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## **BALTIMORE REGION TO CELEBRATE BIKE TO WORK DAY WITH MORE THAN 1,500 RIDERS ATTENDING 30+ EVENTS**

**BALTIMORE, MD (May 12, 2015)** – More than 1,500 people will meet up at 33 locations around the Baltimore region on **Friday, May 15** for the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Bike to Work Day. Bike to Work Day events throughout the region will feature bicycle tune-ups, riding challenges, free food and prize give-away including two bikes, courtesy of Race Pace Bicycles and The Hub & C’Ville Bikes, for those who register in advanced.

Each event takes place, rain or shine.

“AAA Mid-Atlantic is pleased to partner with the biking and business community to promote the benefits of biking to work. Most cyclists also are motorists, using the same roads, obeying the same traffic laws and sharing the same desire to get to destinations safely,” said Ragina Cooper Averella, Manager of Public and Government Affairs at AAA Mid-Atlantic. “As more commuters will be taking to the road Friday on two wheels instead of four, we are advising motorists to stay alert and share the road not only on Bike to Work Day but all year long.”

Bike to Work Day is a national campaign that celebrates bicycling as a healthy commuting option, while promoting public awareness of its safety and environmental factors. It occurs each year in May, which coincides with both National Bike Month and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council’s Clean Commute Initiative.

The Clean Commute Initiative begins mid-April and continues through June. Clean commuting options are particularly important to the Baltimore region because late spring is the start of the ground-level ozone season, when we hear about code red and orange bad air days. Emissions expelled from single occupancy vehicles contribute significantly to our region's dangerous ozone levels. Bike commuting can improve the air quality.

Bike to Work Day helps raise awareness of the rules of the road for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists and highlights the need to improve bicycle facilities to improve safety. Many

of the Bike to Work Day partners are an integral part of the year-round transportation planning process across the region to improve the roads for everyone.

“Good things are happening for biking in Howard County. We notice an increase in the number of people biking for both transportation and recreation,” said Chris Eatough, bike and pedestrian coordinator for Howard County. “To meet and exceed that demand we are working on infrastructure improvements to make getting around by bike easy for people of all ages and abilities. County Executive Allan Kittleman will be joining us at our Bike to Work Day pit stop at Whole Foods in Columbia on Friday and we are excited to be a part of the best Bike to Work Day so far!”

Details about each event throughout the Baltimore region can be found below:

### **City of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County**

- The Marketplace at the Annapolis City Dock, 7:30-9 a.m., with additional pit-stops and convoys leaving from:
  - Eastern Mountain Sports in Parole, 7-8:30 a.m.
  - The Light House in Parole, 7:15-7:45 a.m.
  - Severna Park, 7-8:30 a.m., at Pedal Pushers Bicycle Shop and the Big Bean
  - Severna Park at the Ranger Station on the B&A Trail at 51 West Earleigh Heights Road
- Annapolis Junction, 7-8 a.m., at Cafe Joes
- Arundel Mills, 7-8 a.m., at Panera Bread
- Hanover will host a **Bike From Work** event in the afternoon
- The Maryland Department of Transportation, 3:30-5 p.m., on the Patio
- Odenton, 7-8 a.m., at Baltimore Coffee & Tea Company

### **Baltimore City**

- Baltimore City Department of Transportation, 7-9 a.m., at Baltimore City Hall
- 750 East Pratt LLC & Hord Coplan Macht, 7-9 a.m., on Pratt Street in front of the IMET Facility next to the Coast Guard Ship
- Baltimore Bicycle Works, 7-9 a.m., at 1813 Falls Road
- The Baltimore National Aquarium will host an event for employees only
- The Baltimore Red Line, 7-9 a.m., at Light and Lombard streets
- Joe’s Bike Shop of Mount Washington, 7-9 a.m., at Bellmore Road and Roland Avenue
- Johns Hopkins University East Baltimore campus, 6:30-9 a.m., at 1620 McElderry Street
- Johns Hopkins University Homewood campus, 7-9 a.m., at Mason Hall
- Maryland Department of the Environment, 7-9 a.m., at Montgomery Park
- Maryland State Highway Administration, 7-9 a.m., at Guilford and Monument streets
- MindGrub Technologies, 6:30-9 a.m., at 1215 East Fort Avenue

- University of Maryland Medical Center, 6:30-9 a.m., at Greene and Lombard streets
- Waterfront Partnership and Joe's Bike Shop, 7-9 a.m., at Aliceanna and President streets

### **Baltimore County**

- Catonsville, 6-9 a.m., at Santa's House/Fire Station
- Owings Mills, 7-9 a.m., Edaptive Systems Inc.
- Timonium, 7-8:30 a.m., at REI Timonium
- Towson, 7-9 a.m., at the Towson Courthouse in Patriot's Plaza
- White Marsh, 8-10 a.m., at IKEA Baltimore with a group ride from the Community College of Baltimore County Essex at 8:30 a.m.

### **Carroll County**

- Westminster, 12-1 p.m., at the Carroll County Government Building

### **Harford County**

- Aberdeen
  - Aberdeen Proving Ground North will host an event for employees only on **Wednesday, May 13** at Erie and Raritan streets, 7-9 a.m.
  - Aberdeen Proving Ground South will host an event for employees only on **Friday, May 22** at 5002 Hoadley Road, 7-9 a.m.
- Bel Air, 7-9 a.m., at Harford County Government Building

### **Howard County**

- Columbia, 7 to 9 a.m., at the Whole Foods at Lake Kittamaquundi

Additional employee-based events also will take place throughout the region. Check with your employer to find out how you can participate. For more information on Bike to Work Day – specifically regarding [commuting resources](#) or BMC's Clean Commute Initiative, go to [www.baltometro.org](http://www.baltometro.org), or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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