ITEM # 7

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

July 17, 2013





Car Free Day Background

- Event started in Europe in 1995, went global in 2000
- Part of International Mobility Week
- One or more days during Mobility Week, cities set aside an area for pedestrians, cyclists and transit, ordinarily used by cars
- Car Free Day is celebrated in 1,500 cities in 40 countries
- World Car Free Day is September 22nd



International













Car Free Day Background

- First took place in the District in 2007
- TPB supported regional rollout in 2008 with 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 carpooling



2012 Media Coverage

FairfaxNews The Washington Post









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CBS









Media Coverage Headlines

A World Without Cars	Get Out and Explore DC with Car Free Day Sept. 22		
Advocates urge D.C. to go car free for a day	Go Car Free Sept. 22nd		
Attract New Customers on Car Free Day	Happy Car Free Day		
Break Your Automobile Addiction	Park It - Go Car Free on September 22nd		
Car Free Day - Reflect on Transportation Options	Safety and Awareness are Key for CFD 2012		
Car Free Day is Saturday	Saturday is International Car Free Day		
Car Free Day is Tomorrow	The Reason Car-Free Day is on Saturday		
Car Free DC, at least for a day	There is Still Time to Pledge to Go Car Free		
Ditch your car this week! We double-dog dare you	Washington Region to Join the World in Celebrating CFD		

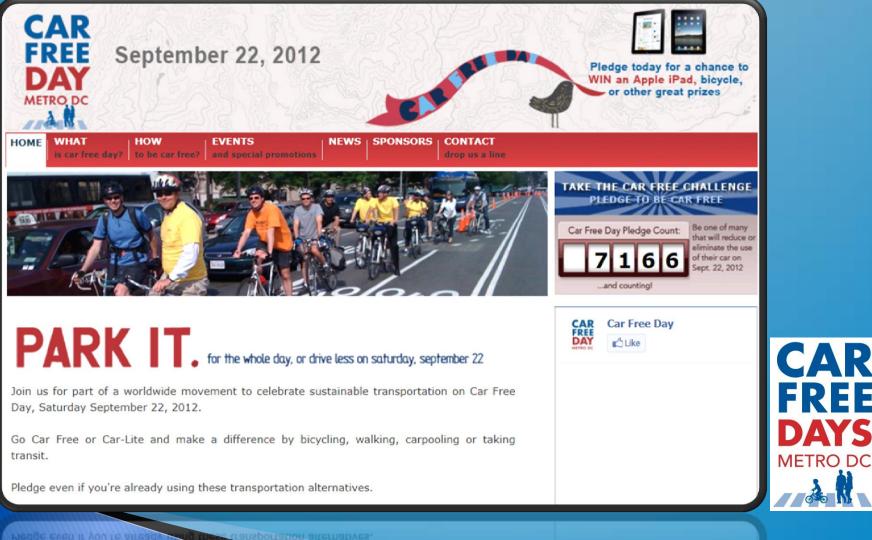


Open Participation

- Pledge to be Car Free at www.carfreemetrodc.org
 - ✓ Commuters
 - ✓ Students
 - ✓ Families
- Primary targets are SOV drivers
- Secondary group are those already in Car Free travel modes
- 7,000 pledges received in 2012



