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Promoting “Bike to Work” Events

“Bike to Work Day” in Los Angeles County (County) is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2017. To encourage employees and the public to bike to work on this day, the County’s Rideshare Program is hosting an official “Metro Bike to Work Pit Stop” (Pit Stop) which will promote bicycling as a sustainable commuting strategy that has positive health and environmental benefits.

The Pit Stop will be located on the Temple Street Lawn from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., near Parking Lot 22 (Nate’s Lot) on the corner of Temple Street and Grand Avenue. The Pit Stop will be open to all County employees and members of the public, and provide cyclists with refreshments, rideshare promotional items, Metro bike maps, and bike safety information. The County’s Rideshare Team will make available tire pressure gauges, air pumps, and a loaner tool kit for cyclists. There will also be pop-up tents and chairs for tired cyclists.

The County’s Rideshare Team will also make available “Guaranteed Ride Home” vouchers if the bicycle that employees used to ride to work breaks down and they are unable to ride it home. The “Guaranteed Ride Home” Program is a free service for County employees who bike to work or participate in other rideshare programs, which pays the cost to get them home in case of an emergency or unplanned overtime.

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The Rideshare Program is also coordinating a “Pledge to Bike to Work” campaign to encourage employees to bike to work on Thursday, May 18th. Employees that complete the pledge form and fulfill the bike pledge will be included in a drawing to win a “Rideshare Swag Bag”, which includes a Rideshare backpack and other Rideshare promotional items.

Each County Department has an Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC) that is tasked with promoting the County’s Rideshare programs and assisting employees with their rideshare needs. Employees that want to participate can obtain the “Bike to Work” Pledge Form from their local ETC, or download the form from www.rideshare.lacounty.gov.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Proclaim May 2017 as “Bike to Work Month”, May 15, 2017 to May 19, 2017 as “Bike to Work Week”, and Thursday, May 18, 2017, as “Bike to Work Day” throughout the County of Los Angeles;
2. Encourage all employees and members of the public to rideshare regularly and participate in the County’s Bike to Work event, which includes:
 - a. Visiting Metro’s “Bike to Work Pit Stop” on the Temple Street Lawn between 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2017; and
 - b. Requesting the Civic Center Employee Transportation Coordinators to encourage their employees to participate in the “Pledge to Bike to Work” campaign; and
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Human Resources to incur incidental expenses above her delegated authority to pay for refreshments for the “Bike to Work” event, at a cost not to exceed \$500.00.

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