



Proclamation



Bike Month, Bike to School Day, Bike to Work Week, and Bike to Work Day

WHEREAS, National Bike Month is a reminder that biking is a form of transportation that can be added to many people's routines, particularly considering that 28 percent of all trips are a mile or shorter and 40 percent of all trips are two miles or shorter, according to the National Household Travel Survey; and

WHEREAS, biking is an easy way for people to reduce their carbon footprint and advance the Town's climate action goals by avoiding the use of single-occupancy vehicles and reducing reliance on nonrenewable resources for transportation; and

WHEREAS, high-quality bicycle infrastructure can help communities achieve equity goals by expanding the availability of transportation alternatives that are less expensive and more accessible for more people; and

WHEREAS, National Bike Month is also an opportunity to experience the joys and health benefits of biking, to get outside during the spring season, and to see and experience the community at a different scale and pace; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Carrboro became the first community in North Carolina to be designated a Silver Level Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists; and numerous Town plans include policies that support biking, such as Carrboro Vision 2020, the Safe Routes to School Strategic Action Plan, the 2020 Updated Bike Plan, the Physical Activity Plan, and the "Transportation and Mobility" chapter of the draft Carrboro Connects comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town will promote biking at several upcoming events: the Ride With the Mayor on May 10th at 8:00 am, the Bike on Bus event at the Carrboro Farmers' Market on May 10th from 9:00 am to noon, the Bike Breakfast at the Libba Cotten Bikeway on May 17th from 7:00 to 9:00 am, and other events organized with local partners, including the Town of Chapel Hill, the Carrboro Bicycle Coalition, the Orange County Commuter Options program, and UNC Transportation and Parking; and

WHEREAS, more work is needed at local and regional levels to ensure that residents feel included in the month's activities, are able to participate in planning for infrastructure improvements, and have equitable access to bicycle infrastructure so that biking, and biking in combination with transit, are reliable options for commuting and for meeting everyday needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Damon Seils, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May to be Bike Month; Wednesday, May 4th, to be Bike to School Day; May 16th through May 22nd to be Bike to Work Week; and Friday, May 20th, to be Bike to Work Day in Carrboro. I encourage residents to add biking to their transportation routines; to become advocates for biking, bicycle infrastructure, and bicycle-friendly laws and policies; and to take delight in every bike ride.

This the 26th day of April 2022.



Damon Seils, Mayor