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To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: David Godfrey, P.E. Transportation Engineering Manager
Kathy Brown, Public Works Director

Date: May 5, 2016

Subject: BIKE EVERYWHERE DAY PROCLAMATION

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Mayor proclaim Friday May 20, 2016, as Bike Everywhere Day in Kirkland.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

May is National Bike Month, sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities throughout the United States.

For many years May has been designated Bike to Work Month by Cascade Bicycle Club, and the 3rd Friday of May has been Bike to Work Day. The City of Kirkland has partnered with Cascade to sponsor a station at Marina Park for 15 years. An additional City sponsored station on the Cross Kirkland Corridor (CKC) was added last year. Higher station attendance is dependent on good weather, but in recent years approximately 100 bicyclists have been counted at each station.

This year the City of Kirkland Bike Everywhere staff team is working with a city volunteer who has solicited donations of food and beverages to be given to riders who stop at the stations. Local stores, such as Safeway, QFC, Starbucks and Caffe Ladro have made donations. Kirkland Bicycle Shop perennially supports the stations by donating the services of a bicycle mechanic and giving away tire repair kits. Metro Transit and King County have also participated at Kirkland's stations



Figure 1 Bike to Work Day Station at Marina Park

The Bike Everywhere Challenge allows people to form teams and compare the number of trips that they have completed. There are a record number of 39 city employees on five different teams that are participating in the challenge this year.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming May 20, 2016 as "Bike Everywhere Day" in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council envisions a city where people of all ages and abilities have the option of bicycling –safely and conveniently-- everywhere, every day and has adopted a Transportation Master Plan and Comprehensive Plan with policies that will achieve this aspiration; and

WHEREAS, biking supports an active, healthy lifestyle, and helps Kirkland meet goals in the Environment element of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland recognizes the importance of bicycle safety and is one of a handful of cities in Washington that has adopted a Vision Zero policy calling for elimination deaths or serious injuries from our transportation system by 2035; and

WHEREAS, again this year, the City of Kirkland has partnered with the Cascade Bicycle Club to host two Bike Everywhere Day "Celebration Stations", one in Marina Park and the other on the CKC near 6th Street S; and

WHEREAS, the month of May 2016 has been designated Bike Everywhere month; and

WHEREAS, people who live work or play in Kirkland are encouraged to bicycle everywhere every day, but particularly on May 20, 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Amy Walen, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 20, 2016, as "Bike Everywhere Day" in the City of Kirkland, Washington and encourage Kirkland residents to participate in this event.

Signed this 17th day of May, 2016

Amy Walen, Mayor