



Bike to Work Day Breaks Regional Record

17,500 cyclists take to the streets to support cycling as a clean commute option

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Washington, D.C. - Commuters swapped gas pedals for bike pedals in the metropolitan Washington region as 17,500 cycled to work for the annual [Bike to Work Day \(BTWD\)](#) event, breaking event records. Registration for the event increased 4 percent over last year. The first BTWD was held in the region in 2001.

Co-organized by Commuter Connections and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA), the event was celebrated at 79 pit-stops within the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Cyclists enjoyed free refreshments, bike tune-ups, games, entertainment, enthusiastic speakers, and lots of pit-stop give-aways. Six bicycles were raffled off and the first 14,000 registrants received an official BTWD 2015 T-shirt, in new wicking fabric.

“We’re grateful for the ongoing support from Bike to Work Day participants, volunteers, sponsors, and elected officials who’ve allowed the event to grow bigger and better each year,” said Director of Commuter Connections Nicholas Ramfos. “Top level regional sponsors this year included ICF International, REI, and Marriott International.”

BTWD comes but once a year; however, [Commuter Connections](#) provides information on bicycling, ridesharing, and transit options for use year-round. BTWD participants are encouraged to test out the many available alternative commuting options and use their favorite on [Car Free Day](#), September 22, 2015.

Follow Commuter Connections on Twitter at [@BikeToWorkDay](#) and use #BTWDC. Bike to Work Day celebrates National Bike Month in 43 major cities throughout the United States.

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[Commuter Connections](#) 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, ridesharing 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, www.commuterconnections.org is funded by the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and U.S. Departments of Transportation.

The [Washington Area Bicyclist Association](#) 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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