

Designating the week of June 25 through June 29 as "Bike to Work Week" and Wednesday, June 27, as "Bike to Work Day" in Denver

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver partners with the Denver Regional Council of Governments, local bike organizations, and bike 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 where people on bikes can 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 celebrates continued progress building out its citywide bike network and ramping up efforts in the coming years to implement 25 miles of bikeways annually as recommended in Denver's Vision Zero Action Plan and – this year – installing a new grade-separated cycle track on Brighton Boulevard in the River North District; and adding new bike lanes on Ulster Street, Florida Avenue, 19th Avenue, and 20th Avenue and whose plans to install additional bike infrastructure and to upgrade existing bike infrastructure are contributing to Denver's designation as a top bicycling city; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works continues to build out the city's bicycle network to provide people with convenient and connected access, with the goal of ensuring every household is within a two-minute bike ride, or one-quarter of a mile, of a comfortable and low stress facility to make bike riding an attractive way to get around for more commuters: and

WHEREAS, Denver will keep growing the city's bike network and will plan improvements this year for 50 miles of bikeways, which will be rolled out in the city over the next several years thanks to our Denver voters who overwhelmingly approved the Denver 2017 GO Bond in November of last year.

WHEREAS, bicycle and pedestrian safety 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 25 through June 29, 2017, as "Bike Week" and June 27 as "Bike to Work Day" and encourages citizens to 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 25, 2018