

ITEM 7 – Action

July 20, 2011

Approval of Regional Car Free Day 2011 Proclamation

Staff Recommendation: Approve the enclosed Car Free Day 2011 Proclamation.

Issues: None

Background: In an effort to encourage residents to leave their cars at home or to take alternative forms of transportation such as public transit, carpools, vanpools, telework, bicycling or walking, Regional Car Free Day events are being organized in the region for Thursday, September 22. These events will encourage the business community and other regional decision-makers to support car free policies and initiatives.



NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
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**PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2011
AS CAR FREE DAY
IN THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON REGION**

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) 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;

WHEREAS, Car Free Day invites Washington region citizens to try alternative forms of transportation such as transit, bicycling and walking, "car lite" methods such as carpools and vanpools, and teleworking; 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 Thursday, September 22, 2011 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.com; and**
- 3. Asks TPB Member jurisdictions to adopt similar proclamations in support of Car Free Day.**

Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board