

ITEM 7 – Action

July 20, 2022

Regional Car Free Day 2022 Proclamation

Action: Approve the Car Free Day 2022 Proclamation

Background: In an effort to create awareness 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 September 22. These events will encourage the community and regional decision-makers to support car free policies and initiatives.



2022 *Proclamation*

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Washington, DC region; and

WHEREAS, the TPB through its Commuter Connections program organizes and promotes the annual Car Free Day event along with its jurisdictional network members throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Car Free Day invites those who live and work in the region to telework and try alternative forms of transportation such as transit, bicycling, walking, and “car-lite” methods such as carpools and vanpools; and

WHEREAS, Car Free Day benefits the National Capital Region through improved air quality, mobility, energy conservation, and reduced parking demands; and

WHEREAS, Car Free Day corresponds with the culmination of European Mobility Week’s celebration of sustainable mobility from September 16-22, 2022.

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

1. Proclaims Car Free Day throughout the Washington Metropolitan region to be observed on Thursday, September 22, 2022; and
2. Encourages those who live and work in the region to take the pledge to be Car Free or Car-lite at www.CarFreeMetroDC.org; and
3. Acknowledges TPB member jurisdictions who have adopted similar proclamations in support of Car Free Day 2022.

Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board



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JULY 20, 2022

Car Free Day 2022

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Car Free Day Background

- Started in Europe in 1995.
- Global in 2000.
- Celebrated in 1,500 cities in 40 countries.



International

London, England



Haryana, India



Warsaw, Poland





- Coincides with European Mobility Week.
- An annual campaign on sustainable urban mobility, Sept 16-22.
- Aims to introduce and promote sustainable transportation measures as alternatives to car use.





- The week culminates on Car Free Day, September 22.
- Participating cities set aside one or more areas solely for pedestrians, cyclists and public transportation for the whole day.



Car Free Day Washington DC Region

- Began as D.C. centric in 2007.
- Regionally in 2008.
- Promotes alternative forms of transportation - transit, bicycling, scootering, and walking.
- Car-lite methods such as carpools and vanpools.
- Telework.



Car Free Day Background

- Not just commuters.
 - Seniors
 - Students
 - Homemakers
- People who ordinarily travel SOV to work, errands, and classes.
- Pledge Goal 5,000.



Car Free Day Participant Survey

- Conducted in 2019
- Almost 100% of respondents Used Car Free or Car Lite Options during Car Free Day
- Transit use was slightly less than pledged, but options used were generally in line with options pledged
- 71% of respondents who changed their commute mode on CFD would most likely have driven alone to work that day

