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2015 MassCommute Bicycle Challenge complete, Bike Bash set for May 27

City of Cambridge winning community in 2015, Somerville and Arlington finish next in line

(May 20, 2015) The 21st annual [MassCommute Bicycle Challenge](#) (MCBC) completed on May 17 and the [Bike Bash](#) celebration will take place May 27 at Flat Top Johnny's in Kendall Square.

Massachusetts residents, employees, and students were challenged to take some or all of their commutes and other trips by bicycle for a 9-day period during Bay State Bike Week. The Challenge is a free and friendly competition between businesses, communities, and institutions for fun and fitness, and seeks to encourage bicycling as a viable mode of transportation.

[Winners for 2015](#) include:

Communities: 1) Cambridge 2) Somerville 3) Arlington

Businesses: Meetinghouse Montessori School (1-24 employees), Digital Lumens (25-99 employees), Elkus Manfredi Architects (100-499 employees), MassDEP (500-1,499 employees), Biogen - Cambridge (1,500-2,999 employees), MIT Lincoln Laboratory (3,000-4,999 employees), Children's Hospital Boston (5,000+ employees)

Colleges/universities: Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (1-999 employees/students), Harvard - Longwood campus (1,000-4,999 employees/students), MIT (5,000+ employees/students).

Winners will receive their awards at the May 27 Bike Bash, and all 2015 MCBC participants are invited to partake in the door raffle. Individuals also receive [Wheeler Awards](#), such as the Grease the Wheels Award.

Over 2,900 commuters signed up for the 2015 MCBC. Participants from 239 zip codes, 180 businesses and 21 educational institutions logged 146,000 miles, a five percent increase from 2014. These miles biked prevented over 136,000 pounds of CO2 by replacing miles driven.

“Every year, more and more people are making the conscious choice to hop on their bikes during the MCBC and leave their cars at home,” said MassCommute Executive Director Julia Prange Wallerice. “That choice for some becomes a year-round habit.”

The MCBC is organized by [MassCommute](#) - the council of Massachusetts transportation management associations (TMAs), and is generously supported by Gold Level sponsors MIT Commuter Connections and Harvard University Commuter Choice. MassCommute seeks to promote sustainable transportation, reduce vehicular traffic congestion and emissions, and improve access and quality of life for commuters, and through the MassCommute Bicycle Challenge seeks to celebrate bicycling as a viable mode of transportation and invite occasional or recreational bicycle riders to try biking for commuting.