

Resolution

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING

BIKE COMMUTE WEEK

WHEREAS, forty percent of Bay Area Commuters, approximately 1,000,000 people, live five miles or less from their worksite-an ideal distance for bicycle commuting; and

WHEREAS, if every Bay Area solo driver living within five miles of his/her office biked on Bike to Work Day there would be over 600,000 fewer vehicles on the road, keeping more than 100 tons of pollution out of the Bay Area's air; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Bay Area residents live near transit and Bay Area transit is bicycle-friendly, including CalTrain, which provides Bike Cars on all commuter trains; and

WHEREAS, bicycle transportation is an integral part of the multi-modal transportation system planned for by federal, state, regional, and local transportation government agencies; and

WHEREAS, a 1999 Bike to Work Day survey has shown that nearly forty percent of those who participated in Bike to Work Day were first time bike commuters, and of those, thirty-two percent have continued to bike to work since the event; and

WHEREAS, Bike Commute Week has incredible potential to increase bicycle commuting in San Mateo County, providing benefits for public health, the environment, and the reduction of traffic; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo provides subsidies to County employees who bike at least twice a week, each week of the month to work; and


WHEREAS, the California Bicycle Coalition, the American Lung Association of California, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, numerous local, regional, and county bicycle coalitions, and many private and public groups and individuals have worked together to promote Bike Commute Week; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday May 15, 2003, tens of thousands of Bay Area residents are expected to bicycle on Bike to Work Day, and over one hundred Energizer Stations and many other supportive events will occur to promote bicycle commuting in the Bay Area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of San Mateo strongly supports California Bike Commute Week; and that the County of San Mateo encourages all residents to Take the Healthy Commute and Bike to Work, School, or Transit during Bike Commute Week May 12-16th 2003.

DATED: May 1, 2003

SUPERVISORS:


ROSE JACOBS GIBSON, PRESIDENT



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