MAYOR BALLARD WELCOMES CYCLISTS ON BIKE TO WORK DAY

INDIANAPOLIS -- Mayor Greg Ballard was joined today by Mike Terry, President and CEO of IndyGo, Nancy Tibbett, Executive Director of Bicycle Indiana, and Joshua Gonzales, with INShape Indiana, to welcome the hundreds of cyclists who participated in the Sixth Annual Bike to Work Day in Indianapolis.

“There is no question that more bicycle traffic on Indy streets means healthier people, cleaner air and less congestion,” said Mayor Ballard. “It is a great opportunity to showcase the steps the City has taken to make Indianapolis a more bicycle-friendly, pedestrian-friendly and a more sustainable city overall. We are committed to continuing these improvements throughout Indianapolis.”

Bike to Work Day has seen a significant increase in participation over the past few years, with over 500 residents cycling to work on this day last year. The largest group that traveled together to work today was 100 cyclists who traveled to downtown Indianapolis from Carmel, Ind.

The month of May marks National Bicycle Month and Mayor Ballard will follow up today’s event on Saturday with the inaugural Mayor’s Bike Ride. The ride, which will start at 1 p.m. at Veteran’s Memorial Park, will showcase both the downtown Cultural Trail and the new bike lanes on Michigan and New York Streets. For more information on the Mayor’s Bike Ride, visit www.sustainindy.org.

Bike to Work Day would not be possible without the support of IndyGo, the Central Indiana Bicycling Association, the Central Indiana Commuter Services, the Central Indiana Community Foundation, and Bicycle Garage of Indy. In addition to the City of Indianapolis, INDOT and INShape Indiana served as partnering government sponsors.

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