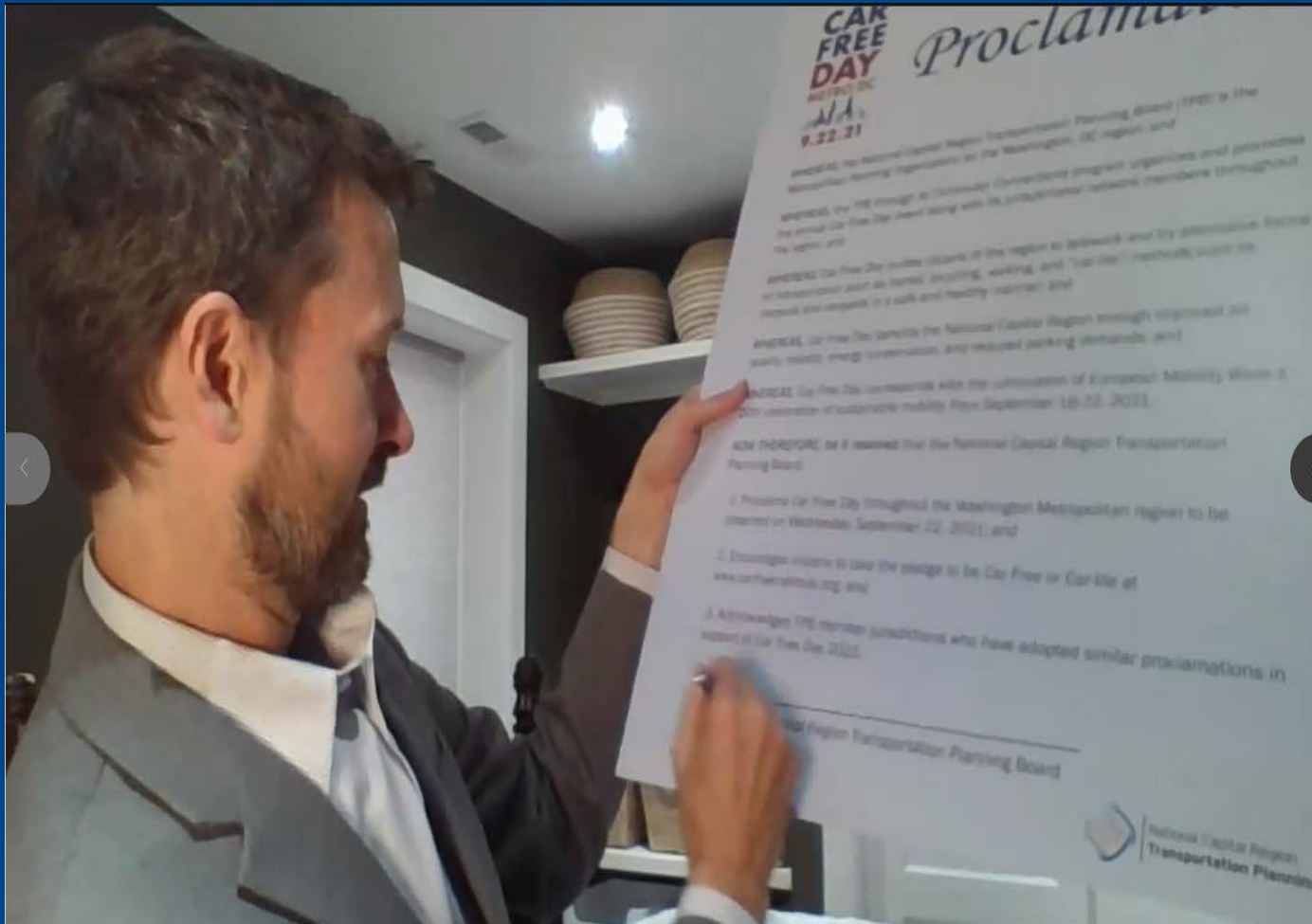


Car Free Day Participant Survey

- 33% of respondents increased Use of Car Free and Car Lite Options for Non-Work Trips Since Car Free Day.
- Average Frequency of Car Free and Car Lite use for Work Trips Rose 0.1 Days per Week From Before Car Free Day (3.8 days/week) to After CFD (3.9 days/week).



Regional Proclamation



2021 TPB Proclamation Signing



Media Coverage

- WJLA - Car Free Day in the District
- Take Your Foot off the Gas and Take the Free Pledge: Car Free Day 2021 Registration Opens!
- Prince William County Government: Leave The Cars At Home For A Day
- Transit agency offers prizes for those who go car-free, work from home
- Montgomery County Celebrates Car Free Day with Prizes, Gift Cards
- 'Car free' DC is Wednesday
- Calendar Listings



