

On the heels of May Bike Awards, September offers another Bike Commute Challenge

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Last month, at an after-work gathering, a group of DC-based DOT bicyclists toasted their achievements in May's Federal Bike Challenge. At a local watering hole, they celebrated boosting DOT's nationwide registration to 329 individual riders—a 60 percent jump from 2014. That was good enough to take 2nd place among our Federal peers. (The Department of the Interior once again grabbed top honors.)

During the month, DOT cyclists logged 2,698 commuting trips—also good enough for 2nd place—and 3,495 non-commuting trips, adding up to 46,137 miles. FHWA earned this year's bragging rights for the highest number of participants by any DOT Operating Administration, with more than 130 participants, followed by the FAA, with more than 68.



Perhaps more significant than our overall participation was the fact that we had 28 first-time bike commuters this year. Showing fellow DOTers how bike commuting can be safe as well as fun has become a big part of the annual challenge.

It's important to note that this year's success was due in part to FTA's Faith Hall, who was a persistent and inspiring champion for DOT-wide—and nationwide— participation. Not surprisingly, Faith's energy and good cheer led her to this year's "Most Inspiring and Best Team Captain" award.

You can see more stats and awards at <http://dotnet.dot.gov/news/stories/2015/08/2015-bike-awards.html>. And if reading this recap has you dreaming of a September bike commute or two, consider signing up for the Bicycle Transportation Alliance's annual [Bike Commute Challenge](#), conducted throughout September. It's free, and it's a great way to get motivated for some cooler-weather bicycling.

And when you register, please consider joining the “Feds On Bikes” team!

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The screenshot displays the DOT Intranet website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text "United States Department of Transportation" and a search bar. Below this is a large banner for "LABOR DAY" featuring a group of workers in hard hats and safety vests. The banner includes the text "fast, safe, efficient, accessible, convenient transportation for the American people." and a "Search this site" button. Below the banner is a navigation menu with links for "Home", "About DOT", "Employee Services", "Work Tools", "News Center", and "Customize".

The main content area is divided into several sections:

- September Bike Commute Challenge:** A section with a photo of people on bicycles and the text: "On the heels of May Bike Awards, September offers another Bike Commute Challenge. September offers another chance to sign up for the Bicycle Transportation Alliance's annual Bike Commute Challenge." A "More" button is visible.
- FAST LANE:** A section titled "The Official Blog of the U.S. Department of Transportation" with a "Blog" link. It lists several articles, including "University of Illinois opens cutting-edge rail lab" and "Saint Lawrence Seaway Participates in Emergency Response Exercise".
- Announcements:** A section with a "Join the 'Prevent Cancer' 5K race" and "Call for Participants - Jeffrey N. Shane Art Exhibition".
- Events:** A section with a "Messages from Your Mode" link and a note: "Please select 'Customize' in the upper right-hand corner to receive messages from your mode."
- HQ:** A section with a list of links: "DOT Alerts", "Emergency Information", "Security", "Cafeteria", "Facilities", "Parking / Transit", "Employee Services(M)", and "Metro Status".
- DOT:** A section with a list of links: "Timekeeping (CASTLE)", "Jobs & Details", "GovTrip", "E2 Travel Solutions", "Pay (Employee Express)", "Phone Directories", "Payroll / Holidays", "Personnel File (eOPF)", "Transportation Federal Credit Union (TFCU)", "SharePoint", and "Online Training (TMS)".
- Post It!** A section with a "Transportation News" link.
- YES Mentoring** and **IdeaHub** sections.
- On This Day** section.