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Nominations for Bike Champion of the Year Now Open

SUISUN CITY – Do you know an exceptional bicycle rider, policymaker, educator, or advocate making a difference in Solano County? Nominate them for Solano County's **2025 Bike Champion of the Year (BCOY)**.

Every year, each of the nine Bay Area Counties selects their Bike Champion. They're recognized for their dedication to promoting bicycling as a primary mode of transportation and for their ability to inspire others in their local communities. Help us spotlight the people making Solano County a better place to live and bike. Winners will receive prizes and recognition Bay Area-wide!

Nomination forms for the 2025 Bike Champion of the Year open March 1, 2025, and will be live through March 31, 2025. We'll announce the winners at the end of April, just in time to be celebrated during Bike to Wherever Days throughout May. Go to https://bayareabiketowork.com/event-information/bike-champion-of-the-year and submit your nomination.

"Biking is a great way to improve physical and mental health, and the environment," said STA Board Chair and Solano County Supervisor Mitch Mashburn. "The Bike Champion of the Year award is a wonderful way to recognize individuals who inspire others to get on their bikes and ride wherever they need to go."

Join us in celebrating Bike to Wherever Days in Solano County this May. Solano Transportation Authority's Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program will host **Bike to School Day** on May 7th. **Bike To Work Day**, celebrated on Thursday, May 15th, is the Bay Area's premier cycling event, encouraging commuters in the nine Bay Area counties to try bike commuting and recommit to increasing time spent cycling. On May 15th, volunteers will staff Energizer Stations throughout Solano County to cheer on bike commuters and hand out commemorative, reusable **Bike to Work Day** canvas bags and bicycling information. Throughout the month, please join us for community events and rides. **Pledge to Ride** this May (and find more information) on the Annual Bike to Wherever Days celebration here: https://solanomobility.org/btwd2025/

This year we're celebrating with the **Bay Area Bike Challenge**. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) proudly presents this challenge to strengthen community bonds and promote unity across the region. Throughout the month of May, residents of all nine Bay Area counties are challenged to collectively log miles on their bikes. Whether you're commuting to work, running errands, or simply enjoying a leisurely ride, every mile counts. We can't do it without you! Sign up here to take the challenge:

https://bayareabiketowork.com/event-information/bike-challenge.

Visit https://solanomobility.org/btwd2025/ for more information about Solano County Bike to Wherever Days events. Visit https://bayareabiketowork.com/ for more information about the Regional Bike to Wherever Days Program.

Bay Area Bike to Wherever Days is presented by MTC (the transportation planning, financing, and coordinating agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area), 511 (the region's traveler information system), and Amazon, with Regional sponsors The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Spare the Air) and BART. Local sponsors include Solano Transportation Authority, Solano Mobility, Fairfield Bicycles, Fisk's Cyclery, Rockville Bike, and Valero Benicia Refinery.

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SOLANO MOBILITY

Solano Mobility is a program of the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), in partnership with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). The program provides a one-stop call center (**800-535-6883**) and website (<u>www.solanomobility.org</u>) to provide transit and mobility resources to seniors, people with disabilities, low-income individuals, veterans, commuters, employees . . . anyone who needs assistance finding transportation options in Solano County and beyond.

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