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ITEM #7

# Proclamation

**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 energy conservation; 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:

**Proclaims September 22, 2015 as Car Free Day throughout the Washington Metropolitan Region; and**

**Encourages citizens to pledge to be Car Free or Car-lite by visiting [www.carfreemetrodc.org](http://www.carfreemetrodc.org); and**

**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***