



Richard A. Rainer Jr.  
Town Administrator - Town of Portsmouth, RI Town Hall  
2200 E. Main Road  
Portsmouth, RI 02871

**Re: Bike to the Beach for autism: Event Notification for August 31, 2019 Charity Ride**

Town Administrator Rainer Jr.,

Bike to the Beach for autism is a fully supported charity cycling event that will be passing through Town of Portsmouth, RI on August 31, 2019. The purpose of our charity event is to raise awareness and support for autism, and the efforts of our primary ride partner Autism Speaks, as well as to support local autism service providers in the New England area.

Cyclists taking part in the event will be assisted in many ways before and during the day of the ride. Leading up to the event, Bike to the Beach provides a training plan, equipment recommendations, and a community of supporters to properly prepare cyclists for the event. Bike to the Beach plans a route that uses preferred cycling roads and commuter routes. While the ride will not include the need of road closures, Bike to the Beach purposefully selects the cycling route to avoid traffic congestion and follow bike safe roads where possible. All cyclists are instructed to, and expected to obey all rules of the road. All riders are given a cue sheet, and the route is marked with signs to ensure that riders stay on the preferred course.

Bike to the Beach hosts rest stops every 10-15 miles where riders are given water and food to replenish their hydration and caloric losses from the ride. Along the route, we have 5-10 chase vehicles with food and water, bike pumps and tubes, and medical supplies to assist the cyclists whenever necessary. Area bike mechanics follow along in vans to assist with any major bicycle mechanical failures. The tail end of the cycling group is followed by a van that will pick up any cyclist that feels they cannot finish the event or that is falling behind our scheduled progress for the day. These precautions are taken to ensure a safe and enjoyable ride.

**We do not foresee needing Police, Fire, or Emergency Medical Services.** However, because safety is our number one priority and we need to prepare for the unforeseen, we want to

inform you that our event will be passing through Town of Portsmouth, RI on August 31, 2019 beginning at approximately 11:30 AM. We expect all of our riders to pass through Town of Portsmouth, RI in no more than two hours.

Please contact us with any questions or needs for additional documentation that you may have. You can reach Bike to the Beach by email at [Info@BiketothBeach.org](mailto:Info@BiketothBeach.org) or by phone at (202) 642-2209.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robby Walsh" with a small flourish at the end.

Robby Walsh  
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Bike to the Beach for autism  
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