# Proclamation acceptance vocal response

During Bike Month, the Bicycle Board encourages all Morgantown residents to rediscover the joy and freedom of riding their bikes.

Many Morgantown residents already enjoy the extensive rail-trail system that we have.

Some Morgantown residents are discovering that they can actually use their bikes to get around town without the hassle of driving their cars.

They’re also discovering that bicycling for transportation can be fun and personally satisfying once they overcome the fear of riding in traffic.

Both state and city law give bicyclists that same rights to the road as motorists. The law also says bicyclists must obey the same rules.

This year, under a grant from the Federal Department of Transportation and the WV DOT, Morgantown is conducting its Confident City Cycling program.

In this program, cyclists learn to drive their bicycles as vehicles, to get respect from motorists and to overcome the fear of riding in traffic.

Classes are conducted one weekend every month and every Monday night.

The web site [www.BikeMorgantown.com](http://www.BikeMorgantown.com) and ads in the Dominion Post every Thursday through Saturday provide the course schedule and more information.

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