Car Free Day Partnerships



Car Free Day Web Site

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Take the Free Pledge

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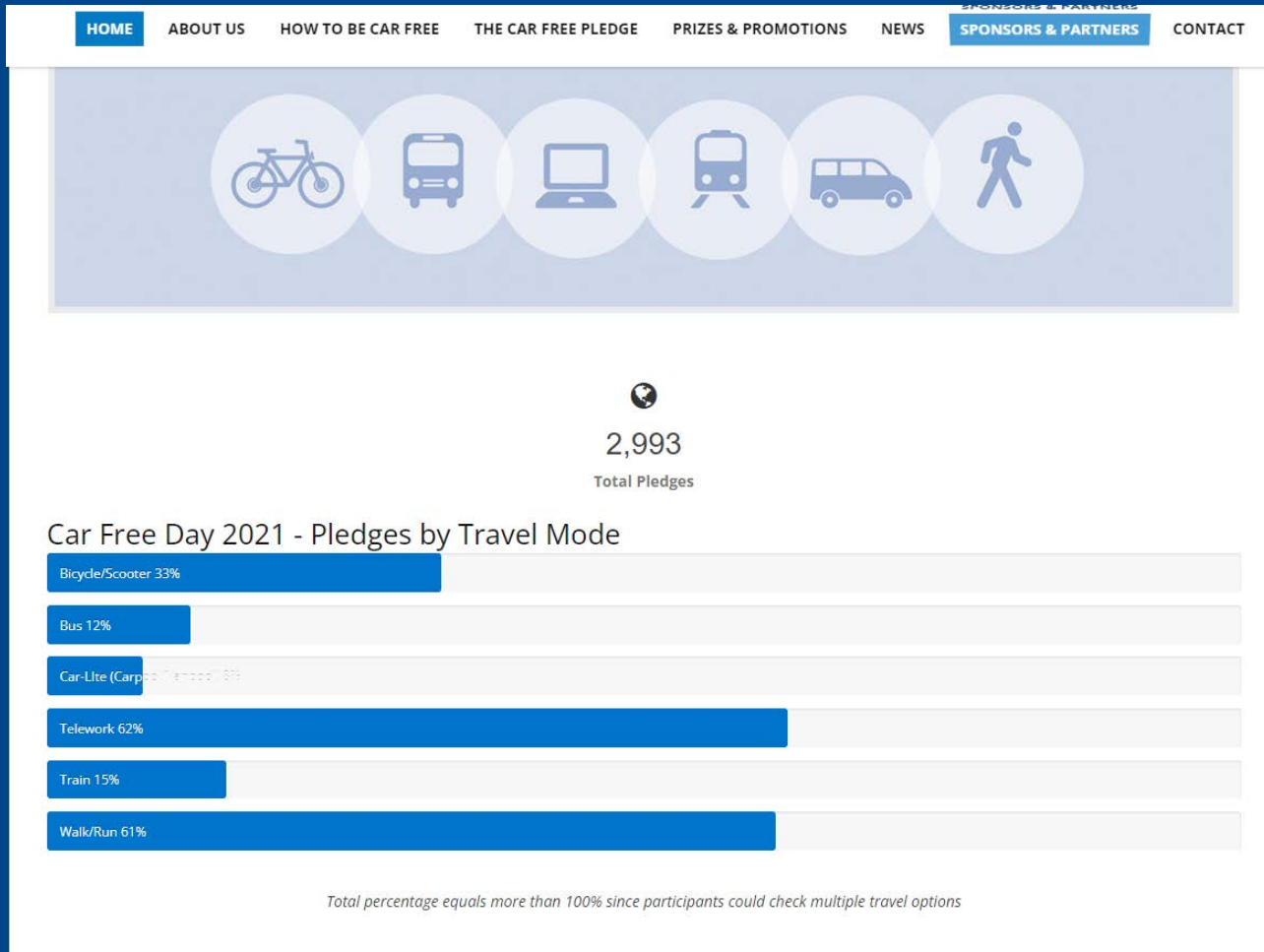
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TAKE THE PLEDGE TODAY, IT'S FREE.
And you could Win Great Prizes!



Website Leaderboard



Promotional Materials

Take the Free Pledge at CarFreeMetroDC.org



The poster features the text 'CAR FREE DAY' in large, bold letters. 'CAR' and 'FREE' are in dark blue, while 'DAY' is in red. The word 'SEPTEMBER 22, 2021' is in dark blue below the main title. Illustrations include a blue car with two people wearing masks, a person standing by a bus, a person sitting at a desk with a laptop, and a person riding a bicycle. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the poster.

