

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Legislative Session

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Date: 9/11/2025

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 3-0 (In Favor: Council Members Olson, Harrison, and Dernoga)

The Committee convened on September 11, 2025, to discuss CR-60-2025, which declares September 22, 2025, as World Car Free Day in Prince George's County. World Car Free Day is an international effort to encourage individuals to use forms of sustainable transportation rather than driving an automobile. Some examples of alternative transportation methods include bicycling, walking, and public transportation, as well as "car lite" methods such as carpools, vanpools, and teleworking.

In 2000, the World Car Free Day program was launched by Carbusters, now the World Car-free Network. The program was also endorsed by the Earth Day Network. It was decided to make the Car-free Day self-standing and held on September 22, 2000, and cities worldwide were invited to participate. Since then, the car-free campaign has been observed annually around the world on September 22.

Car Free Day benefits Prince George's County through improved air quality, mobility, energy conservation, and reduced parking demands. This effort gives Prince George's County residents the opportunity to imagine the positive changes that could be realized if there were fewer cars on the roads. Car Free Day promotes physical activity and the improvement of the health and quality of life of County residents by encouraging residents to get out and get active.

After the discussion, the Committee voted Favorably on CR-60-2025 by a vote of 3-0.