

COMMUTER CONNECTIONS PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Encourage alternatives to SOV commuting

Reduce vehicle trips and miles traveled

Reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality



FY24 MARKETING ACTIVITIES

SPRING/SUMMER SCHEDULE

GRH & Rideshare Spring Umbrella Campaign

Bike to Work Day

Employer Recognition Awards

Flextime Rewards Campaign

Employer Newsletters (Spring & Summer)

CommuterCash launch campaign planning

Commuter Connections 50th Anniversary planning





PROCLAMATION







OBJECTIVES & STRATEGY

bike to work day

• Budget: \$65,000

• Event Date: Friday, May 17, 2024

- Encourage registration at biketoworkmetrodc.org
- Build regional participation
- Promote bicycling as a viable alternative commute mode
- Engage employers and organizations

MEDIA & MARKETING COMPONENTS

bike to work day

- Traditional Radio
- YouTube Video
- Streaming Video
- Mobile & Banner Ads
- Social Media
- Earned Media
- Website
- Email Blast



MEDIA SPEND

bike to work day

Radio	\$35,942.80

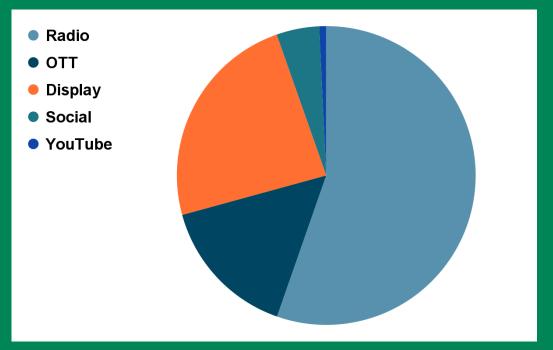
OTT \$10,000

Display \$15,500

Social \$3,000

YouTube \$500

Total \$64,942.80



EARNED MEDIA STRATEGY

bike to work day

- Social media toolkit for sponsors and outreach
- Outreach and toolkit to minorities, schools and women's organizations
- Calendar listings
- Earned media placements
- Direct pitching local media outlets
- Outreach to digital community influencers
- Press releases
- Media advisory



THE NEUROSCIENCE BEHIND BEHAVIOR CHANGE

- Bike to Work Day creative approach informed by emerging neuroscience
- Healthy social connections cause the release of Oxytocin in the brain
- Oxytocin release triggers release of Serotonin
- Serotonin release makes us feel happy and makes us want to repeat and expand activity
- BTWD creative campaign pulls forward social connection aspect of participation, leveraging the science, ultimately leading to longer-term behavior change





COG EMAIL BLAST







RADIO AD BROADCAST

















DIGITAL BANNER ADS















BIKETOWORKMETRODC.ORG FRIDAY, MAY 17 800.745.7433



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SOCIAL MEDIA













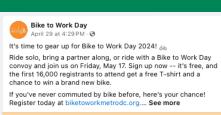






SOCIAL MEDIA (continued)















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VIDEO









SELECTION PROCESS

Employer Recognition Awards

- Judges represented TDM and the business community
- 17 nominations
- Moderated by third party
- Selection committee met on 3/14 to rank winners by silent balloting
- Ceremony to be held in the fall









OBJECTIVES & STRATEGY

Newsletter

Report on relevant TDM news

Promote Commuter Connections services and special events

Reach

- Employer Transportation Coordinators
- Committee members
- Other TDM stakeholders
- Federal ETCs



SPRING NEWSLETTER & FEDERAL ETC INSERT

Newsletter



METRORAIL RED LINE CLOSURES SUMMER 2024

A three-year major capital construction plan recently announced by Metro will modernize the Metrorail system. improve safety and reliability, and maintain a state of good repair. Beginning in June 2024, the work will temporarily close a number of stations along the Red

- Glenmont
- Wheaton
- · Forest Glen
- · Silver Spring
- Takoma

These Montgomery County stations are expected to remain closed through early September. A new mezzanine at the Silver Spring Station will provide easier access between Metro and the future Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) Purple Line Project, Metro will provide passengers with free express and local shuttle buses during the shutdown periods.

