

MAIRIE DE PARIS



PARTICIPATE IN THE CAR-FREE DAY

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 25TH
FROM
11:00 A.M. TO
06:00 P.M.!

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EDITORIAL OF ANNE HIDALGO, Mayor of Paris

The first Car-Free Day was an unquestioned and unquestionable success that knew how to involve people, reduce pollution emissions and noise annoyance and arouse the enthusiasm of both Parisians and visitors.

Driven by this success, we repeat the experience this year and expand it on a vaster perimeter, including all the arrondissements.

This year again, the citizens will be able to take back what they have in common through both more convivial and more environmental-friendly practices.

I invite all of you to fully enjoy this car-free day, therefore contributing to build together the healthy sustainable and appeased city Parisians long for.



EDITORIAL OF CHRISTOPHE NAJDOVSKI, Deputy Mayor responsible for Transport, Roads, Travel and Public Space

The success of the first “Car-Free Day” shows the urbanites’ need to take back the roads – that become streets and life spaces again – by walking or pedalling.

This uncommon event that illustrates a voluntarist policy that encourages mobility behaviour changes also raised people’s awareness about actions in favour of climate and fight against atmospheric pollution. Incidentally, we could measure the positive effects on air quality, sound environment, the increase in the soft mobility use, etc.

Driven by this success and conscious of the expectations it aroused, the second edition of the “Car-Free Day”, in partnership with the Préfecture de Police and the collective group of citizens, will take place on Sunday September 25th, 2016 in a perimeter affecting all the districts where Parisians, Ile-de-France residents and visitors will be able to stroll for a few hours in a city freed from road traffic, more sober and more human.

It is up to us to seize this opportunity to make Paris a testing and commitment field for a sustainable mobility, indispensable factor to evolve towards a breathable and appeased city.





ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH: THE CAR-FREE DAY IS BACK!

The “Car-Free Day” is back!

Driven by the first edition of the “Car-Free Day” last September, the City of Paris will organise an even more ambitious second edition next Sunday September 25th.

In the meantime in New-York in April and in Casablanca and Marrakech in May, as part of the COP21, other world-cities seized the opportunity of switching the distribution of the public space for a day. They took advantage of it to contain and better observe the “negative externalities” related to road traffic since they have to come up with concrete solutions to take up climatic and environmental challenges.

On this occasion, Ile-de-France residents and visitors are invited to give up their single vehicle for a day, from 11:00 a.m. to 06:00 p.m. and to travel differently. The controlled perimeter within the city itself has been widely extended compared with the previous edition, and will affect all the districts. On the whole Parisian territory, the 20km/h speed limit will show the need to share the street at best with the most fragile/ frailest ones.

Paris firmly commits itself in the fight against atmospheric pollution due to road traffic through an ambitious action plan of polluting vehicles progressive ban, the second stage of which will be implemented this summer. This action plan relies on accompanying measures of mobility behaviour changes, by favouring the use of public transports, soft mobility as well as clean vehicles (electric vehicles, NGV, Autolib’, Vélib’, etc...)

On next September 25th, Ile-de-France residents and visitors will enjoy 648,15 km of car-free roads in order to discover a less noisy, quieter and more breathable Paris. This festive event will allow them to propose new uses of the public space and to discover the urban heritage differently.

THE “CAR-FREE PARIS” COLLECTIVE NARRATES

ONCE UPON A TIME, IN A CAR-FREE PARIS

“Imagine if we organised a car-free day in Paris!” This dream, first told then written in a letter to the Mayor of Paris, initiated the concept of a car-free day. The first edition that took place on September 27th 2015 aroused a true popular enthusiasm.

THE CO-BUILDING AT THE HEART OF OUR ACTION

Backed by a collective of citizens from various backgrounds, Car-free Paris is above all the wish of co-dreaming and co-creating the future City of Paris. Climate, mobility and taking back of the public space issues are central to this co-built project brought to life and embodied by all. For one day, this is the occasion to experiment a more appeased city and to realise together in a creative and convivial way that the urban life can be different.



PARIS 2016 AND BEYOND?

In consultation with the City Hall and listening to the Parisians, our collective group actively works for a festive, eco-citizen and participatory 2016 edition enhancing individual and collective spontaneous local initiatives.

With a more ambitious 2016 perimeter that affects every district and seeing the Parisians' increasing enthusiasm, we intend to expand beyond Paris over time, aiming at a true metropolitan project that could inspire all the towns of Ile-de-France.

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PERIMETER

THE TRAFFIC BAN WILL BE SUPERVISED
BY POLICE OFFICERS IN THE PERIMETER
REPRESENTED BY THE DARK GREEN AREAS

PEDESTRIAN AREAS / CIRCULATION IS PROHIBITED FOR MOTORIZED VEHICLES

Bicycles, delivery tricycles, scooters, skate-boards, roller skates, etc. will be authorised to circulate freely through respect of pedestrian safety.

