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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RECOGNIZED FOR BIKE TO WORK DAY PARTICIPATION



Bike to Work Day 2018 had more than 17,200 registered bicyclists. Helping to lead the way with more than 250 registrants was this year's Bike to Work Day Employer Challenge winner, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In partnership with the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, Commuter Connections sponsored a luncheon at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center for EPA employees who participated in Bike to Work Day.

Of 100 Bike to Work Day pit stops in 2018, EPA employees registered at 37, in eight jurisdictions throughout the region. The top five most registered pit stops for EPA employees were Downtown DC at Freedom Plaza, Crystal City Water Park, Rosslyn Gateway Park, Old Town Alexandria, and Alexandria Del Ray.

"Part of the reason why Bike to Work Day has enjoyed such tremendous growth since its inception in the region in 2001, is the influx of new bike commuters; in fact, 15.5 percent of EPA registrants for this year's event indicated they were new to Bike to Work Day," said Nicholas Ramfos, Commuter Connections Director. "By having such terrific passion and enthusiasm for bicycling, The EPA serves as a model for other employers in the region."

Other bike friendly employers in the top five this year included the National Institutes of Health, U.S. State Department, The World Bank, and the U.S. Department of Justice. Plan on encouraging your employees to participate next year for Bike to Work Day 2019, and see if you can be one of the top regional employers. For more information on Bike to Work Day, visit www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.



l to r: Nicholas Ramfos, Director of Commuter Connections; Kristin Frontiera, Development Director, Washington Area Bicyclist Association; Barbara Klieforth and Carolyn Schroeder, EPA Bike Coordinators.



The EPA has a number of buildings within the National Capital Region, and each facility has an employee designated to act as bike coordinator. "Everyone thinks at EPA we bike to work for environmental reasons, but it's only one of the reasons. It's also fun, healthy, and efficient!", said Barbara Klieforth, one of EPA's bike coordinators. Another bike coordinator, Carolyn Schroeder added "Having an employer that supports cyclists by providing bike facilities, such as showers and a protected place to park the bikes, is key; I'm thankful for the biking facilities at EPA."