Bike to Work Day
May 15, 2009

Bike to Work Day encourages people in the DC area to find alternative, healthy, and more environmentally-friendly ways to commute to work. As a Gold Sponsor for the 2009 event, the Crystal City BID hosted a pit stop in the Crystal City Water Park for the third year in a row. This year's stop had free breakfast for participants, chiropractic screenings from Crystal City Chiropractic, free bicycle tune-ups from Phoenix Bikes, free water bottles, showers, and class demonstrations from the Sport &Health Club, free Velcro wallets from HSBC, and maps and other materials from WABA and VDOT. The first bikers arrived at the Crystal City pit stop at 6:25 AM with nearly 240 people stopping by on their way to work by the end of the event at 9:00 AM.

During the event, the Crystal City BID conducted a survey of participants. 87% of respondents rated the pit stop as either a 4 or 5, with 5 being the highest. 51% of those surveyed were Crystal City workers, 33% were passing through, and 16% were residents. Bike to work is routine for 64% of the respondents. 29% bike for the exercise, 21% biked for the fun of it, and 18% bike to decrease their carbon footprint. 40% of those survey bike to work every day, 29% bike 1-2 per week, 18% only bike on special occasions, and 13% bike to work 1-2 times per month.

Charger, a fully pedal-powered piece of art by local artist Robert Lindsay, stopped at the Crystal City pit stop on its way to Artomatic. The piece contributed to the fun, light-hearted atmosphere in the Crystal City Water Park. Participants in 2009 Bike to Work Day enjoyed a friendly, fit, and green way to start their work day.