

Capital District Transportation Committee
 Policy Board March 29 2016
 Bike to Work / Bike to School Challenge

Bike to Work Day: Friday, May 20th

Bike to School Day: Wednesday, May 4th

The Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) is again working with Bikeatoga to sponsor a workplace challenge (Twitter #B2W518) for employers in Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady Counties. Bike to Work Day is an annual event held each spring throughout the country that promotes bicycling as an option to commute to work. Last year, over 400 people registered for the challenge, amounting to over 4,000 bicycle miles, replacing about 166 gallons of fuel, 3,300 lbs of CO₂, and burning about 180,000 calories! This year, we are adding a new Challenge category for schools.

Registration for both the Bike to Work Challenge and the Bike to School Challenge is available at www.capitalmoves.org/b2w518. This site will also provide a link for frequent updates on team sizes starting mid-April.

In each county, the winning team for each category will win a trophy, relinquished by last year's winners and originally contributed by Bikeatoga, Albany Bicycle Coalition, and Troy Bike Rescue, and made out of used bicycle parts. The categories are

- Organization with the largest number of riders,
- Small organization with the highest percent participation (20 or fewer employees),
- Large organization with the highest percent participation (over 20 employees), and
- Person who rode the farthest, and
- School with the most riders.

Schools may participate for either the week containing May 4th or the week ending May 20th.

In addition, the Municipal Challenge awards a trophy for the highest percent participation for any municipality in the region, in which the mayor or supervisor rides to work. That trophy was originally contributed by the City of Schenectady, which currently holds the trophy.

Zipper pulls, blinking lights, and educational materials for kids (Sprocket Man comic book, Getting There activity book, and Chuggington safety activity book), and Capital Region Bicycle Commuter Guides are available upon request. Schools may request these items for Bike to School Day activities, regardless of participation in the Bike to School Challenge.