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MWRD staff pedal to work during Bike to Work Week

Staff from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) have been biking to their respective cars, trains, busses or workplaces for the fourth year in a row during national Bike to Work week June 9 through 15.

Sponsored by Active Transportation Alliance, the organization seeks to encourage commuters to engage in a zero emission form of transportation. Environmentally-friendly employers, such as the MWRD, join the annual challenge to lead by example.

Last year, 64 MWRD staff members biked to work, to public transportation, or to a coworker's home or carpool.

"Not only is biking a great form of transportation for reducing environmental impact, but it's a fun activity and a great stress reliever," said MWRD Commissioner Patricia Horton, chairman of the MWRD's committee on Public Health and Welfare.

So, get biking Chicago and support "bike to work week!"



Associate mechanical engineer Joel Vega rides 8 miles per day between the downtown MWRD offices and his home in Pilsen.



Staff from the MWRD Stickney Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) rode to work together on Tuesday. They are seen here approaching the WRP entrance in the morning. From front to back: James Kaehn, Bob Renaud, Sharie Sopcak-Phelan, Carrie Shillin, Reed Dring, Anas Rabah, Rick Gore and Tom Liston.



MWRD management analyst Patrick Cunniffe rides a total of 28 miles every day, 3-to-4 days per week, biking to and from work.

Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwrdd.org) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois. **Our water environment, take it personally.**