

## **ITEM 7 – Action**

July 19, 2023

### Car Free Day Proclamation

**Action:** Approve the Car Free Day 2023 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.



# 2023

# 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, scootering, 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, 2023.

**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 Friday, September 22, 2023; 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](http://www.CarFreeMetroDC.org); and
3. Acknowledges TPB member jurisdictions who have adopted similar proclamations in support of Car Free Day 2023.

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Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board



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