



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 over 300 stations within the District of Columbia, Alexandria, Arlington, and Montgomery County; and

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 11th 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 15, 2015 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.