



# *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 employees to commute by bicycle; and

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

**WHEREAS**, a regional bike sharing system, Capital Bikeshare, has reached the milestone of 1.5 million trips and is poised for continued expansion beyond the District of Columbia and Arlington.

**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 14th 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 18, 2012 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 illustrated by the Street Smart campaign.