



Proclamation 21-1086
Designating Wednesday, September 22, 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 Transportation and Infrastructure hosts a breakfast station, one of the largest in the region, where Denverites celebrate riding a bike to work with free breakfast, prizes, music, and educational outreach offered by organizations in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure works with the community to plan and develop Denver’s bicycle infrastructure, striving to ensure that every household is within one-quarter mile of a high-comfort facility; and whose plans to install 125 miles of bikeways by the end of 2023 are contributing to Denver’s designation as a top bicycling city and making it easier for anyone to choose taking a bike wherever they may be going; and

WHEREAS, the city now has more than 270 miles of bikeways, including over 40 miles of new and upgraded bikeways installed in 2020 alone, and more than 90 miles of off-street trails offering recreational opportunities along scenic routes; and

WHEREAS, Denver is supporting bicycling in new and creative ways, such as offering on-street bike corrals, access to shared bikes, and initiating programs, such as rebate programs, that expand access to personal electric bicycles, with the goal of supporting local businesses and all of Denver’s residents; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero Program continues to be a top priority for the Mayor and Denver City Council, investing in improvements that make it safer to walk and bike in Denver, working to reduce vehicle speeds, increasing education, implementing Safe Routes to School programs, and implementing policy changes that continue to prioritize safe and convenient access for those who walk, bike, take transit, and drive; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens of Denver have voted to support bicycle and multimodal investments and improvements, including the Elevate Bond Program in 2017, the establishment of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure in 2019, and the Climate Protection Fund in 2020,

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

Section 1. That the Council designates September 22 as “Bike to Work Day” and encourages citizens to watch out for one another and stay safe, 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 Executive Director of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 20, 2021

PRESIDENT