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Morgantown Celebrates its Cyclists during National Bike Month

City Council voted to adopt a bike plan at Tuesday night's regular meeting that will help make Morgantown a safer and more appealing place to ride.

MORGANTOWN – The City of Morgantown takes pride in its wide variety of healthy, fun activities available, but this month, the City, its municipal Bicycle Board, the Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the League of American Bicyclists are celebrating National Bike Month in a big way.

At the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 1, Council read a proclamation declaring May Bike Month.

“[This proclamation](#) recognizes your and the City’s commitment to making Morgantown a bicycle-friendly community,” said Frank Gmeindl, Chairman of the Morgantown Bicycle Board, who accepted the proclamation on behalf of the board. ”The proclamation identifies several ways that the activity can promote health and wellness not only for the cyclist, but for Morgantown as a whole.”

Gmeindl also noted these dates in May that the Nation is celebrating Bike Month:

- May 9: Bike to School Day
- May 14-18: Bike to Work Week
- May 18: Bike to Work Day

Later in the meeting, Council voted 7-0 to adopt the [2012 Greater Morgantown Bicycle Plan](#). The Bike Board has been working on this plan at its monthly meetings for a few years and finally got to see the fruit of its labor at that meeting.

For more than 5 years, members of the Bicycle Board, who the League of American Bicyclists have also certified as bicycling instructors, have been delivering an education program to teach cyclists to drive their bicycles as vehicles. Much of the educational information as well as other useful bicycling information can be found at BikeMorgantown.com.

Christiaan Abildso, Ph.D., is the Weight Management Research and Evaluation Coordinator at WVU Health Performance Services, as well Chairman of the municipal Pedestrian Safety Board. He’s pedaling interested cyclists toward the [National Bike Challenge](#). It runs from May 1 to August 31 with a goal to get 50,000 cyclists to log 10 million miles. You can get involved and put your miles toward the goal by visiting the website above.

Danielle Williams at the MPO says it plans to proclaim May Commuter Choices Bike Month at its monthly meeting. It is also pushing to celebrate May 18th: Bike to Work Day.

For more information on National Bicycle Month, visit the League of American Bicyclists website at <http://www.bikeleague.org>.

For more information on the Morgantown Bicycle Board, please visit <http://www.bikemorgantown.com>.

If you have questions, feel free to contact the City Manager's Office at 304-284-7405.

