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Elected officials among the thousands to celebrate Bike to Work Day May 15

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Washington, D.C. — Thousands of cyclists will be joined by elected officials and dignitaries on Friday, May 15 to promote cycling as a healthy, low-cost, and environmentally friendly alternative to drive-alone commuting in the metropolitan Washington region. Officials—from local mayors and council members to U.S. Representative Don Beyer (VA-8) and U.S. Secretary of Labor Tom Perez—are scheduled to visit pit stops across the region to support the more than 15,000 commuters already registered to cycle to and from work as part of Bike to Work Day (BTWD) 2015. Coordinated by Commuter Connections and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA), BTWD festivities are free and will take place at 79 pit stop locations in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.

“We are grateful for the ongoing support from the region’s elected officials and dignitaries,” said Director of Commuter Connections Nicholas Ramfos. “Commuter Connections and WABA would like to thank the participants, volunteers, and sponsors who help Bike to Work Day grow bigger and better each year.”

Bike to Work Day launched in the Washington area in 2001 with just a few hundred registrants and has grown every year since, to nearly 17,000. BTWD receives important support from the generous contributions from regional sponsors, which fund event T-shirts, raffle prizes, and promotions. This year’s top level sponsors include Marriott International, REI, and ICF International.

Participants can choose to ride alone, with a friend, neighbor or co-worker, or join one of the 17 confirmed bicycle convoys to be led by experienced cyclists. Pit stops will feature appearances by elected area officials and dignitaries, refreshments, entertainment, and giveaways.

Those who register through May 15th are automatically entered into a raffle to win one of six sponsor-donated bicycles. Free T-shirts are available for the first 14,000 who register and attend. Novice and experienced cyclists can find resources, locate their local pit

stops, and register at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.

Elected officials and dignitaries are scheduled to visit the following pit stops:

District of Columbia

Adams Morgan pit stop

Brianne Nadeau - District of Columbia Councilmember, Ward 1

Capitol Riverfront at Canal Park pit stop

Charles Allen - District of Columbia Councilmember, Ward 6

Seth Shapiro - Liaison for the Mayor's office, Ward 6

Capitol Hill at Eastern Market Metro pit stop

Charles Allen - District of Columbia Councilmember, Ward 6

Elissa Silverman - District of Columbia Councilmember, At-Large

Edgewood pit stop

Kenyan McDuffie - District of Columbia Councilmember, Ward 5

Fort Totten pit stop

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Freedom Plaza pit stop

David Grosso - District of Columbia Councilmember, At-Large

Phil Mendelson - District of Columbia Council Chair

Brianne Nadeau - District of Columbia Councilmember, Ward 1

Mt. Vernon Triangle pit stop

David Grosso - District of Columbia Councilmember, At-Large

Tom Perez - U.S. Secretary of Labor

Tommy Wells - Director, District Department of the Environment

NoMa pit stop

Nicholas Ramfos – Director, Commuter Connections

Maryland

Bethesda pit stop

Roger Berliner - Montgomery County Councilmember

Peter Franchot – Maryland Comptroller

Michael E. Jackson - Maryland Department of Transportation

Ariana Kelly - Maryland State Delegate

Mark Korman - Maryland State Delegate

Susan Lee – Maryland State Senator

College Park City Hall pit stop

Danielle Glaros - Prince George's County Councilmember, District 3

Patrick Wojahn - City of College Park Councilmember, District 1

Frederick pit stop

Jessica Fitzwater - Frederick County Councilwoman

Randy McClement - City of Frederick Mayor

Michael O'Connor - City of Frederick Alderman

Kelly Russell - City of Frederick Alderman

Greenbelt pit stop

Emmett V. Jordan - Greenbelt Mayor

Edward V.J. Putens - Greenbelt Councilmember

Todd M. Turner - Prince George's County Councilmember

Indian Head pit stop

Debra M. Davis - Charles County Commissioner

John Hartline - Executive Director, Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland

Brandon Paulin - Mayor, Town of Indian Head

Rockville Twinbrook pit stop

Casey Anderson - Montgomery County Planning Board Chair

Rockville Town Center pit stop

Carolyn Biggins - Chief, Division of Transit Services

Julie Palakovich Carr - City of Rockville Councilmember

Sidney Katz - Montgomery County Councilmember

Bridget Donnell Newton - City of Rockville Mayor

Al R. Roshdieh - Acting Director, Montgomery County Department of Transportation

Silver Spring Discovery Place pit stop

Tom Hucker - Montgomery County Councilmember

Hans Reimer - Montgomery County Councilmember

Virginia

Alexandria Carlyle pit stop

Justin Wilson - Alexandria City Council Member

Arlington Columbia Pike/Penrose pit stop

Chuck Bean- COG Executive Director

Arlington Rosslyn pit stop

Don Beyer - US Congressman, Virginia's 8th District

Walter Tejada - Arlington County Board Vice-Chairman

Fairfax City Downtown pit stop

David Bulova - Virginia House of Delegates, District 37

Jeff Greenfield – Fairfax City Councilmember

Eleanor D. Schmidt – Fairfax City Councilmember

McLean pit stop

Barbara Favola - State Senator, District 31

John Foust - Fairfax County Supervisor, Dranesville District

Kathleen Murphy - Virginia House of Delegates, District 34

Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail Station pit stop

Cathy Hudgins - Fairfax County Supervisor, Hunter Mill District

Ken Knueven - Reston Association Board of Directors

Ken Plum - Virginia House of Delegates, District 36

Woodbridge VRE pit Stop

Frank Principi, Prince William County Supervisor, Woodbridge District

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Commuter Connections, www.commuterconnections.org is a program of the National

Capital Region Transportation Planning Board at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, www.mwcog.org. Commuter Connections promotes bicycling to work, transit and other alternatives to drive alone commuting, and provides ridematching for carpools and vanpools, and offers the free Guaranteed Ride Home and 'Pool Rewards programs. Commuter Connections is funded by the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and U.S. Departments of Transportation.

The [Washington Area Bicyclist Association](http://www.waba.org), www.waba.org, creates a healthy, more livable region by promoting bicycling for fun, fitness, and affordable transportation; advocating for better bicycling conditions and transportation choices for a healthier environment, and educating children, adults, and motorists about safe bicycling.

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