



City of Bowie

2614 Kenhill Drive
Bowie, Maryland 20715

MEMORANDUM

To: City Council

From: David J. Deutsch, *DJD* City Manager

Subject: Proclamation #P-7-08
Bike to Work Day

Date: April 17, 2008

This year Bike to Work Day is Friday, May 16th. Bike to Work Day has been held in the Washington, D.C. region for the past several years. This year will be the City's fifth year participating in the event and being designated as a "pit stop" for bicyclists commuting to their school or work place. Bowie has two (2) of more than 25 pit stops in the Maryland/Northern Virginia/Washington, D.C. region and is one (1) of three (3) municipalities with a pit stop in Prince George's County. (The other pit stops are College Park and Hyattsville.)

This year Bowie will again have two (2) pit stops: one at the Food Court in the Bowie Town Center (now in its fifth year) and the other at the Huntington Fire Station in Old Town Bowie (third year). City staff has been in contact with the management of the Town Center and representatives of the Huntington Station to coordinate pit stop activities, and with the City Police to perform bicycle safety checks. The hours at each pit stop will be from 6:30 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. Staff has been attending Bike to Work Day planning meetings at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG). COG, in concert with the Washington Area Bicyclists Association (WABA), has been an organizer of the event for many years. At the City pit stops last year, 25 riders, including several students at St. Pius School, attended the Town Center pit stop; 14 participants were present in Old Town.

The purpose of this Proclamation is to make residents of Bowie and the surrounding area aware of Bike to Work Day, to inform them of Bowie's two (2) designated pit stops in the Bowie Town Center and Old Town Bowie, and to encourage them to use the City's extensive on-road and off-road trail network on Friday, May 16th in biking to their work place or school.

Recommendation

Recognizing the City's involvement and participation in Bike to Work Day, to bring awareness to the City's trail system and to encourage Bowie and area students and residents to bike to their school or place of employment on Friday, May 16th, it is recommended that the Council declare May 16th as Bike to Work Day in Bowie by adopting Proclamation #P-7-08, which is attached.

Attachment

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PROCLAMATION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND
PROCLAIMING MAY 16, 2008 AS BIKE TO WORK DAY
IN THE CITY OF BOWIE

WHEREAS, bicycle commuting is an effective means to improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion and noise, and to conserve energy; and,

WHEREAS, bicycle commuting benefits both employees and employers through better employee health and fitness; reduced commuting, parking, and health care costs; lower employee absenteeism and turnover; and increased employee productivity; and,

WHEREAS, increasing numbers of businesses have installed bicycle parking and other facilities to help employees and customers commute by bicycle; and,

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board, through its Commuter Connections program, is implementing a regional Employer Outreach for Bicycling project; and,

WHEREAS, on Bike to Work Day, the City of Bowie has two designated pit stops, which are located at the Food Court at the Bowie Town Center and the Huntington Fire Station in Old Town Bowie from 6:30 A.M. to 8:30 A.M.; and,

WHEREAS, the month of May is "Clean Air Month" to promote air quality, and "National Bicycle Month" to promote the bicycle as a means of transportation to and from work and for recreation and enjoyment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland hereby proclaims May 16, 2008 as Bike To Work Day 2008 in the City of Bowie, and encourages Bowie and area residents to support the event by biking to their school or work place from the Bowie Town Center or Old Town Bowie pit stops.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a Regular Meeting on the Twenty-First Day of April, 2008.

Bowie City Council
G. Frederick Robinson, Mayor

Attest:

Pamela A. Fleming, City Clerk