



City Council

Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Bicycle Commuter Month

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Proclaim May as Bicycle Commuter Month.

Report

Issue:

Whether to proclaim May as Bicycle Commuter Month.

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Duncan Green, Intercity Transit, Bicycle Commuter Challenge Coordinator

Background and Analysis:

The 32nd Annual Thurston County Bicycle Commuter Challenge (BCC) happens in May. Duncan Green from Intercity Transit, which runs the BCC, will receive the proclamation.

Last year, more than 1,100 people in Thurston County took part in the BCC, counting their practical trips taken by bicycle. They biked a total of 99,901 miles to places like stores, work, school, or to run errands. This prevented about 50 tons of greenhouse gases from entering the atmosphere, reduced wear and tear on our streets, and prevented toxins from going into the water.

Among those people were 30 City employees and family members, who rode a total of 2,115 miles and prevented about a ton of greenhouse gas emissions.

This year, the City recently finished building a bicycle and pedestrian pathway that links the end of Ensign Road to the Chehalis Western Trail. The pathway connects residents and employees in the Lilly Road area to the more than 43 miles of paved trails in Thurston County. The City is also continuing to work on a Transportation Master Plan, which will help identify and prioritize projects to make it easier for people to get around on a bicycle in Olympia.

Attachments:

Proclamation