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Mayor Bicycles the Length of Oakland to Celebrate Bike to Work Day

Oakland, CA – On Thursday, May 10, 2012, Oakland Mayor Jean Quan will bicycle an invigorating and heart-healthy 6 ½ miles from the Eastmont Police Station to City Hall in the company of East Bay Bicycle Coalition Executive Director Renee Rivera and others. The Mayor is one of hundreds of bicyclists who will make the trek downtown for Oakland's 19th annual **Bike to Work Day**. These bicyclists will be joined by other elected officials all taking part in the now-traditional, two-hour mini-festival of pancakes, prizes, bike safety checks and all-day valet bike parking. Starting at 7:00 a.m., festivities include:

- Pancake breakfast, courtesy Rotisserie Deli & Whole Foods Market
- Valet bike parking, courtesy of East Bay Bicycle Coalition (7am-6pm)
- Bike safety checks, courtesy of expert mechanics from Bay Area Bikes, Wheels of Justice Cyclery, The Spoke Cyclery and The Bikery
- Canvas bag with goodies and the brand new 2012 Oakland Bikeways map (now available for free at all Oakland bike shops), Club One day passes and other fun surprises
- Raffle with over 30 great prizes including a Tern folding bicycle and round-trip tickets for two to Santa Barbara on Amtrak
- Displays on low-impact commuting, bicycle-friendly projects, programs, gear and the City's progress implementing the Bicycle Master Plan
- Press conference (8:30am) with remarks by Mayor Quan, City Council members and others

"I'm looking forward to biking downtown from East Oakland this Thursday," stated Mayor Quan. "Bicycling is a great way to get around the City. You see more, get a little exercise and it costs zero dollars per gallon! I'm proud Oakland now has over 100 miles of bikeways and is recognized as a Bicycle-Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists. I'm thrilled that much more bike infrastructure – from lanes to signs to racks – will be installed in the coming months."

Get information on [Pedal Pools](#), rides downtown leaving from every City Council district. Learn more about the event [on the City's website](#).

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