



Riding in as a group from the Westside were, from left, Phil Ganezer, Lynne Goldsmith, April McKay, Tim Papandreou, Allan Lipsky, Carol Inge, Joanna Cucchi and Bruno Guillemet.
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60 Employees Pedal in on 'Bike to Work Day'

(May 17, 2001) From Pasadena they came. From Santa Monica, the Westside and the Valley. Pedaling their way to MTA Headquarters or the operating divisions on "Bike to Work Day."

Some 60 employees registered to participate in the event, joining hundreds of others from across Los Angeles County who rode their bicycles to work, Thursday.

"It was nice and cool because it was foggy today," says April McKay, who rode in with a group of eight employees from Santa Monica, Venice and Culver City. "We made good time until we got downtown and were slowed up by the traffic lights."

Led by pacesetter, Phil Ganezer, the group rode the 16 miles in about an hour and 45 minutes. They grabbed some juice and pastries at the MTA's "pit stop" on the Plaza, then headed for the showers on P-1.

"I'm all refreshed now and ready for the ride home," says McKay. "I just hope my T-shirt and riding shorts dry



Intern Justine Hearn, left, and Planning Manager Lynne Goldsmith coordinated the MTA's participation in "Bike to Work Day." Below, riders gather for noontime victory celebration. Click on image for larger view.



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"Bike to Work Day" is one of the central events of California Bike Commute Week, May 14-18. The MTA is one of a number of sponsors that include SCAG, the Air Resources Board and the American Lung Association.

Planning Manager Lynne Goldsmith and Intern Justine Hearn of Countywide Planning's Bikeway Planning office coordinated the MTA's participation in "Bike to Work Day." Irma Rivera of Human Resources Special Programs organized the MTA's "pit stop," which included gift bags for the riders.

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