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DCR, Montague Bikes Expand Park&Pedal Multimodal Commuting Network

BOSTON – In an effort to promote outdoor recreational opportunities, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), along with Montague Bikes, today announced the addition of eight new Park&Pedal locations. The program, which was launched in 2015, encourages bike commuting by providing a network of parking hubs conveniently located within cycling distance from centers of employment. Commuters can park their cars for free and ride their bikes the remaining distance to work, thereby avoiding traffic on the most congested portion of their commute – the so called "last mile". The 2018 expansion includes a number of new locations in the Boston area, and for the first time, central and western Massachusetts.

"The Baker-Polito Administration continues to foster strong partnerships with a variety of entities and stakeholders to meet shared environmental and recreational goals that truly benefit the public," **said Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Leo Roy.** "The Park&Pedal Program serves as an example of an excellent partnership that not only alleviates traffic congestion from area roadways, but also enables the public with another great opportunity to get outside and incorporate a healthy, active lifestyle."

"Other people have been taking note of our success with this initiative born right here in Massachusetts," **said David Montague**, **President of Montague Corporation**. "We look forward to continuing our expansion across the country and around the world with a program that reduces emissions and increases commuter health."

The Park&Pedal Program was originally conceived by David Montague, who formulated the program after personally parking and pedaling into work for years. The program designates spaces within parking hubs for commuters to utilize, which provide several benefits the Commonwealth, including:

- The reduction of traffic congestion during the rush hour commutes;
- The increase in available parking spots within urban areas:
- The decrease of environmentally harmful vehicle emissions; and
- The contribution to a healthier citizenship.

Park&Pedal launched in summer 2015 with 7 locations and has since grown to service thousands of Massachusetts commuters with 28 parking hubs. The new locations in the 2018 expansion include Martini Playground in Boston; Jim Roche Ice Arena in West Roxbury; Alewife Reservation in Arlington; Ryan Skating Rink in Watertown; Regatta Point Park, the Charles J. Buffone Rink, and the Daniel S. Horgan Rink in Worcester, and the Henry J. Fitzpatrick Rink in Holyoke.

For more information, please visit the Park&Pedal website or call 800-736-5348 to learn more.