# Bike Commuting Counts! ZAP Twin Cities



#### Today's Agenda

- A brief history of bike commuter programs in MSP
- What is ZAP Twin Cities?
- How does it work?
- Results
- The future





A brief his t bike commuter



#### History of bike programs in MSP

- Ride 2 Rewards
  - Started in one area
  - Rolled out to entire region
  - Tracked bike and bike + transit trips
  - Became a multi-modal trip tracker



#### History of bike programs in MSP

- Ride 2 Rewards
  - Worked great for 8 weeks
- Multi-Modal trip tracker
  - Even shorter life of average user
  - Lack of usable data



#### History of bike programs in MSP

- Didn't quite suit our needs
- What we wanted
  - Trackable/usable data
  - Long-term users
  - Ease of use
  - Ability to show behavioral increases
  - Program to entice new users
  - Advocacy tool



# **Enter ZAP Twin Cities**





#### What is ZAP Twin Cities?

- Bike commuter incentive program
- Pilot started in August 2012
- Partnership between University of Minnesota, Commuter Connection, Dero Bike Racks and St. Paul Smart Trips



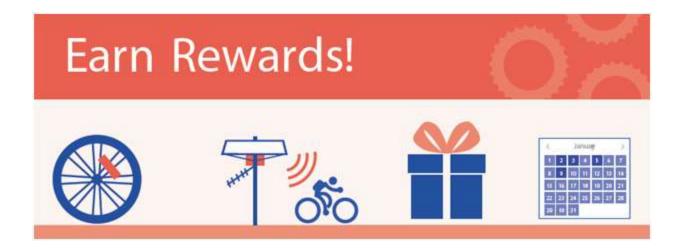
#### What is ZAP Twin Cities?

- Passive tracking no manual entry
- RFID technology
- Rewards, encouragement and education



# How does it work?



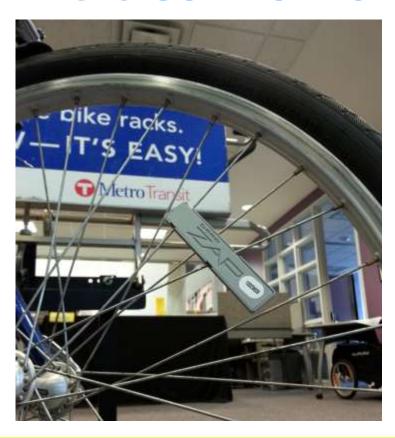


Get tagged. Get ZAPPED. Get rewarded.



#### **Get Tagged**

RFID emitter is installed on the wheel





#### **Get ZAPPED**

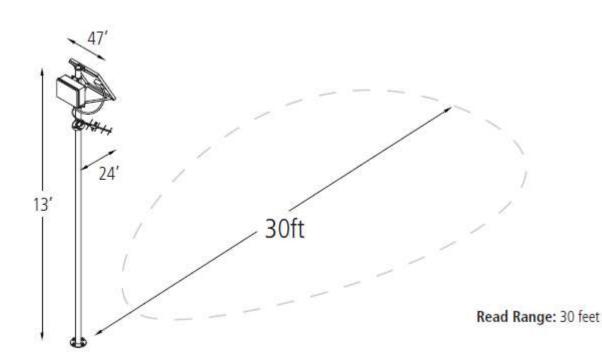
 Ride past one of 40 readers







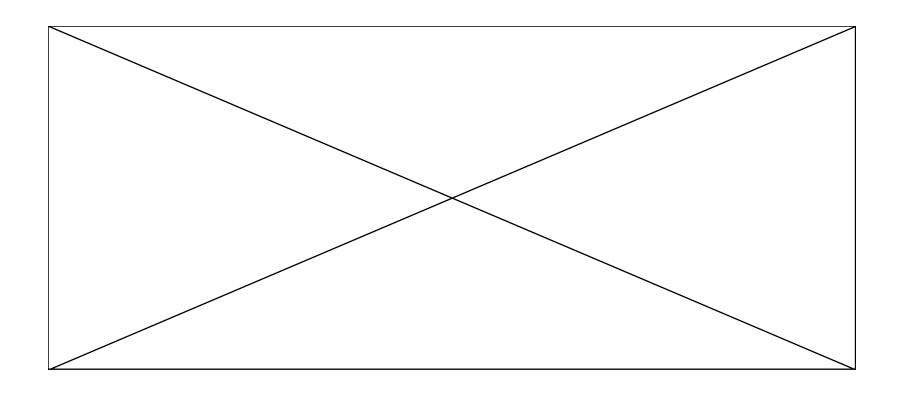




#### **Get ZAPPED**

- Max range of 30'
- Sweet spot
   of 5' 15'

