

## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: May 9, 2017

TO: Denton Mobility Committee

FROM: Julie Anderson, Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator

SUBJECT: CycloDia and Upcoming Bike Month Activities

May is celebrated nationally as Bike Month, and for the third year in a row Denton is participating with various events and rides throughout the month to celebrate bicycling and the positive impacts it has on the community. The celebration started on Tuesday, May 2 with Bike to UNT Day and a proclamation of "Bike Month" by Mayor Watts at the City Council meeting.

Our premiere event this year is CycloDia, Denton's first open streets event. A section of McKinney, Austin and Hickory Streets will be closed off to vehicle traffic and opened up to people biking, walking, and being active. A bike rodeo is scheduled, with adaptive bicycles available and free helmets for participants. Several bike shops will be there, along with other businesses that promote active lifestyles and health. Two businesses will be providing yoga, personal fitness, and Zumba classes during the event. A small committee of ten citizens have been working to plan this event since November. The event is Sunday, May 7 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Please note these upcoming events and plan to attend:

- Cycle with the City a family-friendly 5-mile bike ride that will highlight a few completed and upcoming bicycle facility projects. Monday, May 15 at 6 p.m. at the corner of Oak and Oakland.
- Bike to Work Day with two breakfast stations across the City, each sponsored by a local bike shop, commuters on their way to work can stop and get a breakfast burrito provided by Breckies. Friday, May 19 from 7:15 to 8:45 a.m.
- Bike to Everywhere Challenge sponsoring this Denton County Transportation Authority challenge to encourage Denton county residents to bicycle more during the month of May. The top three participants with the most bike activities logged will win prizes. Challenge runs May 1 to May 31.