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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Julie Underwood, Public Works Director
Sarah R Olson, Deputy Director of Public Works – Engineering & Planning
Stephen Padua, Transportation Manager
Blair Daly, Transportation Program Coordinator

Date: April 8, 2026

Subject: **Proclaiming May 2026 as Bike Everywhere Month**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that Mayor Curtis, on behalf of the City Council, proclaims May 2026 as Bike Everywhere Month in Kirkland.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- By proclaiming May 2026 as Bike Everywhere Month, all community members are encouraged to enjoy the benefits of bicycling for recreation and sustainable transportation.
- This proclamation aligns with the City Council's goals pertaining to balanced transportation; sustainable environment; and abundant parks, open spaces, and recreational services.
- This proclamation is part of the City Council's adopted 2026 proclamation schedule.

BACKGROUND:

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 Transportation Strategic Plan, last updated by the Council in 2024, and the Active Transportation Plan, last updated by the Council in 2022. 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. More information on how Kirkland supports biking may be found on the City's website.¹

¹ <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Government/Departments/Public-Works-Department/Transportation/Getting-Around-Transportation-Division/Biking>

Bike Everywhere Month has its roots in the establishment of May as National Bike Month by the League of American Bicyclists in 1956. The League sponsors the event annually to promote and celebrate bicycling, aiming to foster a "Bicycle Friendly America." While the initial focus was on highlighting the benefits of biking and commuting to work by bicycle, the event has evolved into a broader celebration of cycling for transportation, recreation, and overall well-being.

Resources for learning about biking opportunities include: Cascade Bicycle Club,² King County Regional Trails / Leafline,³ Seattle's Bike Webmap,⁴ and the League of American Bicyclists.⁵

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Discussion/Analysis is captured in the background.

NEXT STEPS:

On May 13, 2026, Kirkland will participate in Bike Everywhere Day with celebration stations at the Evergreen Point Park & Ride/520 Trail and at Feriton Spur Park. City staff and volunteers will distribute giveaways and cheer on people riding bicycles to encourage residents and visitors to participate in Bike Everywhere Day.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 – Bike Everywhere Month Proclamation

² [cascade.org/](https://www.cascade.org/)

³ kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dnrp/nature-recreation/parks-recreation/king-county-parks/trails/leafline-trails

⁴ seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/bike-program/bike-web-map

⁵ bikeleague.org/



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Bike Everywhere Month May 2026

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

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

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland is dedicated to balanced transportation by reducing reliance on driving alone and improving connectivity and multi-modal mobility; and

WHEREAS, the growing popularity of electric bicycles is enabling more people to ride longer distances and replace trips by car with trips by bicycle; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted an Active Transportation Plan and a Transportation Strategic Plan, 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, the City launched a Bike Stewards Program featuring volunteer bike valets who look after community members' bikes while they enjoy downtown shops and sights on select days, which supports more people visiting downtown via bike; and

WHEREAS, the City supports all community members biking everywhere through investments such as bike lanes, greenways, and the Cross Kirkland Corridor, and the City maintains a webpage with comprehensive information on cycling, including educational videos, Kirkland bicycle infrastructure maps, cycling safety tips, tips for locking your bike, combining biking with transit, and much more.

NOW, THEREFORE, Mayor Kelli Curtis, on behalf of the City Council, proclaims May 2026 as "Bike Everywhere Month" in Kirkland and encourages all community members to participate in Bike Everywhere Month in ways that are meaningful to them.

Signed this 5th day of May, 2026

Kelli Curtis, Mayor