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### Caltrans Energizer Station in Oakland Fuels Bicyclists on Bike-to-Work Day

**Oakland, Alameda County** – With a three-hour session featuring free muffins and coffee to bicyclists, Caltrans District 4 marked its fourth year hosting an Energizer Station as a way of participating in Bike To Work Day. Nearly 400 bicyclists passed the orange-canopied booth at the corner of Grand Avenue and Valdez Street this morning. Many stopped to share in the celebration, receiving promotional messenger bags filled with informational flyers, patch kits, and granola bars. Among the bicyclists enjoying the camaraderie, were the dozens of Caltrans employees who bike to work regularly throughout the year.



Caltrans D4 also staffed an information table in Frank Ogawa Plaza, drawing hundreds of other multi-modal cycling enthusiasts. Caltrans participated in the festivities at Frank Ogawa Plaza along with partners such as the City of Oakland, Bike East Bay, BART and Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC).

Caltrans is an active supporter of “May is Bike Month”, urging employees to log their bike miles during this month. During Bike Month 2015, Caltrans District 4 had the second-highest number of miles logged by employees at a Bay Area business, coming in second only to Apple. Prior to Bike Month 2016, Caltrans employees received focused training at a workshop on bicycle safety and security.

Caltrans District 4 Director Bijan Sartipi said, “We are glad to see more transportation projects in our cities and rural areas that incorporate multi-modal transportation, including bicycle and pedestrian paths. Bike to Work Day is a great example that shows that biking is a viable option for some daily commutes,” says Caltrans District Director Bijan Sartipi.

Caltrans District 4 anticipates completing the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Bike Month with a record number of employee miles logged, putting the agency in contention once again for top alternative-transportation bragging rights among area employers.

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