

## **ITEM 7 – Action**

April 17, 2013

### Approval of Regional Bike to Work Day 2013 Proclamation

**Staff Recommendation:** Approve the enclosed Bike to Work Day 2013 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-two locations in the region for Friday May 17. These events will encourage the business community and other regional decision-makers to support increased bicycle commuting through bicycle-friendly policies and initiatives.

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**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD  
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20002**

**PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING MAY 17, 2013 AS BIKE TO WORK DAY IN  
THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON REGION**

**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 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 200 stations within the District of Columbia, Alexandria and Arlington, 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 13th 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 17, 2013 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.