



Proclamation

Bike to Work Day 2009

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 health and fitness, reduced parking and health care costs, lowering employee absenteeism and turnover, and increasing employee productivity; and

WHEREAS, Increasing numbers of businesses have installed bicycle parking and shower facilities to help employees commute by bicycle; and

WHEREAS, The federal government has enacted a Bicycle Commuter Tax Provision for incurred costs which employers can pay for such as bicycle purchases, improvements, repair and storage; and

WHEREAS, Increasing numbers of member jurisdictions have added or improved bicycle paths and trails; and

WHEREAS, The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board through its Commuter Connections program promotes bicycling through its Employer Outreach project and the annual Bike to Work event; and

WHEREAS, The month of May is "Clean Air Month" to promote air quality, and May 11-15th 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 proclaims:

Friday May 15, 2009 as Bike to Work Day throughout the Washington Metropolitan Region; and encourages TPB member jurisdictions to adopt similar proclamations in support of the event.

Chairman, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board