

2020 “May is Bike Month” is Virtual

The City of Davis and the Sacramento region are celebrating “May is Bike Month” a little differently this year. Instead of in-person events we are shifting our activities and encouragement online and on social media.

The Sacramento Council of Governments (SACOG) encourages you to log your trips at MayisBikeMonth.com and follow them @MayisBikeMonth on Instagram. Bike riders can win bike month socks and t-shirts by participating in online challenges. The fun begins on May ^{1st}.

Check out the City of Davis “May is Bike Month” activities at www.GettingAroundDavis.org. We have posted May is Bike Month-themed Zoom backgrounds and phone graphics for you to show your bike month pride.

We know how much you love bike month t-shirts, and we want to challenge you to earn one! Complete one of the six challenges in May, and we will mail you a t-shirt. Complete more than one challenge to earn more prizes, including spoke reflectors and bike bells. Challenges are for both adults and kids. One t-shirt per person, while supplies last. All the details about how to participate in the challenges are on www.gettingarounddavis.org on the 2020 “May is Bike Month” webpage.

List of Challenges

- Sign-up for MayisBikeMonth.com and log 10 trips during the month of May.
- Make a one to two-minute YouTube video about why you bike and share a link to your video at @MayisBikeMonth on Instagram or Facebook.
- Complete the Cycling Savvy basic course or The League of American Bicyclists Traffic Skills 101 course.
- Kids 12 and under practice riding your bike to school and find your suggested safe route to school map and City of Davis bike map. Share a photo of your ride @MayisBikeMonth and send screenshot of post.
- Learn to ride a bicycle. Show off your new skills in a photo or video and post on social media and send a screenshot.
- Participate in all four weeks of bike month BINGO. This challenge is for kids 12 and under.

For public health reasons, the City’s in-person bike education classes have been canceled. Still interested in learning the rules of the road? Then good news! The City is now offering a free, online bike education class. Davis residents can sign-up to take the free Cycling Savvy online course. Follow the sign-up instructions at www.GettingAroundDavis.org on the 2020 May is Bike Month webpage.

There are also bike education videos and suggestions for fun activities on the GettingAroundDavis.org website. We also recommend that you take this time to check your bike helmet does it have cracks? How old is it? If you wear your helmet everyday and leave it outside –it might be time for a new one. Give your bike a bath, lubricate your chain, and make sure you have all seven required reflectors on your bike.

We have received lots of requests for bike maps. Unfortunately, City Staff is not in the office to mail out maps. We encourage bike map enthusiasts to use the www.cityofdavis.org/bikes. Also check out the suggested Safe Routes to School maps at the same link!

Even though we cannot meet you face-to-face this May, May is Bike Month will be lots of fun. We look forward to seeing your completed challenges and eventually seeing you wearing your bike month t-shirts. Please send any questions about May is Bike Month to bikes@cityofdavis.org.