METRO DC



# Car Free Day Background

- First took place in the DC region in 2007.
- Event started in Europe in 1995, went global in 2000 and is part of Europe's mobility week.
- For at least one day during mobility week, cities set aside an area solely for pedestrians, cyclists and public transit that is ordinarily used by cars.
- Car Free Day is celebrated in 1,500 cities in 40 countries.



# Car Free Day Background

- Regional rollout occurred in 2008 with TPB support.
- COG's Commuter Connections program promotes and organizes the annual Car Free Day event along with its network members.
- Invites Washington region citizens to try alternative forms of transportation such as transit, bicycling and walking.
- Includes car-lite methods such as carpools and vanpools; also supports practice of teleworking.



### International







**Bogota** 

**KUALA LUMPUR** 







# 2014 Media Coverage Headlines

FrederickNewsPost.com

- Car Free Day registration opens
- Millions Worldwide to Go Car-Free or "Car-Lite" on Monday, Sept. 22
- Car Free Day: Ditch the ride or go car light!
- County Urging Locals to Bike, Walk Or Take Public Transit On 'Car Free Day
- MoCo Celebrates Car Free Day on Sept. 22
- Commuter Connections program has spent 40 years helping people go car-free
- Commuter Connections Seeks Business Participation for Car Free Day in September
- Commuters Encouraged to Have a Car Free Day
- Some DC residents go car-free everyday
- For Some D.C. Residents, Every Day Is Car Free Day













## **Open Participation**

Pledge to be Car Free at www.carfreemetrodc.org

- ✓ Workers
- ✓ Students
- √ Homemakers
- ✓ Seniors
- Primary targets are individuals who ordinarily travel alone by car for work, errands and classes.
- Secondary groups are those already in Car Free travel modes.



# Car Free Day Web Site



#### Put it away. Uncar for a day.

September 22, 2014

Join us for part of a worldwide movement to celebrate more sustainable forms of transportation on Car Free Day - Monday September 22, 2014.

Go Car Free or Car-Lite and make a difference by bicycling, walking, teleworking, carpooling or taking transit.

Pledge even if you're already using these transportation alternatives.

**Pledge Now!** 





# Promotional Materials









#### Take the pledge at carfreemetrodc.org

You could win a Kindle Fire or other great prizes!
Tell a co-worker, family or friend to use Metrobus or Metrorail.









### Social Media

#### twitter

#### facebook







# Advertising/Marketing











**Opt-In Text Messaging** 

## Transit













### **Local Events**













# **Local Events**

PARK(ing) Day



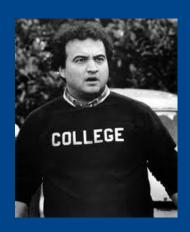




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### 2015 CFD Call To Action

- 10,000 Pledges Goal
- TPB Proclamation
- Pledges from TPB Members
- Local Activities/Events
- Media Coverage



# Questions?



**2014 TPB Proclamation Signing** 