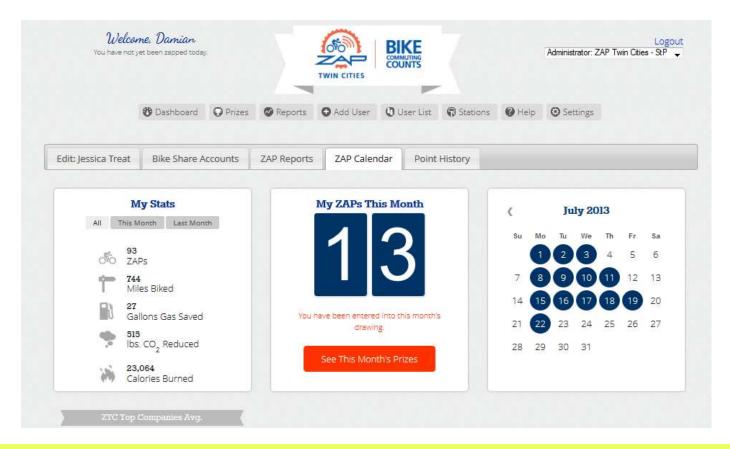






- For the commuter
  - Online account
  - Multiple bikes on one account
  - Automatically tracks trips
  - Reports mileage, calories burned,
     CO2 reductions & trips







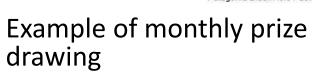
- For the commuter
  - Incentives to ride
    - Automatic incentive 10 days
    - Prize drawing 8 days / month
    - Challenge prizes occasional





2012-2013 10-ride prize







Example of challenge prize





- For the commuter
  - Health and Wellness programs
    - Discounts on healthcare
    - Cash back from employers



- For the commuter
  - Additional features
    - Teams
    - Challenges



#### Connection to bikeshare







- For employers
  - 14 participating employers
  - Large companies
  - Local co-ops
  - Colleges & hospitals
- Different users have different needs



#### **Zap Your Bike at MCTC**

#### Have you Zapped your bike yet?

Bring your bicycle to campus on one of these days to have your ZAP tag installed!

- Sept. 11 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | T Skyway (Student Involvement Fair)
- Sept. 17 | noon-2 p.m. | outdoor plaza
- ▶ Sept. 25 | noon-2 p.m. | outdoor plaza
- Oct. 8 | noon-2 p.m. | outdoor plaza
- Oct. 29 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | T Skyway
  (Health Fair)
- Nov. 12. | 5-7 p.m. | Helland Center (Fall Open House)

ZAP is an incentivized program that allows bicycle commuters to use the frequency and length of their bike rides to earn rewards, including bike accessories and gift cards to local businesses. Participants can log on to the ZAP website and view their trip data, miles biked, calories burned, CO2 reduced and gallons of gas saved.

MCTC is partnering with Commuter Connection to promote bicycle commuting to help reduce the College's environmental impact and slow climate change.

For more information, visit commuter-connection.org/zap

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#### Who is in ZAP Twin Cities?



- City of Minneapolis
  - o My Health Rewards
  - o Bikeshare integration
  - o 117 participants, 40 met their goal (34%)



#### What we've found



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- More popular than we expected
  - o 2406 participants and counting
  - o 129,000+ ZAPs
  - o 1,300,000+ miles biked
  - o This doesn't include another 2800 users at the university



#### What we've found

#### Retention

- 70%/month participation in season
- 68% for 2014 YTD
- 85% more than 1 ride
- 67% 10 rides
- o Feb. 2013
  - 30% participating
  - 10% prize eligible



# What's next?



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- Expand employer portals
- Network expansion
- Mobile apps

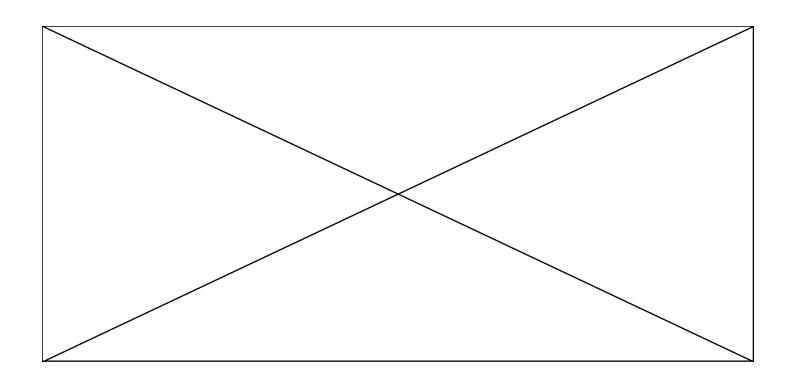


#### What's next

- Data mining
  - Increased activity?
  - New riders converted
  - Cluster mapping
  - Reader placement



# What's next?





#### Questions?



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