Planned work includes:

- · signaling system upgrades
- · communications and train control cable installation
- · interlocking repairs outside Takoma Station to allow trains to cross tracks
- · automatic train control system replacements

on all other lines throughout the system:

- · traction power cables installation
- · drain pumping station and tunnel
- standpipe replacement

· elevator and escalator maintenance Other closures are scheduled to occur periodically through summer 2026, which will affect specific stations

· December 2024 - January 2025: Two-week closures at Farragut West, McPherson Square, lower level of Metro Center (upper-level Red Line open), Federal Triangle, Smithsonian, and Foggy Bottom-GWU to L'Enfant Plaza stations



- Summer 2025: Three-week closures at Franconia-Springfield to King Street, Van Dorn Street, and Franconia-Springfield stations
- · Summer 2025: Six-week closures at Congress Heights to Branch Avenue, Southern Avenue, Naylor Road, Suitland and Branch Avenue stations
- · Winter 2025 Winter 2026: Closure dates and duration to be determined; L'Enfant Plaza to Fort Totten stations
- · Summer 2026: Closure dates and duration to be determined; Friendship Heights to Grosvenor-Strathmore: Medical Center and Bethesda stations

Information on upcoming major construction is available on X: @wmata, @metrorailinfo, @metrobusinfo. Sign up for Metro Alerts text and email messages at www.metroalerts.info.

FEDERAL ETC UPDATES

IS MY COMMUTE BILLABLE? IT DEPENDS



longer the norm for many federal workers. Remote work (newly defined as full-time teleworking) and teleworking several days per week have become standard practice for many white-collar workers.

In this new age of full-time workers with part-time commutes, questions arise around whether commute time is billable time. Federal Times examined guidance on the question and identified scenarios when commuting hours can or cannot be paid.

They found two factors that determine whether commuting should be considered paid or non-paid time. The first is whether such time is covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), and secondly, whether the employee is a remote worker or teleworker.

In most cases, agency management and administrative jobs are exempt from the FLSA. The publication found:

- · if a teleworker begins their workday at home and gets a call from their supervisor that requires them to come into the office, that commute to the office is paid whether or not the employee is covered by the FLSA
- · if a teleworker gets advance notice that they have to he on-site on what would have been a telework day their commute is not paid

- Commuting to the office and back five days per week is no
 a teleworker may choose to use annual leave or paid time off at the end of the workday to leave earlier and commute home; they may also request leave
 - the FLSA says if an employee is required to travel during work hours on official business, that time is paid time
 - · employees can commute during designated breaks and work the rest of the day at home
 - · time spent traveling from home to the agency worksite during the workday is hours of work for both FLSAexempt and FLSA-nonexempt employees
 - · for remote workers in a different time zone than the office, the agency can specify core hours and allow the remote worker to work a flexible schedule

For fully remote workers who do not report to an office with any regularity, the rules slightly differ.

If a remote worker lives within their agency worksite's official duty station and can make the trip to the worksite the same day, travel time to the site is not paid. If, however, one lives outside the official duty station, travel to the site is considered work time and is paid.

SPRING eNEWSLETTER

Metrorail Red Line Closures Summer 2024 (ii) Transfer station Colosed June 1-29 only Beginning June 2024, work along Metrorali's Red Line will temporarily close a number of stations including Glenmont, Wheaton, Forest Glen, Silver Spring, and Takoma. Bike To Work Day 2024 FREE EVENT Register for free at BIKETOWORKMETRODC.ORG Register free for Bike to Work Day Friday, May 17. Those commuting or working from home can participate at 109 pit stop locations. The first 16,000 registered participants get a free T-shirt and bike raffle

More News

Newsletter





OBJECTIVES & STRATEGY

- Budget: \$15,000
- Drive commuters to register for Commuter Connections, download the incenTrip mobile app and participate in the Flextime program.
- Raise awareness about the incentive program and that it's now part of the incenTrip app.

MEDIA SPEND

Flextime Rewards

Digital \$15,000

Total \$15,000

FLEXTIME!

Delay your commute to avoid traffic and earn cash back. Register free for Commuter Connections and

download the

incenTrip app

today to get

started.

DIGITAL BANNER ADS











commute to avoid peak traffic times.

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SOCIAL MEDIA









OTHER PROJECTS

- CommuterCash campaign planning
- Commuter Connections 50th Anniversary September
- Commuter Connections Website Templates
 - Designed home page and inner page templates
 - o Optimized for mobile devices
 - o Improved navigation