Only the vehicles listed in the joint order of the Préfet de Police and the Mayor of Paris are authorised to circulate. Their speed is limited to 20km/h.

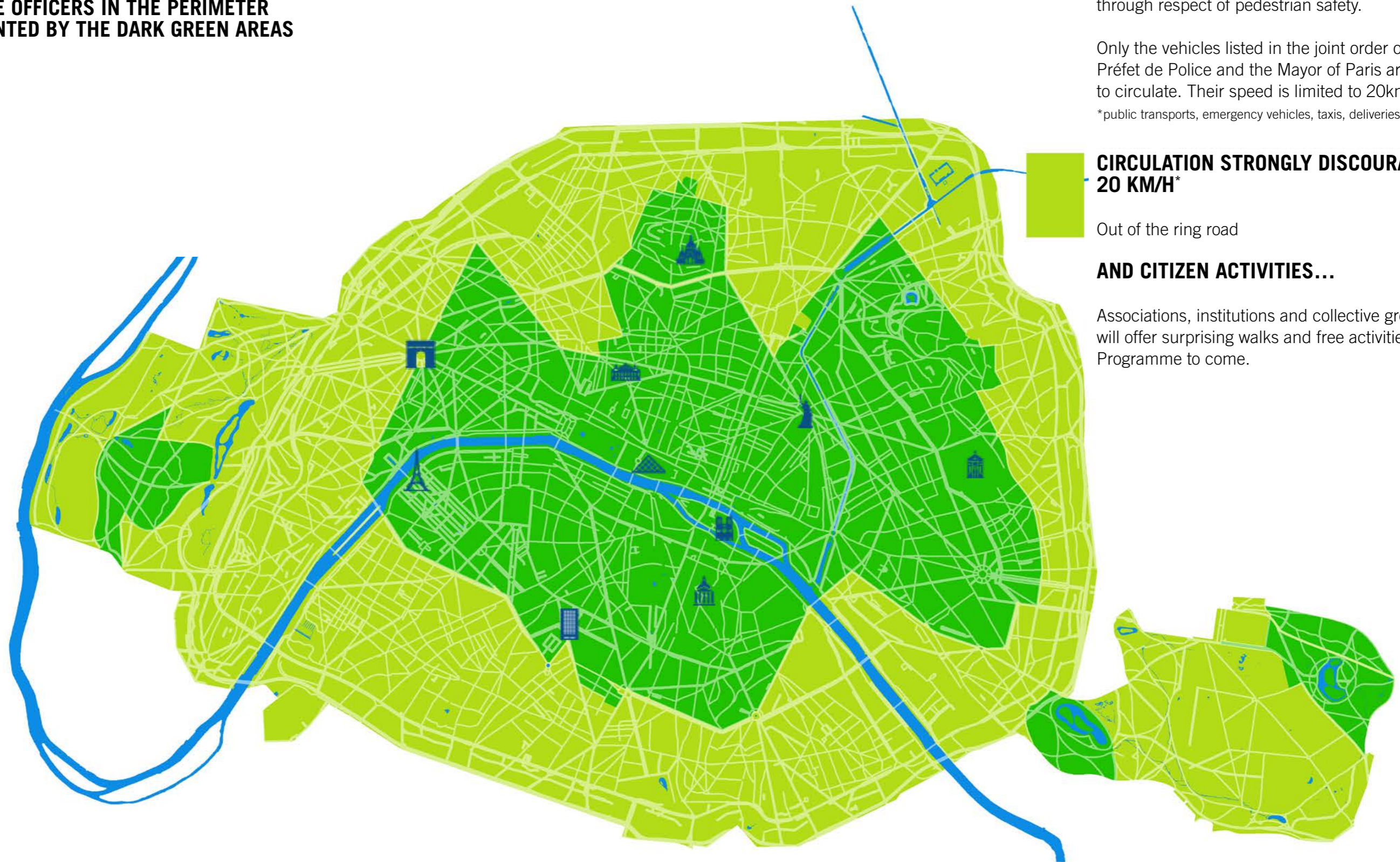
*public transports, emergency vehicles, taxis, deliveries

CIRCULATION STRONGLY DISCOURAGED, 20 KM/H*

Out of the ring road

AND CITIZEN ACTIVITIES...

Associations, institutions and collective groups of citizen will offer surprising walks and free activities to all. Programme to come.



THE VEHICLES AFFECTED BY THE BAN

All the motorised vehicles are affected by the ban, including LPG vehicles, electric cars and motorised two and three-wheelers.

