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**May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 is 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike to Work Day;  
Vacaville Resident Named Solano Bike Commuter of the Year**

SUISUN CITY, CA - May 9<sup>th</sup> marks the San Francisco Bay Area's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike to Work Day when nearly 150,000 commuters are expected to pedal to work or school as part of the National Bike Month.

With global warming, increased gas prices, rising obesity rates and the daily stress of sitting in bumper-to-bumper traffic, more Bay Area residents are turning to bicycling for their daily commutes. "Bike to Work Day is a great day to try bicycle commuting for the first time!" says Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Chair and Vacaville Mayor Steve Hardy.

Each year, one person is chosen from each of the nine Bay Area counties to receive a Metropolitan Transportation Commission award in recognition of their exemplary commitment to commuting by bicycle as the Bike Commuter of the Year. **Don Lopez of Vacaville** has been selected as **Solano County's 2013 Bike Commuter of the Year**. Don, a Spanish teacher at Vacaville High School, has used his bike to get to and from work every day for 13 years! He has been a positive example for his students as well as the community.

Starting May 1st, enthusiastic bicyclists began signing up for this year's "Team Bike Challenge." The **Team Bike Challenge** encourages bicycle commuters to recruit their colleagues, friends and neighbors to ride their bicycles to work, school and other destinations during the month of May. Participants will compete against other teams to earn the most commute points and win great prizes! Go to [www.youcanbikethere.com](http://www.youcanbikethere.com) to sign up.

Sixteen (16) **Energizer Stations** providing snacks, encouragement and a free reusable tote bag to bicyclists can be found at the following Solano locations on May 9<sup>th</sup>:

<b>City</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
Benicia	Benicia Bridge Bike Path (Park Rd)	6:15 - 8:30am
Dixon	Fisk's Cyclery, 539 N Adams St	8:00am - 6:00pm
Fairfield	County Building, 675 Texas St	7:00 - 9:00am
Fairfield	Fairfield Linear Park Trail, off Pennsylvania near NorthBay Medical Ctr	6:30 - 8:30am
Fairfield	Ray's Cycle, 1121 Texas St	9:30am - 6:00pm
Fairfield	Armijo High School	8:00-10:00am
Fairfield	Sutter Health - Busch Dr @ Chadbourne	3:00 - 6:00pm
Rio Vista	Town Hall, One Main St	7:00 - 9:00am
Suisun City	Amtrak Station, Main & Lotz Sts	6:00 - 8:30am
Travis AFB	Family Support Center, 351 Travis Bl, TAFB	7:00 - 9:00am
Vacaville	VacaValley Pkwy & New Horizons Wy	7:00 - 8:30am
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Vacaville	Ray's Cycle, 400 Main Street	9:30am - 6:00pm
Vacaville	Vacaville Transportation Center, Allison & Ulatis	7:00 - 8:30am
Vallejo	Vallejo Ferry Terminal	6:00 - 9:00am
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Solano Bike to Work Day 2013 is presented by 511.org and Kaiser Permanente, with promotions organized by Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI), a program of the STA. Additional activities include the Team Bike Challenge and sixteen Energizer Stations that will be sponsored throughout Solano County. Bike to Work Day is funded by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. For more information on **Bike to Work Day activities, such as the Team Bike Challenge and Energizer Stations, visit [www.commuterinfo.net](http://www.commuterinfo.net) or call 800-535-6883.**