



## **Bike DC 2010**

On Sunday, May 23, 2010, over 3,000 cyclists participated in Bike DC and took to the streets for a great 20-mile ride around the District of Columbia and Arlington. Riders were able to see the White House, the Whitehurst Freeway, the George Washington Parkway, the Marine Corps Memorial, Pentagon, and U.S. Air Force Memorial all on car-free streets.

Once in Crystal City, the participants were greeted by a finish line festival featuring children's activities, great music supplied by DJ Neekola, snacks to refuel after the ride, and a bike museum. Bike Arlington gave away free bags, pins, and t-shirts, and Revolution Cycles provided tune-ups. Thanks to WABA, cyclists could check their bikes in the complementary bike valet and enjoy brunch in one of the local restaurants. Many of the riders were drawn to historic restaurant row on 23<sup>rd</sup> street where a number of the restaurants provided specials for the participants, including free mimosas at Café Italia.

As promised by the organizers, Bike DC allowed riders of all abilities to view the nation's capital from the best vantage point—the seat of your bicycle. As one rider concluded, "Bike DC was amazing! Rain held off, and the course was beautiful."

