



## **Things to Know for Convoy Leaders Bike to Work Day 2015**

### **Convoy Leader Purpose:**

You are a representative of the Bike to Work Day event and your purpose as a volunteer Convoy Leader is to help guide other Bike to Work Day participants by bike along a pre-designated route.

Convoy Leaders provide a friendly and welcoming commuting experience for all participants and provide encouragement to other riders, especially first-time and novice bicycle commuters. Your participation as a Bike to Work Day convoy leader and how you interact with your convoy participants is going to directly impact the experience these participants have with Bike to Work Day and bicycling in general. Since your convoy is not an official WABA ride or event, WABA is not responsible for incidents that happen during convoy rides, but we do suggest you follow these guidelines to help make your convoy experience as safe and enjoyable as possible. And we hope you enjoy the ride!

### **Convoy Leader Guidelines:**

#### **1. Please bike safely and responsibly.**

You are strongly encouraged to wear a helmet during your ride. Please follow all traffic laws while leading your convoy. Please make sure that you always:

- Stop at all red lights
- Yield to pedestrians
- Be predictable (*ie: use hand signals when turning to let cars know your intentions*)
- Do not ride more than two abreast

#### **2. Be friendly and encouraging to fellow convoy participants.**

Ask if anyone is a first time commuter, and if so, please ensure they feel comfortable during the ride and are not left behind. This experience should be fun for both you and other ride participants. By being friendly and welcoming to other cyclists, you'll enjoy the ride even more. Share commuting advice with others. Chat up cyclists in your group and talk about how long you've been riding, what bikes you have, how you got involved with Bike to Work Day.

#### **3. Be positive example of bicycling.**

Specifically, act responsibly and positively when interacting with other road users. For example, please do not yell obscenities at drivers when they do dumb things. You should be a positive example of bicycling to the people you are riding with. As a volunteer Convoy Leader, from the time you leave your start location, during any pit stops you stop at, along the route, and until the time you arrive to your destination and say goodbye to your fellow convoy participants, you are acting as a representative of Bike to Work Day, and we hope that you act accordingly. Just don't be a jerk.

#### **4. Be a good leader to your convoy participants.**

As you're biking, make sure to call out or let others know about road hazards like big potholes or debris in the roadway or on side paths. People are going to depend and count on you for help with the little things like when turns are coming up, so you're encouraged to use hand signals and/or call out upcoming turns.