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Sacramento Region
Travel Info

STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS KICK-OFF BIKE COMMUTE MONTH TUESDAY, MAY 1

Who: Bike Commute Month honorary co-chairs West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon and Sacramento City Councilmember Steve Cohn, Assmiblyman Mark Leno (D-San Francisco), California Department of Health Services Director Sandra Shewry and State Public Health Officer Dr. Mark Horton

What: Co-chairs issue Million Mile May Challenge to an audience of 100-200 bicyclists. Assemblymember Leno discusses AB 1358, "Complete Streets" legislation, Director Shewry and Dr. Horton talk about the benefits of bicycling. Two bicycle rides through the area will follow. Promotional items will be given away.

When: Tuesday, May 1
 11:15 a.m. sign-up for rides
 11:30 a.m. press conference
 11:45 a.m. short ride: Two Rivers Trail and Old Sacramento
 11:45 a.m. long ride: Ueda Parkway via American River Parkway
 (both rides end at 11th & K streets, at the California Bicycle Coalition vendor fair)

Where: Kick-off at St. Rose of Lima Park, 7th & K Streets, Sacramento

Why: The regional challenge is for residents to ride one million bicycle miles in May. Bicycling is a zero emission commute, improving both air quality and physical health.

One million miles of bicycling in May reduces over 5,000 pounds of smog-forming nitrogen oxides from Sacramento's air. Bicycling three hours per week reduces a person's risk of heart attack or stroke by 50 percent.

The Million Mile May challenge is intended to remind us how fun and easy a bicycle ride is and how many of us could use our bicycles as alternatives to our cars.

AB 1358 is based on a national movement for "Complete Streets" which accommodate all users of the road including those who choose to walk, ride a bike, or take public transit.

Bike Commute Month is coordinated by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments and the region's transportation management associations and organizations. Special events and rides planned throughout the month are available at www.bikecommutemonth.com.

Sponsors include: Cal/EPA, Caltrans, Sacramento Region 511, Regional Rideshare Partnership, Sacramento Regional Transit District, Sacramento County, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District and UC Davis Transportation and Parking Services.

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