



### ***Forbes ranks Mesa in top ten cities for cyclists***

Today, Mesa celebrated Bike2Work Day and Earth Day with 75 employees riding in to work. We collected \$300.00 in donations for the Not One More Foundation whose goals are to prevent cycling accidents, provide assistance to injured cyclists and help the families of those killed in cycling accidents on Arizona roads.

Mesa is also celebrating being named one of the top ten cities for cyclists by Forbes Magazine. Mesa ranked number ten in best cities for commuters. We earned the honor by adding 40 miles of bike lanes to Mesa streets between 1997 and 2009. That puts Mesa in the ranks with bike friendly cities like Portland, San Francisco, Minneapolis and Washington, D.C.

“Being recognized in the top ten best cities for bicycle commuters by Forbes and Alliance for Biking and Walking is fantastic for Mesa.” Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner, Jim Hash said. “It shows that Mesa is dedicated to making cycling convenient and safe for commuters.”

Mesa is winding up Valley Bike Month with one more event. The second annual Bike4Life free family fun ride is a 12 mile round trip ride from Mountain View Park to Mesa Multigenerational Center and back. Registration is at 9 a.m. and Councilmember Dina Higgins will kick off the ride at 9:30 a.m. From 10:30 a.m. – noon Radio Disney will be there so biking or not, bring the kids and have some fun. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each and all proceeds will be donated to the Not One More foundation. For more information go to <http://www.mesaaz.gov/transportation>.