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MAYOR NUTTER, DEPUTY MAYOR CUTLER ANNOUNCE BICYCLE INITIATIVES

Philadelphia, September 12 — Today Mayor Michael A. Nutter and Deputy Mayor Rina Cutler announced two new bicycle initiatives to begin in the month of September - 1,400 new bicycle racks will be installed around the City and the William Penn Foundation will convene a working group to explore the possibility of a bikeshare program in Philadelphia. Mayor Nutter and Deputy Mayor Cutler made these announcements while attending the Commerce Bank Bike Philly Tour. More than 4,000 riders participated in the family-friendly bike tour, celebrating the freedom of car-free Philadelphia streets.

“I am so pleased to be able to share this good news with the bicycle community gathered here today,” said Mayor Nutter. “These efforts will go a long way to make Philadelphia the most bike-friendly City on the East Coast.”

“Bicycles are the key to a well-rounded transportation structure,” said Deputy Mayor Cutler. “These initiatives will allow more Philadelphians to get out of their cars.”

The 1,400 new bicycle racks will be installed throughout the City starting this month. The racks will increase the safety and convenience of bicycle transportation in the City. They will also improve pedestrian traffic by clearing the sidewalks of improperly locked bicycles.

The City is also partnering with the William Penn Foundation to start a group to study a possible bikeshare program in Philadelphia. This group is working with key stakeholders to develop a business plan and policy recommendations that will ensure a bikesharing program that is not only successful and sustainable, but also a national model of excellence.