



# Mayoral Proclamation

**Car Free Day – Monday, September 23, 2024**

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 the annual Car Free Day event along with its network members throughout the Washington area; and

WHEREAS, Car Free Day invites Washington region citizens to try alternative forms of transportation such as bicycling, walking and public transportation as well as “car lite” methods such as carpools, vanpools, teleworking, and making fewer trips by car; 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, the City of Takoma Park is located in close proximity to multiple forms of transportation including the Metro, bus lines, bike share stations, dockless e-scooters, and off-street bike trails to facilitate car-free transportation; and

WHEREAS, Takoma Park recognizes the necessity of reducing car trips and transition to sustainable forms of transportation to combat climate change and create a more livable community for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Talisha Searcy, Mayor of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, on behalf of the Council, staff and residents, hereby proclaim Monday, September 23, 2024 as Car Free Day, and encourage everyone to pledge to be Car Free or Care Lite by visiting [www.CarFreeMetroDC.org](http://www.CarFreeMetroDC.org).

**Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.**

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**Talisha Searcy**  
**Mayor**