85 Pit Stops Around Metropolitan Washington Gear Up to Host Thousands of Area Bike to Work Day Participants

Washington, D.C. (May 18, 2017) – More than 85 pit stops—including several new locations east of the Anacostia River—will welcome Bike to Work Day (BTWD) event participants this Friday, May 19.

The new pit stops, Anacostia River Trail and Twining, will be open to participants from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M., and Wharf/Southwest Waterfront, the District’s first pit stop in the southwest quadrant, will host bicyclists from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Other pit stops are located at employer sites, and along popular commuter routes, scenic trails, and at several Metro stations across the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Each pit stop will welcome bicyclists with refreshments, a free t-shirt for the first 16,000 registered, and a chance to win great prizes.

“Pit stops are a great way for bicyclists to meet and network on their way to work,” said Nicholas Ramflos, Director of Commuter Connections. “The number of area residents who bike to work continues to rise, so we are very pleased to add more pit stops in more neighborhoods each year.”

Congressman Don Beyer (VA-8) will attend the Arlington – Rosslyn pit stop. The youngest mayor in Maryland history, Town of Indian Head Mayor Brandon Paulin, is participating in BTWD in Charles County, and will attend the Indian Head pit stop. See the full list below of over 40 elected officials and dignitaries scheduled to show their support for bicycling to work at this year’s local Bike to Work Day events throughout the region.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Adams Morgan
District of Columbia Councilmember Brianne Nadeau (Ward 1)
Capitol Hill at Eastern Market
District of Columbia Councilmember Charles Allen (Ward 6)
Columbia Heights
District of Columbia Councilmember Brianne Nadeau (Ward 1)

Freedom Plaza
District of Columbia Councilmember Brandon Todd (Ward 4)

MARYLAND

Bethesda
Maryland State Comptroller Peter Franchot
Maryland State Senator Susan Lee
Maryland State Delegates Ariana Kelly and Marc Korman
Constituent Services and Field Representative for Senator Chris Van Hollen, Catherine Provost
Maryland Department of Transportation Deputy Secretary Earl Lewis

College Park – City Hall
City of College Park Mayor Patrick Wojahn

Frederick
Western Maryland Outreach Director for Senator Chris Van Hollen, Julianna Albowicz
City of Frederick Alderman Michael O'Connor
Maryland State Delegates Carol Krimm and Karen Young
Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner
City of Frederick Mayor Randy McClement
City of Frederick Alderman Kelly Russell
Rails to Trails Conservancy Trail Planner Kevin Belanger

Greenbelt
City of Greenbelt Mayor Emmett V. Jordan
Prince George’s County Councilmember Todd M. Turner

Indian Head
Town of Indian Head Mayor Brandon Paulin
Maryland State Delegate Edith Patterson

North Bethesda at Pike & Rose
Montgomery County Council President Roger Berliner (District 1)
Montgomery County Councilmember At-Large Nancy Floreen

Rockville – Town Center
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board Chairman &
City of Rockville Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton

Port Towns – Edmonston
Town of Edmonston Mayor Tracy Farrish Gant
Town of Edmonston Councilmember John Johnson

VIRGINIA
Arlington – Rosslyn
Congressman Don Beyer (VA - 8th District)

Fairfax City Downtown
Virginia Delegate David Bulova (37th District)
City of Fairfax Mayor David L. Meyer
City of Fairfax Councilmember Eleanor D. Schmidt

City of Falls Church
City of Falls Church Mayor David Tarter
City of Falls Church Vice Mayor Marybeth Connelly
City of Falls Church Council Members David Snyder and Letty Hardi

Manassas – VRE
City of Manassas Mayor Hal Parrish Jr.
Historic Manassas Executive Director Debbie Haight
City of Manassas Community Development Administrator and Historian Lisa Sievel-Otten

Reston – Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail Station
Virginia Delegate Ken Plum (District 36)
Fairfax County Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (Hunter Mill District)
Reston Association Board of Directors President Sherri Hebert

“We are really excited to expand our Bike to Work Day social media efforts this year, to include customized Snapchat geofilters, and an Instagram contest so that participants can share the day’s events with friends and family,” said Ramfos.

For Instagram users, BTWD photos with the most likes will win a California Tortilla gift card. Plus, visitors to 10 select pit stops can use customized Snapchat geofilters to share Bike to Work Day photos with family and friends. Participants can also join the conversation on Twitter at #BTWD2017.

Last year, more than 17,500 bicyclists registered for BTWD, celebrating bicycling as a clean, healthy, and affordable means of commuting to work. Registration and information about BTWD 2017 is available at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.

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Commuter Connections, www.commuterconnections.org is a program of the National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board at the Council of Governments. Commuter Connections has provided ridematching services since 1974, promotes bicycling to work, transit and other alternatives to drive alone commuting, and offers the free Guaranteed Ride Home program. Commuter Connections, 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.