Car Free Day Web Site



2012 Pledge Form

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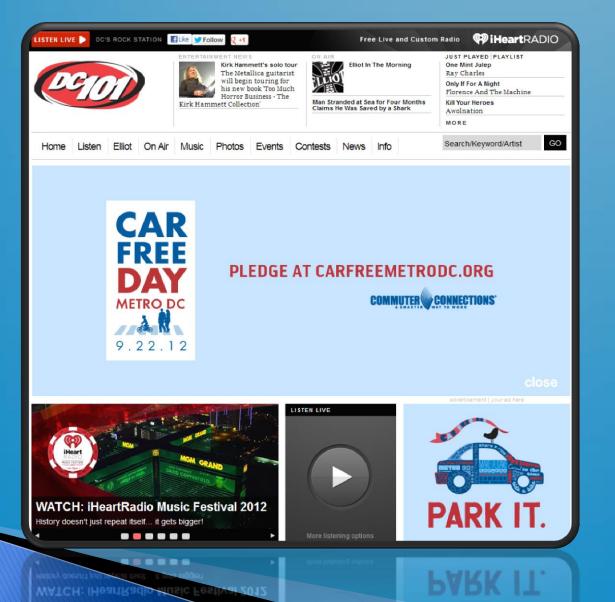
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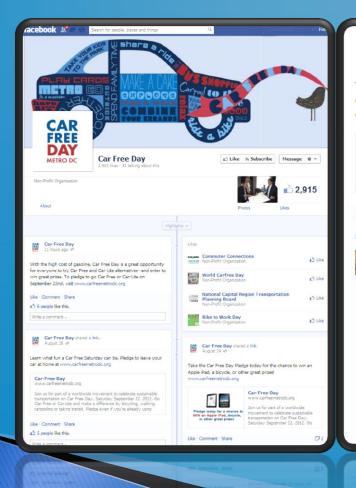
Website Takeover





Social Media

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Car Free Day shared a link. August 21 @

The DC metropolitan region's Car Free Day web site is now officially open. The goal is 10,000 pledges of residents to go car free or car-lite on Sat. Sept. 22nd.

http://www.mwcog.org/commuter2/pdf/media /CarFreeDayPledgeSiteNowOpen.pdf www.mwcog.org

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Colleen Beaty But it's a Saturday... wouldn't it be better served moved to a weekday, when people will be commuting? August 21 at 11:35am · Like

Car Free Day Great point Colleen. It's the first time since Car Free Day started being observed throughout metropolitan Washington in 2008 that the event falls on a Saturday. Ordinarily, when Car Free Day falls on a weekday, most of those who pledge to go car-free or "car-lite" are faced with finding alternative ways to get to and from work. This year, however, many Car Free Day participants will be focusing on finding alternatives like transit, bicycling, walking, and carpooling to get to and from all the places other than work that people travel. Hopefully for some this will lead to the use of these alternatives on a regular workday.

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Commuter Connections

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Car Free Day is an international event celebrated in the Washington DC metropolitan region on Sept 22nd. The event encourages individuals to uncar that day.

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 Free Day Saturday, Sept. 22. Pledge at carfreemetrodc.org

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Transit Signage









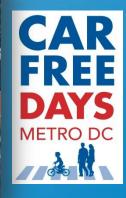












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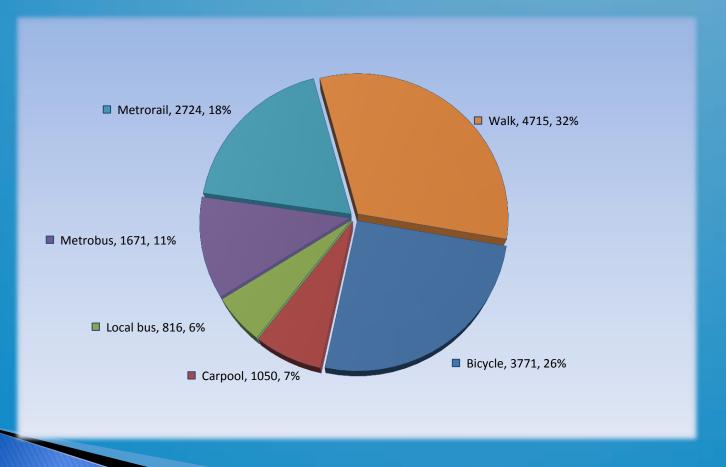


Pledges by Jurisdiction



CAR FREE DAYS METRO DC

2012 Pledges by Transportation Mode





2012 Call To Action

- TPB Proclamation
- Goal 10,000 participants
- Pledges from TPB Members
- Marketing/Media Outreach
- Local Activities/Events
- Pledge Data Analysis



Questions



