

**ITEM 7 – Action
July 17, 2024**

Car Free Day Proclamation

Action: Approve the Car Free Day 2024 Proclamation

Background: In an effort to create awareness and encourage residents to go car free by using public transportation, bicycling or walking, or go car lite and carpool, Regional Car Free Day events are being organized in the region for September 23. These events will encourage the community and regional decision-makers to support car free policies and initiatives.



2024 Regional Proclamation

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Washington, DC region; and

WHEREAS, the TPB through its Commuter Connections program organizes and promotes the annual Car Free Day event along with its jurisdictional network members throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Car Free Day invites those who live and work in the region to telework and try alternative forms of transportation such as transit, bicycling, scootering, walking, and “car-lite” methods such as carpools and vanpools; and

WHEREAS, Car Free Day benefits the National Capital Region through improved air quality, mobility, energy conservation, and reduced parking demands; and

WHEREAS, Car Free Day corresponds with the culmination of European Mobility Week’s celebration of sustainable mobility.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board:

1. Proclaims Car Free Day throughout the Washington Metropolitan region to be observed on Monday, September 23, 2024; and
2. Encourages those who live and work in the region to take the pledge to be Car Free or car-lite at www.CarFreeMetroDC.org; and
3. Acknowledges TPB member jurisdictions who have adopted similar proclamations in support of Car Free Day 2024.