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**May 14th, 2015 is 21st Annual Bike to Work Day;
 Nominations Sought for Solano Bike Commuter of the Year**

SUISUN CITY, CA - May 14th marks the San Francisco Bay Area's **21st 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.

Bicycling is an easy, efficient and healthy way to get to work, run errands and much more. "Bike to Work Day is the best day to try bicycle commuting for the first time!" says Elizabeth Patterson, Chair of STA and Mayor of the city of Benicia. The majority of automobile trips are less than two miles long – barely worth the time and fuel it takes to pull into traffic!

The Bike Commuter of the Year Awards recognize Bay Area residents who are committed to using their bicycles to get to work. Every year, one winner is chosen from each of the nine Bay Area counties. Last year's Solano County winner was James Oliver of Vacaville. If you know someone who is committed to making every day "Bike to Work Day," nominate him/her for a Bike Commuter of the Year Award! Visit youcanbikethere.com to submit a nomination. Nominations close on April 20.

Starting April 1st, bicycle enthusiasts began signing up for this year's "Team Bike Challenge." Teams of five – made up of friends, families, coworkers or neighbors – compete for top honors and much-coveted bragging rights by riding miles during National Bike Month in May. Visit teambikechallenge.com to register.

Solano Bike to Work Day 2015 is presented by 511.org and Kaiser Permanente, with promotions organized by Solano Napa Commuter Information, a program of the Solano Transportation Authority (STA). Additional activities include the Team Bike Challenge and 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 commuterinfo.net or call 800-535-6883.**

SOLANO NAPA COMMUTER INFORMATION

Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) is a program of the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) in partnership with the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency (NCTPA) and funded through Metropolitan Transportation Commission Regional Rideshare (511.org), Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Eastern Congestion Mitigation Air Quality and Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District funds for the purpose of managing countywide and regional rideshare programs in Napa and Solano counties and providing air quality improvements through trip reduction.



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