

Portland Bicycle Advisory Committee

Working to Make Bicycling a Part of Daily Life in Portland

1001 SW 5th Avenue, Room 1300
Portland OR 97204



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Mayor Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Mingus Mapps
Commissioner Dan Ryan
Commissioner Carmen Rubio
Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Portland Bicycle Advisory Committee to propose naming part of the area by the Congressman Earl Blumenauer Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge as World Bicycle Day Plaza.

While every day should and could be World Bicycle Day, in 2018 The United Nations' General Assembly declared June third as that day- an acknowledgement of bicycles' importance in fostering health, community well-being and planetary survival. The UN resolution will result in increased public awareness and government funding.

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/bicycle-day>
<https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-bicycle-day>

World Bicycle Day was created by former Polish cycling champion and US based sociologist Leszek Sibilski. A grassroots campaign led cities around the world, including Lima, Peru, Czestochowa, Poland and Quelimane, Mozambique to name sites. It would be wonderful to have Portland join the movement.

Choosing World Bicycle Day at this particular site is logical in light of Congressman's Blumenauer's decades-long work to increase bicycle safety and accessibility and his being a life-long cyclist.

If this particular section of the bridge plaza cannot be named, another possible location could be along the waterfront or in the (slated for housing development) NW industrial area by Montgomery Park. We would welcome your suggestion for another location as well.

Thank you for your consideration.
A good winter- health and joy, peace and justice.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexandra Holmqvist".

Alexandra Holmqvist
Chair, Bicycle Advisory Committee

Cc: Chris Warner, Director Portland Bureau of Transportation
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