters in the National Capital Region
- Register at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org
- Participants receive free T-shirts and refreshments at the pit stops
- Sponsor donated giveaways and raffle prizes (bicycles and gear)

# **Employer Focus**



- Event encourages business community to support bicyclefriendly culture (bike racks, showers and lockers)
- Bicyclists collectively work for over 1,000 different employers throughout region
- Bicycling to work benefits employers through reduced parking overhead and better employee health and fitness
- Employer Challenge luncheon
- Donated bicycle rack raffle

# **Support for Bicyclists**



- Commuter Convoys led by experienced bicyclists helps empower commuters to try bicycling
- Free Bike to Work guides available from Commuter Connections
- Free Confident City Cycling classes offered by Washington Area Bicyclist Association
- Bicycling covered by Commuter Connections' Guaranteed Ride Home program

# **Questions?**





### Pit Stops

**NORTHEAST** 

Edgewood Fort Totten NoMa

**NORTHWEST Adams Morgan** Columbia Heights Freedom Plaza

**Georgetown Meigs Park** 

Georgetown Waterfront Park Area

Golden Triangle - L Street Golden Triangle – Murrow Park GoldenTriangle - Farragut Square

Mt. Vernon Triangle

**National Geographic Society** 

SOUTHEAST

Anacostia

Capitol Hill at Eastern Market Capitol Riverfront at Canal Park Coast Guard HQ - Ward 8 SE

**CHARLES** 

**Indian Head FREDERICK** 

Frederick

**MONTGOMERY** 

Bethesda **FDA White Oak** Friendship Heights Gaithersburg

National Institutes of Health Bldg One

Naval Support Activity Bethesda

North Bethesda – US Nuclear Regulatory

**Rock Springs Business Park** Rockville - Fallsgrove

Rockville - Tower Oaks/Wootton

Rockville – Town Center Rockville – Twinbrook

Silver Spring - Discovery Place

Silver Spring – The Blairs (East/West Hwy)

**PRINCE GEORGE'S** 

Bowie - Old Town **Bowie - Town Center Capitol Heights** Herndon College Park – City Hall (Morning) McLean

College Park – Metro (Afternoon)

Greenbelt

**Hyattsville** Mt. Vernon – Collingwood Park

Oxon Hill

Suitland Springfield/Metro Park at Walker Lane

TAKOMA PARK

Takoma Park – Downtown/Old Takoma

Takoma Park – Sligo Creek Trail

Takoma Park – Takoma/Langley Crossroads

**ALEXANDRIA** 

Alexandria – Carlyle

Alexandria – Del Ray Alexandria – Mark Center

Alexandria - Old Town

ARLINGTON Arlington - Ballston

Arlington - Columbia Pike/Penrose Square

Arlington - Crystal City Water Park Arlington – East Falls Church (Afternoon)

Arlington – East Falls Church Metro (Morning)

Arlington – Rosslyn

**FAIRFAX** 

**Burke VRE Station** 

Fair Lakes

Fairfax City Downtown

Fairfax Corner

Falls Church

Merrifield – W&OD Trail

Mosaic

Reston

FAIRFAX (con't)

**Tysons Corner Center** 

Vienna

LOUDOUN

Leesburg

Sterling

**PRINCE WILLIAM** 

**Dumfries** Haymarket

Manassas – George Mason

Manassas – Kelly Leadership Ctr

Manassas - VRE Station

**Rippon Landing VRE Station** Woodbridge - Chinn Center

Woodbridge VRE