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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: April 21, 2022

Subject: BIKE EVERYWHERE MONTH PROCLAMATION

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Mayor proclaim May 2022 as "Bike Everywhere Month" in Kirkland.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The City is committed 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)*. An update to the *Active Transportation Plan* is underway. Staff has published a draft, and the Council is anticipated to act on the final version this summer. 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.

Throughout the month of May and in partnership with other regional entities like Kirkland Greenways, Cascade Bicycle Club, and the City of Bellevue, Kirkland will promote greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety. This is as important as ever, with sales of bicycles having increased during the pandemic. The goal is to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities, and to improve health and safety for everyone on the road.

On May 20, 2022 – Bike Everywhere Day – there will be "celebration stations" at Marina Park and Evergreen Point Park & Ride/520 Trail, resuming our practice from prior to the pandemic. City staff and volunteers will distribute giveaways and cheer on people riding bicycles. In 2020 and 2021 there were no celebration stations.

The City encourages all residents to participate in Bike Everywhere Month.

Proclamation



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming May 2022 as "Bike Everywhere Month" in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, biking is an economical, healthy, and environmentally sound form of transportation and a great way to enjoy Kirkland's scenic beauty on roads and trails to access local destinations, workplaces, and other businesses; 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; and

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

WHEREAS, Washington State continues to be the top bicycle-friendly state since 2008, according to the League of American Bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, May is National Bike Month, promoted by the League of American Bicyclists;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Penny Sweet, Mayor of the City of Kirkland, Washington do hereby proclaim May as "Bike Everywhere Month" in Kirkland.

Signed this 3rd day of May, 2022

Penny Sweet, Mayor