

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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The Honorable President Barack H. Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

Car Free Day is an international event celebrated annually in 1,500 cities in 40 countries where people are encouraged to make a difference for a day by relying less on their cars by either not driving or using public transportation, carpooling, teleworking, bicycling, or walking. The resulting one day benefit is a reduction in traffic congestion, automobile emissions and non-sustainable energy consumption, but it can also lead event participants to a prolonged commitment to using alternative forms of transportation where feasible.

On behalf of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, I am writing to encourage your administration's support of Car Free Day 2010, to be held on September 22. With about 320,000 federal workers living in the Washington metropolitan region, participation in Car Free Day by the region's federal workers would boost the event's success.

Information on the event can be found at www.carfreemetrodc.com and can be shared with all federal agency directors in the region. We look forward to the federal government's participation in the 2010 Car Free Day event.

Sincerely,



David F. Snyder
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