



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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RESOLUTION FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 3, 2017

RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Team MWRD's Outstanding Performance in the Active Transportation Alliance's 2017 Bike Commuter Challenge

WHEREAS, the Active Transportation Alliance sponsored the 26th Annual Bike Commuter Challenge from Friday, June 16, to Friday, June 30, 2017, to encourage new and experienced cyclists to experience and share the benefits of commuting to work via bicycle; and

WHEREAS, the Bike Commuter Challenge was held conjointly with Chicago Bike Week, which offers a variety of cycling-related events and workshops, and encourages residents of the Chicago area to use bicycles for recreation and transportation; and

WHEREAS, 61 employees of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) accepted the Bike Commuter Challenge this year; and

WHEREAS, the following employees participated, either using their bicycles for transportation to or from work, or using their bicycles as a means to access other forms of public transportation, and faithfully recorded their trips and mileage for the purposes of the competition; and

Timothy Baldwin
Jeffrey Beyer
Robert Biel
Michael Burke
Jennifer Burns
Jay Carlson
Eric Carlton
Matthew Cianci
Cynthia Colvin
Joseph Cook
Dylan Cooney
Kimberly Davis
Mathew DeGutes
Jose Escobedo
Alnawaz Eswani
Daniel Feltes
Richard Fisher
Kevin Fitzpatrick
Allison Fore
Stephen Genser
Christopher Haite
Stephen Haucke
Arturo Hernandez
Ashley Jesernik
Phillip Keeku

Bonnie Kennedy
Chester Kos
David Kukulka
Paula Brinkman Lowe
Noel Maldonado
John Malinowski
John Markovich
Meagan Matias
Peter Monko
Michelle Gillette-Murphy
Michael Neary
Alexander O'Connor
Timothy O'Hara
Jaimin Patel
Brian Perkovich
Baldev Rana
Ronald Rogowski
Steven Rowe
Lauren Salvato
Heather Sanchez
Eduardo Sandoval
Barbara Scapardine
Steve Schwartz
Renee Scudieri
Jay Shetty
Paul Sobanski
Lou Storino
Christopher Thomann
Patrick Thomas
Camille Valdes
Cameron Walker
John Watson
Mary Wilson
Nathaniel Wolf
Frederick Wu
Gregory Yarnik

WHEREAS, Team MWRD ranked highest in team standings for public agencies in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Team MWRD came in fourth in the overall team standings across the Chicago region, placing behind teams from Northwestern University, Lurie Children's Hospital, and the Art Institute of Chicago & School of the Art Institute of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Frederick Wu and Peter Monko served as captain and co-captain for Team MWRD, following in the footsteps of founding captain Tom Liston, and leading Team MWRD to victory; and

WHEREAS, John Malinowski led Team MWRD with the largest number of trips with 23 commuting trips, Michael Neary led Team MWRD in mileage with 280 miles, and Alexander O'Connor led Team MWRD with the highest number of total points with 508 points; and

WHEREAS, Team MWRD collectively logged a total of 4,209 commuting miles during the two-week challenge, representing over a thirtyfold reduction in energy consumed per mile traveled, and over a tenfold reduction in

greenhouse gas emissions, by comparison to travel in a standard gasoline-powered motor vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Team MWRD's outstanding performance in the Active Transportation Alliance's 2017 Bike Commuter Challenge is a worthy reminder of MWRD's commitment to excellence and to environmental sustainability; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, on behalf of ourselves and staff, do hereby congratulate the members of Team MWRD, salute them for their energy and efforts, and encourage more people to join Team MWRD for next year's Bike Commuter Challenge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent record of proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Dated August 3, 2017

Approved: MARIYANA SPYROPOULOS, President; BARBARA J. McGOWAN, Vice-President; FRANK AVILA, Chairman, Committee on Finance; TIMOTHY BRADFORD; MARTIN J. DURKAN; JOSINA MORITA; DEBRA SHORE; KARI K. STEELE; DAVID J. WALSH, Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Approved as to Form and Legality: Susan T. Morakalis, Acting General Counsel, STM:yt