

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Washington Region; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Planning Board, through its Commuter Connections program, promotes and organizes the annual Car Free Day event along with its network members throughout the Washington area; and

WHEREAS, Car Free Day invites Washington region residents to try alternative forms of transportation such as transit, bicycling, and walking, and "car-lite" methods such as carpools and vanpools, and teleworking; and

WHEREAS, Car Free Day benefits Rockville and the National Capital Region through improved air quality, reduced traffic congestion and parking demands, the conservation of energy, and

WHEREAS, Car Free Day is a special day to rediscover Rockville without a car and reconnect with fellow residents, businesses, community organizations, and neighbors, and remind people about their transportation options, environmental impacts, and other quality of life issues that are within their control.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland, hereby proclaim September 22, 2025, as Car Free Day throughout the City of Rockville; and encourage all residents to go car-free or car-lite (carpool, vanpool) and pledge to be Car Free or Car-Lite by visiting www.carfreemetrodc.org.

Van Grack Councilmember

**September 15, 2025**