

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver
Proclamation CP15-0384

Designating the week of June 22 through June 26 as “Bike Week”
and Wednesday, June 24, as “Bike to Work Day” in Denver

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver partners with the Denver Regional Council of Governments, local bicycling organizations, and cycling enthusiasts each year to plan activities and events intended to promote awareness of the benefits of bicycling; and

WHEREAS, Bike to Work Day is an annual event designed to encourage people to ride their bicycles for transportation on a consistent basis to reduce congestion, improve air quality and benefit public health; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works hosts the Civic Center Park breakfast station, one of the largest in the region, where cyclists celebrate their commute to work with free snacks, raffle prizes, music, and educational outreach offered by organizations in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works is a major contributor in the planning and implementation of Denver’s bicycle infrastructure; implementing at least 15 miles of new bikeways annually and, this year, installing two protected bikeways on Arapahoe and Lawrence Streets downtown, with vertical separation between bikes and cars; and whose plans to install more protected bikes lanes are contributing to Denver’s designation as a top bicycling city and its inclusion in the People for Bikes Green Lane project, which provides technical assistance in the installation of bike lanes; and

WHEREAS, the city now has more than 140 miles of on-street bike lanes and sharrows and more than 100 miles of off-street trails offering recreational opportunities along scenic routes, and is in the process of constructing the 35th/36th street bridge, an important pedestrian and bicycle connection from the new RTD East Line and will begin work on the Brighton Blvd bicycle facility in late 2015; and

WHEREAS, Denver is supporting bicycling in other new and creative ways, offering on-street bike corrals and bike sharing stations near places where people gather, with the goal of supporting local businesses and making bike riding an attractive way to get around for more of Denver’s residents; and

WHEREAS, bicycle and pedestrian safety and infrastructure continues to be a top priority for the Denver City Council of the City and County of Denver, which is supporting funding for additional and expedited multimodal improvements that will increase bicycling in our city.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council designates the week June 22 through June 26, 2015, as “Bike Week” and June 24 as “Bike to Work Day” and encourages citizens to keep their “Heads Up” and watch out for one another and stay safe this summer, no matter what your mode of travel.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation, and that a copy hereof be forwarded to the Manager of Public Works.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 22, 2015

PRESIDENT