



News Advisory

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Local officials, community members hit the streets to support bicycle commuting

Salt Lake County, UT – For the first time, the annual Bike to Work Day will include a rally with refreshments, speakers, music, and prizes. All Salt Lake County residents are invited to participate in the bike ride and rally on Tuesday, May 13.

“Biking promotes good air and good health,” said Salt Lake County Mayor Ben McAdams. “Salt Lake County works to make it safer and easier for people to ride bikes, by creating more bike lanes and by educating the public on routes and public transportation options.”

Bike to Work Day, a staple of Bike Month activities happening in May, aims to increase the number of bicycle commuters in the Salt Lake Valley. Volunteers from the county’s Bicycle Ambassador Program and Salt Lake County Bicycle Advisory Committee will be on hand to answer questions and provide information at the rally.

“Making the choice to cycle instead of driving not only bears great benefits for the rider but is one of the easiest steps an individual can take to positively impact our local air quality issues,” said Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker. “We have many miles of new bicycle-friendly thoroughfares in Salt Lake City and many more on the way-and I look forward to seeing my fellow residents out on the road.”

“We want to highlight how easy it is to bike around our city, and it is getting easier each year,” said South Salt Lake City Mayor Cherie Wood. “We have several projects under construction and are starting a new plan to identify and improve critical bike and pedestrian routes.”

More information on Salt Lake County Active Transportation and Bike to Work Day events, including a map is available at <http://slco.org/townships>.

To Join the Bike Ride

When: Tuesday, May 13

7:30 a.m.

Where: Liberty Park - Tracy Aviary parking lot

589 East 1300 South

Salt Lake City

Bike Rally

When: Tuesday, May 13

8:20 am

Where: Salt Lake County Government Center - East Plaza

2001 S. State Street

Salt Lake City

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