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## Pancakes Make the Wheels Go 'Round

**Oakland, CA** – On Thursday, **May 9, 2013**, Oakland will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual **Bike to Work Day** with a pancake breakfast at City Hall. Hundreds of bicyclists will take the “no pollute commute” downtown including Mayor Jean Quan and members of the Oakland City Council.

Starting at 7:00 a.m., the two-hour event features:

- Pancake breakfast, courtesy Rotisserie Deli & Whole Foods Market, with Peet's Coffee
- 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, and the Spoke Cyclery
- Canvas bag with goodies and the brand new 2013 *Oakland Bikeways* map (available free at Oakland bike shops), Club One day passes and other fun surprises!
- Raffle with over 20 great prizes including round-trip tickets for two to Santa Barbara on Amtrak
- Music by DJ Crimson
- Displays on low-impact commuting, bicycle-friendly projects, programs, gear and the City's progress implementing the Bicycle Master Plan
- Press conference (8:30 a.m.) with remarks by Mayor Quan, City Council members and others
- Get more event details at [Oaklandnet.com](http://Oaklandnet.com).

On May 17, 1994, the City joined the East Bay Bicycle Coalition to host the Bay Area's first **Bike to Work Day** at Oakland City Hall, with the message, “Beat the traffic, get some exercise, save energy and have fun bicycling to work!” At that time, 92% of Oakland's 46 miles of bikeways were recreational routes in the hills, and just over 1% of people used their bicycle to get to work. Today, there are over 130 miles of bikeways in Oakland, 62% of that mileage is in the flatlands to support utilitarian trips to work, shopping and errands, and Oakland's bike commute mode share has tripled! Of the 100 largest cities in the country, Oakland has the seventh highest rate of bicycling.

For bicyclists whose commute misses downtown, there are 20 other “energizer stations” in Oakland (and many more beyond) where cyclists can stop for refreshments and giveaways. For East Bay locations, see [www.ebbc.org/energizer](http://www.ebbc.org/energizer). For Bay Area locations, see [www.youcanbikethere.com](http://www.youcanbikethere.com).

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