

Porter Wright Attorneys Make the Most of Bike-to-Work Week

A group of Porter Wright attorneys – including Managing Partner Robert W. (Buzz) Trafford – was there to support Mayor Michael B. Coleman and E. Gordon Gee, President of The Ohio State University, as they kicked off National Bike-to-Work Week in central Ohio. Porter Wright's participation in the event highlights the firm's commitment to sustainability and its support for cycling as a viable, alternative mode of transportation.

"Porter Wright's commitment to sustainability is widespread and ongoing," said Robert A. Meyer, Jr., chair of the firm's Green Practice Group. "We've already implemented recycling programs and energy-saving measures and taken steps, including implementation of a sustainability policy, to raise awareness within the firm regarding sustainable practices. Supporting Bike-to-Work Week was the next logical step."

Throughout Bike-to-Work Week, 12 Porter Wright cyclists traded their cars for bicycles, traveling a combined 538 miles in 84 trips without using a single tank of gasoline. This group included at least two attorneys who routinely ride their bikes to work – regardless of weather conditions. Paul Rozelle, one of those attorneys and a Board member of Consider Biking, served as Porter Wright's Bike-to-Work coordinator and offered advice regarding safe biking routes to and from work. As Rozelle explains, "we're encouraging our folks to pull the bikes out of the garage, pump up the tires, make sure the helmet fits, find some bright gear and get comfortable with the routes. If we can help decrease the number of cars on the road, maybe we can help reduce central Ohio's carbon footprint!"

As a further testament to the popularity of cycling, six of the firm's attorneys completed the Tour of the Scioto River Valley on May 9 and 10. TOSRV, as the event is known, is a 210-mile bicycling tour from Columbus to Portsmouth and back.



From left to right: Karim Ali, Dixon Miller, Buzz Trafford, Jim Curphey, John Rohyans, Paul Rozelle, and Rob Meyer.