



Mayoral Proclamation

Bike to Work Day - Friday, May 19, 2023

- 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; reduced commuting and parking costs; and
- WHEREAS, the low cost of bicycle commuting saves money otherwise spent on fuel, private vehicle maintenance, and parking; 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, Capital Bikeshare's regional bike sharing system continues to expand, with over 600 stations in Maryland, the District of Columbia and Virginia; and
- WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments promotes bicycling and organizes Bike to Work day along with the Washington Area Bicyclist Association; 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 15-22 is National Bike to Work Week, which promotes bicycling as a viable means of transportation to and from work;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Talisha Searcy, Mayor of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, on behalf of the Council, staff and residents, hereby proclaim Friday, May 19, 2023 as Bike to Work Day, and encourage all residents and local employees to register to bike to work by visiting www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.

Dated this 3rd Day of May, 2023.

Talisha Searcy
Mayor