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Oakland Bike Share to Debut at Bike to Work Day

Oakland, CA – On May 14, 2015 from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., the Metropolitan Transportation Commission’s East Bay expansion of the Bay Area **Bike Share** Program will make a soft debut at Oakland City Hall. This demo coincides with the Oakland sponsored 22nd annual **Bike to Work Day** pancake breakfast, an institution that brings hundreds of bicyclists and elected officials together annually to extoll the benefits of the “no-pollute commute.”

At the event, members of the public will be able to take one of six **Bike Share** bicycles out for a spin. Bike Share staff will also be collecting information from residents interested in Oakland’s Bike Share planning process. Mayor Libby Schaaf will update those gathered on the timeline for the program’s actual debut in 2016.

“Oakland is proud to be a Silver-Level Bicycle Friendly Community,” noted Mayor Schaaf. “Bike Share is one of the game-changing ingredients that will allow us to claim our rightful place among the nation’s 25 Gold- and Platinum-Level communities. For short trips between our diverse neighborhoods, cycling should be an appealing option. Over the next several years, I look forward to helping grow our Bike Share program while continuing to create new, safe cycling routes across Oakland.”

In addition to the **Bike Share** demo and the Mayor’s address at 8:30 a.m., **Bike to Work** festivities near City Hall start at 7 a.m. and include:

- Pancake breakfast, courtesy Cross Burgers and Whole Foods Market
- Valet bike parking, courtesy of Bike East Bay (7 a.m. – 6 p.m.)
- Bike safety checks
- Canvas bag with goodies, including the brand new *2015 Oakland Bikeways* map (now in its 6th edition)
- Raffle with great prizes including a bicycle donated by Public Bikes
- Displays on low-impact commuting, bicycle-friendly projects, programs, gear and the City’s progress implementing the Bicycle Master Plan

Get information on Pedal Pools, rides downtown leaving from every City Council District on May 14, and more about the event from Walk Oakland Bicycle Oakland at wobo.org/bike-to-work-day. Learn about Bay Area Bike Share at www.bayareabikeshare.com.

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