

**ITEM 7 – Action**  
July 17, 2013

Approval of Regional Car Free Days 2013 Proclamation

**Staff Recommendation:** Approve the enclosed Car Free Days 2013 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 Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 20-22. 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 20-22, 2013  
AS CAR FREE DAYS  
IN THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON 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 an 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 taking transit, bicycling and walking, and “car lite” methods such as carpooling and vanpooling; 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**, in 2013 World Car Free Day occurs on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, and international mobility week occurs September 16-22<sup>nd</sup>, celebrating sustainable mobility.

**WHEREAS**, in order to include a weekday commute as part of the Car Free celebration, in 2013 the event will be recognized during a three day period from Friday, September 20th through Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

- 1. Proclaims September 20-22, 2013 as Car Free Days throughout the Washington Metropolitan Region; and**
- 2. Encourages citizens to pledge to be Car Free or Car-lite on any or all of the 2013 Car Free Days by visiting [www.carfreemetrodc.org](http://www.carfreemetrodc.org); and**
- 3. Asks TPB Member jurisdictions to adopt similar proclamations in support of Car Free Days on September 20-22, 2013.**

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***Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board***