Item #6

# COMMUTER CONNECTIONS®

# Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee July 18, 2017





#### Car Free Day Background

- Started in Europe in 1995.
- Global in 2000.
- Celebrated in 1,500 cities in 40 countries.







- Coincides with European Mobility Week.
- Annual campaign on sustainable urban mobility, Sept 16-22.
- 2017 theme 'Sharing Gets You Further'
- The benefits of shared mobility:
  - reduce expenses
  - lowers carbon footprint
  - makes journey more sociable



#### EUROPEAN**MOBILITY**WEEK







- The week culminates in Car Free Day, September 22.
- Participating cities set aside one or more areas solely for pedestrians, cyclists and public transportation for the whole day.



#### International









#### Car Free Day Washington DC Region

- Began as D.C. centric in 2007.
- Regionally in 2008.





### Downtown DC 2008, 7<sup>th</sup> & F St.





## Objectives

Main objectives are to:

- Use Car Free Day as an opportunity to promote alternative modes of both commute and non-commute transportation.
- Encourage commuters and public to take online pledge to use car free or car-lite travel methods (and telework).
- Tabulate pledge numbers and measure and emissions impacts.
- Open Streets event



### Car Free Day Washington DC Region

- Not just commuters.
  - Seniors
  - Students
  - Homemakers
- People who ordinarily travel SOV to work, classes, and errands.
- Pledge goal 10,000.

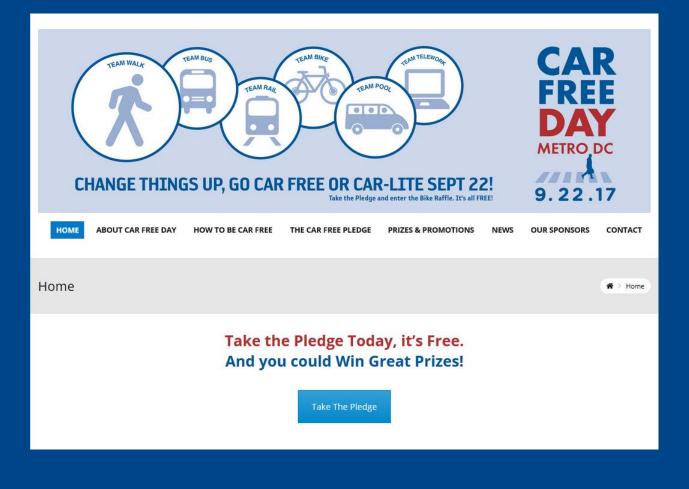


## Marketing and Outreach

- The event web site
- Proclamation
- CFD posters
- Radio
- Donated transit and online space
- Social media (free and paid)
- Text messaging
- Direct mail
- Email
- Press releases
- Public outreach



#### Car Free Day Web Site



www.carfreemetrodc.org



### **Pledge Form Questions**

- The travel method taken for the greatest distance.
- Whether normally Car Free?
- Total miles traveled using non-SOV methods.
- Text number
- Name/address



#### How to be Car Free or Car-Lite



#### Try something new. TAKE the PLEDGE. #CarFreeDay, coming September 22!



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#### **Regional Proclamation**



**2016 TPB Proclamation Signing** 



#### **Local Jurisdiction Proclamations**



#### Mayoral Proclamation

#### Car Free Day - Thursday, September 22, 2016

- WHEREAS,
   the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is the metropolitan planning organization for the Washington Region; and

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

   WHEREAS,
   Car Free Day invites Washington region residents to try alternative forms of transportation such as bicycling and walking, and "car lite" methods such as carpools, vanpools, teleworking, and making fewer trips by car; and
- WHEREAS, Car Free Day benefits the National Capital Region through improved air quality, reduced traffic congestion and parking demands, and the conservation of energy; and
- WHEREAS, this year's Car Free Day gives drivers a chance to consider more eco-friendly and less stressful ways to travel.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kate Stewart, Mayor of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, on behalf of the Council, staff and residents, hereby proclaim Thursday, September 22, 2016 as Car Free Day, and encourage everyone to pledge to be Car Free or Car Lite by visiting <u>www.CarFreeNetroDC.org</u>.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2016.

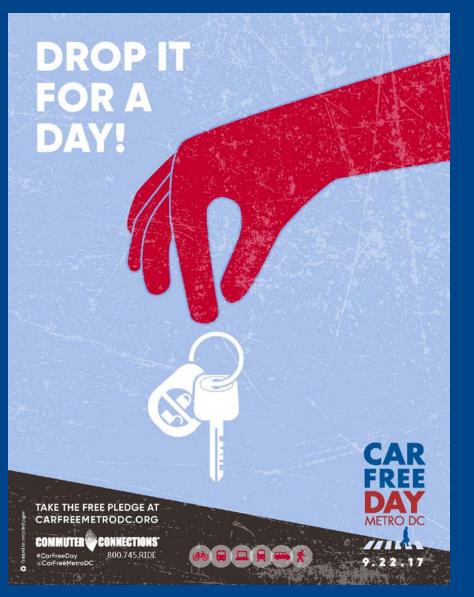
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Mayor

Jessie Carpenter, CMC City Clerk



#### 2017 Campaign





#### **Jurisdiction Events**









#### Social Media







### Paid Social Media

#### strength in numbers

and you could win a Crunch Fitness membership tool

pledge for free at carfreemetrodc.org



there are **1 billiom** vehicles on the globe. make it one less for the day

pledge for free at carfreemetrodc.org





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#### Radio Support









One day will make a difference and can lead to more! September 22nd is Car Free Day in the DMV. I took the pledge and you can do the same: riding Metro, biking, bus, walking to work, carpooling, everything helps. And once you sign up, you can win some sweet priz... See More



NGS UP, GO CAR FREE OR CAR-LITE SEPT 22!

Car Free Day | Are You Ready To Take The Pledge?



Break out the bike for CarFreeDay September 22! Take the free Pledge at Carfreemetrodc.org! #ad

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## Transit

















#### Capital Area Car Free College Campus Challenge

- American University
- Catholic University of America
- Gallaudet University
- George Washington University
- George Mason University
- Georgetown University
- Howard University
- Marymount University
- Montgomery College
- National Defense University
- National Intelligence University
- Northern Virginia Community College
- Prince George's Community College
- Trinity Washington University
- Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences
- University of the District of Columbia
- University of Maryland College Park



Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area



## Media Coverage Headlines

- Car Free Day Registration Opens
- Alternative Transportation in the Spotlight
- World Car Free Day is Thursday
- Ditching Your Car on World Car Free Day
- Try Transit Week and Car Free Day Encourage Driving Alternatives
- Car Free Day is Sept. 22
- Car Free Day Campus Challenge
- Go Car Free in Alexandria on World Car Free Day!
- Eyes on the Prizes: Car Free Day 2016







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