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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager

**From:** Julie Underwood, Director of Public Works  
Joel Pfundt, Transportation Division Manager  
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**Date:** May 6, 2021

**Subject:** BIKE EVERYWHERE MONTH PROCLAMATION

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Mayor proclaim May 2021 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 currently is 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 and in partnership with other regional organizations such as Cascade Bicycle Club, the City will promote greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education as well as guidelines for cyclists to practice during the pandemic to ensure the safety of the Kirkland community as a whole. The goal is to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities, as well as to improve health and safety for everyone on the road. During the pandemic, when most people have been restricted for activities, it is even more important for people of all ages and abilities to be as active as possible. Also, over the past year Kirkland, like other cities in the region, has experienced a significant growth in bike ridership throughout different neighborhoods.

While proclaiming May as Bike Everywhere Month, the City encourages all residents to participate in Bike Month through virtual, solo, or safely distanced activities. This year, all bike-related celebrations and events in the region are modified according to social distancing requirements. Consistent with public health guidelines and recommendations, the City will support our region by promoting and celebrating Bike Month and Bike Everywhere Day on May 21, 2021.



# A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

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## Proclaiming May 2021 as "Bike Everywhere Month" in Kirkland, Washington

**WHEREAS**, biking is an economical, healthy, and environmentally sound form of transportation and a great way to maintain social distancing while enjoying Kirkland's scenic beauty on the roads and trails to access local destinations, workplaces, and other businesses, supporting Kirkland's response to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 activity, and to always consider the safety of bicyclists.

Signed this 18th day of May, 2021

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Penny Sweet, Mayor