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Replace your gas pedal with bike pedals when you go car free or car-lite on Wednesday, September 22, for Car Free Day! Take the free pledge at <https://bit.ly/CarFreeDay2021> and enter our raffle to win great prizes from sponsors based in Metro DC. #CarFreeDay2021 #CarFreeMetroDC

TRADE IN THE GAS PEDAL

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The graphic features an illustration of a person with a backpack riding a bicycle on a city street. The text 'TRADE IN THE GAS PEDAL' is on the left, and the Car Free Day logo with the date and slogan is on the right.

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Car Free Day is an international event celebrated in the Washington DC region on Sept 22nd. Take the pledge today and go car free or car-lite!

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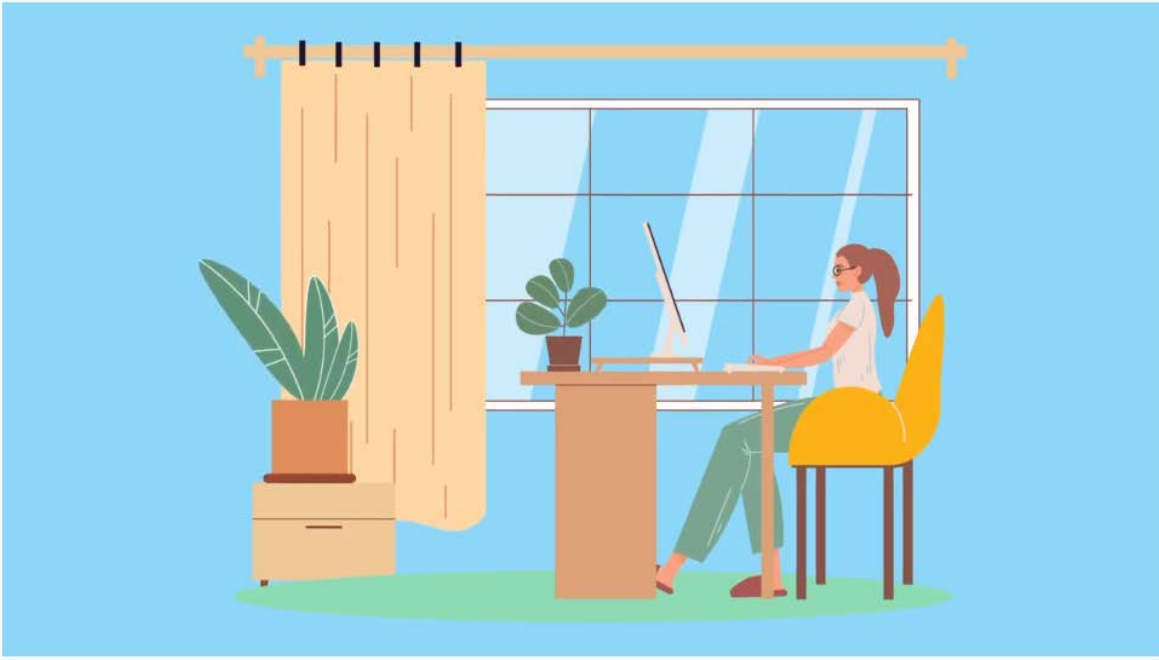
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The Twitter profile includes a header with icons for various transit modes (bus, car, train, bicycle, walking, scooter, laptop) and a large graphic for Car Free Day. The bio and connections are visible below the profile picture.



Paid Social Media



The screenshot shows a YouTube video player. The video content is a flat-style illustration of a woman with glasses and a ponytail sitting at a wooden desk, working on a laptop. She is wearing a white shirt and green pants. The desk is positioned in front of a large window with a wooden frame and yellow curtains. A potted plant sits on a small wooden cabinet to the left of the desk. The background is a solid light blue color.

