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Bike Rally, Fair to Kick Off 13th Annual Bike to Work Week

- Metro also will launch its new Bike Safety Campaign

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(May 9, 2007) Metro will kick off its 13th annual celebration of Bike to Work Week, May 14, with a bike rally and fair featuring actor and environmental activist Ed Begley, Jr. and a free concert by the Ditty Bops at Los Angeles City Hall.

Joining Los Angeles City Council members Wendy Greuel, Eric Garcetti and Tom LaBonge at the 11:30 a.m. kickoff rally on the City Hall south lawn, will be members of the Los Angeles County Bike Coalition (LACBC) and LADOT.

Metro will offer as prizes several commuter bikes and bike accessories to those who register in advance online at [metro.net/biketowork](#) and pledge to help alleviate gridlock by pedaling to work, school or other destinations on Thursday, May 17, Bike to Work Day.

Metro also will offer free rides to bicyclists on Metro buses and trains on Bike to Work Day. The LADOT Commuter Express, Beach Cities Transit, Commerce Municipal Bus Lines, Gardena Municipal Lines, Long Beach Transit, Montebello Bus Lines, Norwalk Transit, Santa Clarita Transit, Torrance Transit, and Whittier Transit also will offer free rides to bicyclists who use transit for part of their commute day.

Launch Bike Safety Campaign

During the same week, Metro will launch its new Bike Safety Campaign with posters on the backs of Metro buses, posters folded as take-ones and newspaper ad reminding drivers and bicyclists to share the road and obey the bicycle traffic signals to avoid accidents.

Other activities co-hosted by Metro with local organizations on Bike to Work Day will include bike pit stops where bicyclists can stop for refreshments and free giveaways between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. For exact locations go to [metro.net/biketowork](#).

Metro also is supporting a series of events such as the fourth annual interfaith Blessing of the Bicycles at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles and the Los Angeles River Ride on Sunday, June 10, sponsored by the LACBC.

Details of these and other bicycling events, a guide for employers participating in Bike to Work events, helpful transit information for bike riders, including LA City and Metro bike maps and resource links, are accessible on Metro.net. The Metro Commute staff also is available to answer questions by calling 922-2811.

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