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***Long Island Leaders Kickoff Mobility Week and the 6th Annual Car Free Day Long Island
Almost 5,000 Long Islanders have already pledged to be car free or car-lite on September 21***

Farmingdale State College...Farmingdale President John S. Nader, NYSDOT LI Regional Director Joseph Brown and LIRR President Phillip Eng joined other Long Island leaders in kicking off Long Island Mobility Week (September 16-22) and encouraging Long Islanders to leave their cars at home for the 6th Annual Car Free Day Long Island on Friday, September 21, 2018. The Kickoff, held at the Farmingdale State College campus, highlighted the impact of single-occupancy vehicles on our health, economy and environment and more sustainable transportation choices, as well as the planned events and activities during the first Long Island Mobility Week.

Long Islanders are once again being asked to use more sustainable travel choices this Friday, September 21 for the 6th Annual Car Free Day Long Island. Commuters are being encouraged to choose transit, carpooling, bicycles, walking, telecommuting, or just driving less that day to help reduce traffic, conserve energy, reduce harmful emissions, improve fitness, reduce parking problems and save money. To date, almost 5,000 Long Islanders have already taken the pledge. ***In 2017, 6,808 Long Islanders pledged to be car free or car-lite, saving 134,000 miles of driving and 67 tons of CO2 emissions.***

Car Free Day is an international event celebrated in over 2,500 cities and 50 countries that encourages drivers to leave their cars at home for the day. On Long Island, Car Free Day is organized by a broad-based group of Long Island leaders from major employers, business, civic and environmental groups, universities and municipalities.

Nassau County Executive Laura Curran was unable to attend, but stated her support: "On September 21st I encourage all residents to join me in the pledge to be car-free or car-lite for Long Island's 6th Annual Car Free Day. Going car-free, or car-lite conserves energy and saves money while reducing traffic, parking problems and harmful emissions."

"Car Free Day LI gives us a chance to take a look at our commuting habits and try new ways of getting around as we get out of our cars and get onto public transportation, bicycles and even our own two feet. These changes, no matter how small, together make a significant impact on our environment and our quality of life on Long Island as we reduce traffic on roads and highways and contribute to lowering our collective carbon footprint. At the Long Island Rail Road, we take our role in this seriously as we continue to tackle problematic areas that cause delays through *LIRR Forward* to fix immediate issues while embarking on a historic multibillion dollar investment to expand and

harden our system's infrastructure to deliver a world-class railroad our customers deserve," added LIRR President Phillip Eng.

"This year we expanded the Car Free Day concept to encourage Long Island municipalities and other organizations to research and test alternative transportation strategies and consider their applicability to Long Island", said Rosemary Mascali, Car Free Day LI and LI Mobility Week organizer. Launched this year by the US Green Building Council Long Island Chapter (USGBC-LI) in partnership with Car Free Day Long LI, Long Island Mobility Week (September 16-22) is a week-long series of activities and events by Long Island municipalities and organizations informing about sustainable transportation. "We have nine events scheduled this week covering a broad range of sustainable transportation options including electric vehicles, micro transit, rider information and fare apps, bike share, transit oriented development and walkability."

"Suffolk County is excited to participate in Mobility Week and Long Island's 6th annual Car Free Day Celebration. Transportation options are critical to Suffolk County's economic vitality, and the County will continue to encourage alternative modes of transportation such as public transit, biking, or carpooling. In that spirit and in honor of Car Free Day, we are excited to be launching a regional bike share network for Suffolk County," commented Darnell Tyson, Deputy Commissioner, Suffolk County Department of Public Works.

Also highlighting more sustainable transportation options, Town of Huntington Supervisor Chad A. Lupinacci added "The launch of five electric Qwik Ride shuttles has provided immediate parking relief for those visiting Huntington's historic, vibrant downtown area and it has taken many cars off the road. The best part is Qwik Ride is free to riders and Town of Huntington taxpayers, as the shuttle is paid for entirely by sponsored advertising on the vehicles."

More information about Car Free Day LI and the events of Long Island Mobility Week is available at the Car Free Day LI website at www.carfreedayli.com.

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