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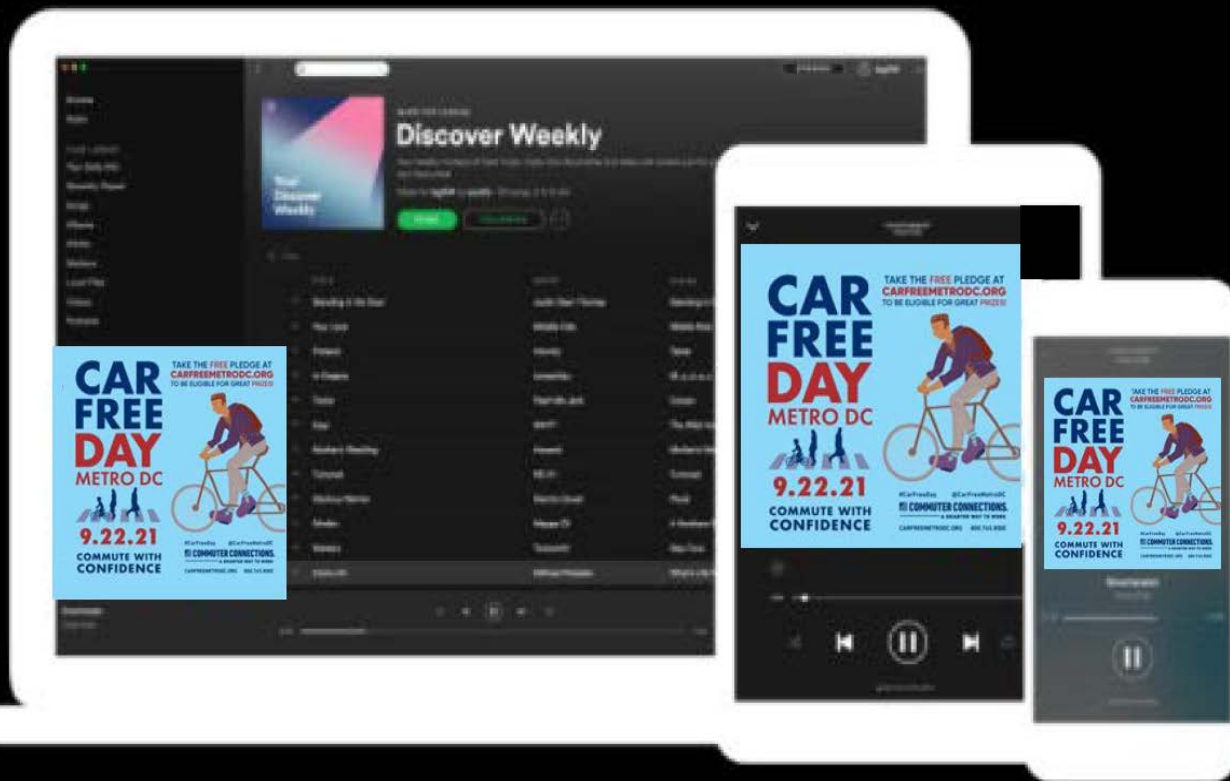
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Pledge to Go Car Free on September 22 and Become Eligible to Win Prizes

PoP Sponsor September 16, 2021 at 12:15pm



Did you know Car Free Day is an international event? Yup — mark your calendars for September 22.

Car Free Day is exactly what it sounds like — a day people are encouraged to travel without driving alone in cars. Here in the DMV, [Commuter Connections](#), the regional network of transportation organizations coordinated by the [Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments](#), is hosting the annual event.

Here's how it works: When you take the free [pledge to go car-free](#) (or car-lite, which would include carpooling or vanpooling), on Wednesday, September 22, you'll get a \$30 promo code to Nift (Neighborhood Gift) to spend at local businesses, *and* you'll be entered for a chance to win a bunch of prizes, including a Samsung tablet, gift cards, transit passes and more.



Jurisdiction Events



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Capital Area Car Free College Campus Challenge



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