



# Mayoral Proclamation

## Bike to Work Day - Friday, May 21, 2021

- WHEREAS, bicycle commuting is an effective means to improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion, and conserve energy; and
- WHEREAS, bicycle commuting benefits both employees and employers through better employee health and fitness as well as reduced commuting and parking costs and reduced congestion; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park is implementing bikeways improvements throughout the City to encourage and facilitate safe and convenient travel by bicycle; and
- WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments promotes bicycling and organizes Bike to Work with the Washington Area Bicyclist Association; and
- WHEREAS, many residents have increased their active transportation during the COVID-19 pandemic, including biking and walking, and residents are encouraged to get exercise by biking on Bike to Work Day even if they are teleworking due to COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS, Takoma Park Housing and Community Development staff coordinates two Bike to Work Day "pit stops" in the City, in partnership with local businesses; and
- WHEREAS, the week of May 17-23 is National Bike to Work Week, which promotes bicycling as a feasible and fun means of transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kate Stewart, Mayor of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, on behalf of the Council, staff and residents, hereby proclaim Friday, May 21, 2021, as Bike to Work Day, and encourage all residents and local employees to register to bike to work by visiting [www.biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org).

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kate Stewart", is written over a horizontal line.

Kate Stewart  
Mayor