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**Boston Selected as the Host City of the 2025 National Youth Bike Summit**

*The Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition and Bikes Not Bombs will host the three-day national event in Boston, from May 30 to June 1, 2025, at Roxbury Community College*

(Boston, 7/30/24) – The Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition (MFFC) and Bikes Not Bombs (BNB) announced today that the National Youth Bike Council (NYBC) selected them as the 2025 hosts of the [Youth Bike Summit](#) (YBS) – a yearly three-day event that brings together hundreds of youth riders and adult advocates from across the country for workshops and rides designed to help youth lead and advocate for more equitable communities through the power of the bicycle.

Last month, the two local nonprofits received the “golden handlebars” from NYBC during this year’s summit in Allentown, Pennsylvania, to ceremoniously announce Boston as the next host city. The 2025 Youth Bike Summit will begin on May 30 and run through June 1, 2025, at Roxbury Community College in Boston. A call for sponsors is now open.

“Youth Bike Summit fosters connections among youth and adults through the common cause of active living, while also building a future of leaders who are passionate about bicycles,” said Joshua Funches, President of NYBC. “Hundreds of youth riders, advocates, and leaders just came together for this year’s summit in Allentown, and we’re excited to keep the momentum going and bring it to Boston next year.”

Each year, the Youth Bike Summit brings together students, educators, advocates, researchers, policymakers, and community leaders to gather and share ideas, give youth a voice, and encourage civic engagement and advocacy.

“As the Boston representative of the Youth Bike Summit for many years, I’ve seen first-hand young people advocating for and taking leadership roles in shaping bike culture for more equitable communities,” said Shavel’le Oliver, Executive Director of MFFC. “The Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition is thrilled to bring this empowering convening to Boston. We look forward to hosting the summit and showing how Boston’s youth are passionate about bicycling and why to empower them as bicycle leaders is to strengthen communities, promote environmental justice and economic development, and foster streets that are more equitable and accessible for all.”

“Bicycles are vehicles for social change,” said Elijah Evans, CEO of Bikes Not Bombs. “By providing bicycle resources to young adults, especially Black youth and other marginalized communities, we are not just enabling safe transportation, but also fostering economic mobility and building more connected communities. This summit aims to amplify the message of empowerment through cycling and showcase Boston as a trailblazer among cities championing a more just, equitable, and sustainable world driven by the power of bicycles.”

The 2025 summit is expected to feature keynote speakers, classroom and ride-based workshops, a group ride across Boston, and more; final programming details, the line-up of speakers, sponsors, and more will be available in the spring of 2025.

A call for sponsors is now open. To learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.youthbikesummit.org](http://www.youthbikesummit.org); the webpage will also be updated over the next couple of weeks as additional information and updates become available.

#### **About Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition**

Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition (MFFC), founded in 2006, is a grassroots organization that builds intergenerational leadership within Mattapan's Black and Brown community to advocate for equitable access to healthy foods and opportunities for physical activity. MFFC also fosters safe and inviting recreational spaces, and advocates for streets and sidewalks readily accessible to all. <https://www.mattapanfoodandfit.org/>

#### **About Bike Not Bombs**

Bikes Not Bombs uses the bicycle as a vehicle for social change to achieve economic mobility for Black and other marginalized people in Boston and the Global South. Bikes Not Bombs envisions a more just, equitable, and sustainable world powered by bicycles and led by Black and other marginalized people. <https://bikesnotbombs.org/>

#### **About National Youth Bike Council**

The National Youth Bike Council (NYBC) is a youth-led organization dedicated to supporting initiatives that get young people on bicycles. The NYBC also provides an active learning space for young people to boost youth involvement with the bicycle through peer leadership. <https://www.nybcouncil.com/>

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