ITEM 7 – Action
July 16, 2014

Approval of Regional Car Free Day 2014 Proclamation

Staff Recommendation: Approve the enclosed Car Free Day 2014 Proclamation.

Issues: None

Background: In an effort to create awareness of 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 Monday, September22. These events will encourage the community and regional decision-makers to support car free policies and initiatives.

**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD**

**PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING SEPTEMBER 22, 2014
AS CAR FREE DAY
IN THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN REGION**

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 citizens to telework and try alternative forms of transportation such as transit, bicycling and walking, and "car lite" methods such as carpools and vanpools; 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, Car Free Day corresponds with international mobility week, occurring September 16-22, celebrating sustainable mobility.

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

1. **Proclaims September 22, 2014 as Car Free Day throughout the Washington Metropolitan Region; and**

2. **Encourages citizens to pledge to be Car Free or Car-lite by visiting www.carfreemetrodc.org; and**

3. **Asks TPB Member jurisdictions to adopt similar proclamations in support of Car Free Day.**

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Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board