




City of Bowie

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Bowie, Maryland 20715

MEMORANDUM

To: City Council

From: David J. Deutsch  City Manager

Subject: Proclamation #P-4-09
Bike to Work Day

Date: April 30, 2009

This year Bike to Work Day is Friday, May 15th. 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 sixth year participating in the event and being designated as a "pit stop" for bicyclists commuting to their work place or school. Bowie has two (2) of more than 24 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 sixth year) and the other at the Huntington Fire Station in Old Town Bowie (fourth 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. 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, 47 individuals, including several students from St. Pius School, registered for the Town Center pit stop; 23 participants pre-registered for the in Old Bowie Town pit stop.

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 15th 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 area students and residents to bike to their school or place of employment on Friday, May 15th, it is recommended that the Council declare May 15th as Bike to Work Day in Bowie by adopting Proclamation #P-4-09, which is attached.

Attachment

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PROCLAMATION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND
PROCLAIMING MAY 15, 2009 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 parking, and health care costs, lowering employee absenteeism and turnover, and increasing 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, increasing numbers of jurisdictions that are members of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), including the City of Bowie, have added or improved bicycle paths or trails; and,

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board, through its Commuter Connections program, promotes bicycling via its Employer Outreach project and the annual Bike to Work Day event; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bowie is again participating in the Washington, D.C. region-wide annual Bike to Work Day for the sixth consecutive year and will have two designated pit stops, which will be located at the Food Court at the Bowie Town Center and at the Huntington Fire Station in Old Town Bowie from 6:30 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. on Friday, May 15th; and,

WHEREAS, the month of May is "Clean Air Month", designed to promote air quality, and May 11th through 15th is National Bike to Work week, intended to promote bicycling as a viable means of transportation to and from work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland hereby proclaims May 15, 2009 as Bike to Work Day 2009 in the City of Bowie, and encourages Bowie and area residents to support the event by biking to their work place (or school) 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 Fourth Day of May, 2009.

Bowie City Council
G. Frederick Robinson, Mayor

Attest:

Pamela A. Fleming, City Clerk