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Car-free days already exist

I have good news in response to Judy Miner's comment Tuesday about holding car-free days on the Isthmus. Madison has observed annual World Car-Free Day (September 22) for a few years, and will continue to do so with Mayor Dave Cieslewicz's support.

Last fall, together with the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin, the DNR and Madison Community Foundation, Madison Environmental Group hosted a two-week Car-Free Challenge. Fifty-three area residents reduced 6,014 vehicle miles and about 5,300 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions. As the international car-free movement grows, let's continue to move our own community in the direction of less car dependence.

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