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**MORPC named a Silver Level Bicycle Friendly BusinessSM by the
League of American Bicyclists**
2016 Columbus Metro Bike Maps to be released on Bike-to-Work Day!

(Columbus – May 17, 2016) The League of American Bicyclists has recognized the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) with a Silver Level Bicycle Friendly Business (BFBSM) award, joining nearly 1,200 visionary businesses from across the country.

With the announcement of 76 new and renewing BFBs yesterday, MORPC joins a cutting-edge group of 1,197 local businesses, government agencies, and Fortune 500 companies in 49 states and Washington, D.C., that are transforming the American workplace.

“The business community’s investment in bicycling is playing a central role in making the country a safer, happier, and more sustainable place to live and work,” said Amelia Neptune, League Bicycle Friendly Business Program Manager. “We applaud this new round of businesses, including MORPC, for leading the charge in creating a bicycle-friendly America for everyone.”

MORPC encourages bicycling as an easy option for transportation and provides amenities such as indoor and outdoor bicycle parking, bike maps, bicycle training and incentives to bike to work. The 2016 Columbus Metro Bike Map, which will be released on May 20, 2016, will provide an update of the existing bicycle facilities and trails and provide information about the comfort level of bicycling on roadways.

“MORPC continues to play an integral role in bicycle planning and providing bicycle amenities for its employees,” states William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director. “With MORPC’s recent update of the [Columbus Metro Bike Map](#), bicyclists will be able to cycle to destinations on both multi-use paths and on our roadways. MORPC is also promoting a [Commuter Challenge](#) for commuters who travel to work, social events or other destinations by bicycle. Commuters simply log their miles which makes them eligible to win daily prizes. This challenge carries a health benefit as well as it reduces traffic congestion and improves air quality. Internally, MORPC employees have access to a shower and indoor bicycle parking to encourage them to bike to work.”

Moving forward, MORPC will have access to a variety of tools and technical assistance from the League to become even more bicycle-friendly. To apply or learn more about the BFB program, visit the League online at www.bikeleague.org/business.

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The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is a voluntary association of local governments and regional organizations which envisions and embraces innovative directions in economic prosperity, energy, the environment, housing, land use, and transportation. Our transformative programming, services and innovative public policy are designed to promote and support the vitality and growth in the region.

About the Bicycle Friendly AmericaSM Program

The Bicycle Friendly CommunitySM, Bicycle Friendly StateSM, Bicycle Friendly Business and Bicycle Friendly UniversitySM programs are generously supported by program partner Trek Bicycle Corp and Silver-level BFA Sponsor Planet Bike. To learn more about building a Bicycle Friendly America, visit www.bikeleague.org/BFA.

The League of American Bicyclists is leading the movement to create a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone. As leaders, our commitment is to listen and learn, define standards and share best practices to engage diverse communities and build a powerful, unified voice for change.