INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard and Marion County Health Department Director Dr. Virginia Caine joined over 600 cyclists of all ages at the 2nd Annual Mayor’s Bike Ride on the City’s Northeastside today.

“We are committed to making Indianapolis a more bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly City, and to transform commuting in Indianapolis we must continue to work together,” said Mayor Ballard. “This event is a great way to give citizens the opportunity to explore the benefits of our newest on-street bike lanes as well as educate both motorists and cyclists on the importance of bicycle safety.”

The event incorporated two routes designed to highlight the new on-street bike lanes and to encourage participation from all ages and all ability levels.

“Biking to work or for day-to-day errands helps people meet daily recommendations for physical activity,” said Dr. Caine. “Getting out on the bike lanes this weekend can be the first step for many people to start using the bike lanes in the future.”

This year’s Mayor’s Bike Ride featured a longer 12-mile loop and a family-friendly 4 mile loop. The family friendly route included a children’s bicycle safety event held at the midpoint of the family ride. The first 200 children participating in the event received free bicycle helmets provided by Wagner, Reese and Crossen, LLC; Brown and Brown Insurance; and Flanner and Buchanan.

For more information on Indy bikeways, visit www.sustainindybikeways.org.

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