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**Bike to Work**

May is Bike to Work Month and there are a number of ways that your worksite can become involved. Take advantage of the upcoming events so that you can promote a greener, healthier commute that reduces trips and relieves roadway congestion.

Starting with the Bike Commute Challenge, your employees can sign up and form teams that will be able to compete for prizes, including dinner for 10 at Buco di Beppos. The "Challenge" is to change your habits and give healthy commuting a try at least once a week for a month. The Challenge also offers an opportunity for experienced riders to encourage newbies to join them. Registration is currently open with the Challenge beginning on May 17.

The events continue with Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 21. Bike to Work Day in Snohomish County gives first-time bike commuters, die-hard regulars and fair-weather cyclists a chance to ride and celebrate together. There will be seven celebration stations set up throughout Snohomish County and the City of Bothell offering refreshments, free bike safety checks, prizes and much more. Cyclists that stop by each station will have the chance to enter a raffle where they can win a Raleigh Detour bicycle!

To learn more about the Bike Commute Challenge and Bike to Work Day visit:  
<http://www.communitytransit.org/Programs/BikeToWork.cfm>

**Governor Commute Smart Awards**

Did you know that there are 28,000 fewer vehicles on the road every weekday thanks to employers and communities across the state that support commute trip reduction programs? That's enough vehicles to stretch single file from Olympia to Everett.

Approximately 530,000 people are employed at worksites that participate in commute trip reduction programs. This translates to 62 million fewer vehicle miles traveled annually and saves three million gallons of fuel and 27,490 metric tons of greenhouse gases.

Governor Chris Gregoire recognized the efforts of these employers and communities today by announcing the winners of the 2010 Governor's Commute Smart Awards at a ceremony hosted at the Governor's Mansion in Olympia.

Sabrina Combs of the City of Bothell and KC McNeil of Romac Industries each brought home an award for Employee Transportation Coordinator Champion for Affected and Voluntary worksites respectively. In addition Community Transit's Curb the Congestion Program received a Governor Commute Smart Community Award for its efforts to reduce trips from 164th, 128th and 20th streets in Snohomish County.

To see a complete list of winners visit

[http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/News/2010/04/14\\_CommuteSmartAwardWinners.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/News/2010/04/14_CommuteSmartAwardWinners.htm)

To learn more about Curb the Congestion visit

<http://www.communitytransit.org/Programs/curbit.cfm>

## **Wheel Options Results**

Spring's Wheel Options campaign picked up where Fall left off with over 800 participants choosing to use a commute alternative between March 14 and March 27. By choosing to take the bus, carpool, vanpool, walk, bike, telework or work a compressed work week, Snohomish County participants made a positive impact on our roadways.

This impact is reflected in the following statistics captured during the two week campaign:

- 6,458 trips removed
- 9,011 gallons of gas saved
- \$28,565 saved
- 175,631 LBs of Carbon Dioxide prevented
- 648 LBs of Hydrocarbon prevented
- 5,902 LBs of Carbon Monoxide prevented

That's not all! Tina Champeaux of Washington State Department of Social and Health Services Smokey Point in Arlington also won a \$100 American Express gift card for participating. For a complete list of prize winners including the Grand Prize Trip to Hawaii, visit:

<http://www.wheeloptions.org/Winners/22.aspx>.

## **Dates to Remember**

**Monday, May 17, 2010**

**Bike Commute Challenge**

Commit to biking to work at least once a week during this 5-week challenge, motivate your co-workers to do the same and win great prizes. Simple. The Challenge officially begins on Monday, May 17. Registration is currently open and will remain open until June 4, 2010.

### **Thursday, May 20, 2010**

#### **The new Rideshareonline.com**

Community Transit will host an online training to see and touch the new RideshareOnline.com. The new version has ETC reporting and you can customize your employer page. We will walk you through the process of building your information in this hands-on training. The training will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2 – 4 p.m. at Community Transit's IT Training Room, 2300 Kasch Park Road, Building D, Everett 98204.

Please contact [debbie.anderson@commtrans.org](mailto:debbie.anderson@commtrans.org) if you plan to attend. This class is limited to 12 participants.

### **Friday, May 21, 2010**

#### **Bike to Work Day**

While you get that heart pumping, the planet and your wallet get healthier, too. Biking to work? It's just another smart way to make a positive difference in your life, in your world.

Bike to Work Day is Friday, May 21. There will be seven Celebration Stations around Snohomish County.