

Capital District
Transportation Committee

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2016 Bike to Work Day Workplace Challenge

Bike to Work Day is an annual event held each spring throughout the country that promotes bicycling as a fun way to commute to work. This year, over 500 people registered for the challenge, amounting to about 5,700 bicycle miles, replacing about 230 gallons of fuel, 4,500 lbs. of CO₂, and burning about 245,000 calories! We saw record numbers this year: in 2015, just over 400 people registered, and in 2014 that number was almost 350. A survey was distributed, which 111 registrants completed. About 86% of survey respondents did bike to work, and the average number of miles was 13 round-trip.

Trophies were donated by Bikeatoga, Albany Bicycle Coalition's Lorenz Worden, Troy Bike Rescue, Steven Rolf Kroeger, and the Albany Public Library. Trophies will remain with this year's winner until Bike to Work Day 2017.

Winners were as follows:

In Albany County:

The trophy for the most riders goes to **NYS Department of Environmental Conservation**, with 33 riders. The **Alliance for Quality Education/Citizen Action/PPEF** office had the highest percent participation (41%) for a large employer. The highest percent (86%) participation for a small organization goes to **Parks and Trails New York**. BERP's **Mike Soucie** rode the longest commute, at 80 round trip miles. **Hamagrael Elementary** won the school trophy, with about 130 kids riding.

In Rensselaer County:

RPI had the most (15) participants and **Capital Roots** won for the highest percent (20%) participation for a large organization. **Matt Brady** at RPI won the trophy for the longest round trip commute, with 34 miles.

In Saratoga County:

Skidmore College had the most (24) riders, the highest percent participation (large organization) goes to the **Saratoga Springs Public Library** with 23%, and **Ken Williams** at the Waterford-Halfmoon Central School District wins the trophy for the longest commute, riding 52 miles. The highest percent (33%) participation for a small organization goes to **Elan Planning and Design**. **Lake Avenue Elementary** continues to hold onto the school trophy, with about 150 kids.

In Schenectady County:

Union College had the most riders, at 53. The large employer with the highest participation, at 9%, is **NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Region 4 Office**. The small employer with the highest participation is **Land Art Studio NY**. **Dana Rackliffe** of the Von Rollers rode the longest commute, of 101 miles.

And finally, the **City of Cohoes** wins the municipal challenge, for the highest percent participation including the mayor or supervisor, with 13% of employees riding.