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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Kathy Brown, Public Works Director
Joel Pfundt, Transportation Manager
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Date: April 22, 2019

Subject: BIKE EVERYWHERE MONTH PROCLAMATION

RECOMMENDATION:

The Mayor proclaims May 2019 as "Bike Everywhere Month" in Kirkland.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The City is devoted to building and sustaining a thriving community by creating a livable, walkable, vibrant, accessible, and sustainable Kirkland for all residents. Bike-friendly communities have been shown to improve residents' health, well-being, and quality of life. They also serve to grow the economy, improve traffic safety, and reduce pollution and congestion. To better implement this vision, the City adopted the 2015 *Transportation Master Plan* and the 2009 *Active Transportation Plan (ATP)*. As outlined in those plans, the City continues to provide balance across modes of transportation, increase safety and accessibility for all users, and provide bike facilities for people of all ages and abilities. The City is currently embarking on an update to the ATP to support the implementation of the City's Vision Zero commitment, to build high quality bicycle and pedestrian networks for people of all ages and abilities that will connect people to destinations and transit, and to continue to make Kirkland a more walk and bike friendly community.

Throughout the month of May, the City, in partnership with other regional organizations, will promote greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education. The goal is to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities, as well as to improve health and safety for everyone on the road. On May 17th, 2019, the City will help our region celebrate Bike Everywhere Day by participating in the setup and staffing of "Celebration Stations" at Marina Park and the lid/park over SR-520 at Evergreen Point that morning between 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

May is National Bike Month across the nation and the Council recognizes this as an opportunity to support and emphasize the health, safety, and active lifestyle of residents by proclaiming May as Bike Everywhere Month in Kirkland.

Attachment A: Proclamation



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming May 2019 as "Bike Everywhere Month" in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, biking is an economical, healthy, and environmentally sound form of transportation; and

WHEREAS, May is recognized and celebrated as National Bike Month across the United States, and Washington State continues to be the top bicycle-friendly state since 2008, according to the League of American Bicyclists ranking; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland is dedicated to balanced transportation by reducing reliance on single-occupancy vehicles and improving connectivity and multi-modal mobility in Kirkland in order to maintain and enhance travel times, safety, health, and transportation choices; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the Active Transportation Plan in March 2009 and the Transportation Master Plan in November 2015 with the goal of enhancing safety and accessibility for all users and providing bike facilities for people of all ages and abilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Penny Sweet, Mayor of the City of Kirkland, Washington do hereby proclaim May as "Bike Everywhere Month" in Kirkland, encourage all residents to participate in this annual activity, and to always consider the safety of bicyclists.

Signed this 7th day of May, 2019

Penny Sweet, Mayor