EXEMPTIONS:

- Emergency vehicles benefiting from passage priority and corresponding to the definition of the article R. 311-1 of the Highway Code;
- Taxis corresponding to the article L3121-1 of the Transports Code;
- Regular public transports vehicles accordingly with the article L1241-1 of the Transports Code
- Single vehicles belonging to people living inside the perimeter
- Authorised vehicles of Paris City Hall
- Delivery vehicles with a servicing supporting for the area, for the time rigorously needed for the loading and unloading of the goods
- Markets supply vehicles
- Removal vehicles with a prior authorisation according to the current procedure
- Vehicles licenced by the public services for their agents' duty
- Vehicles used by disabled people holders of the European parking card
- Vehicles used for an access to a medical care centre on presentation of a supporting document
- Vehicles assigned to a public service as part of their mission
- Home-based care professions vehicles as part of an intervention
- Repairing professions vehicles as part of emergency interventions

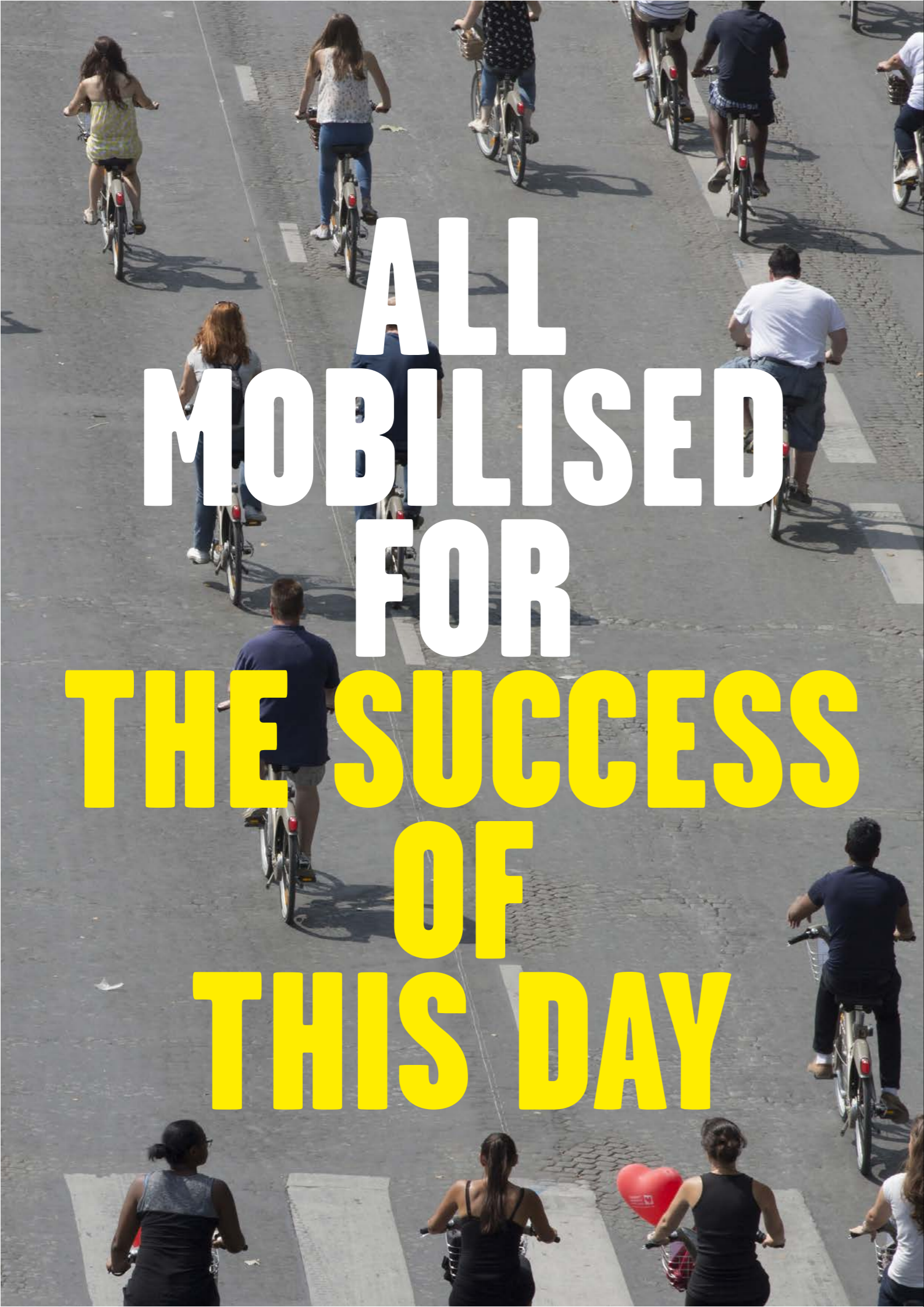
In the prohibited circulation areas, bicycles, delivery tricycles, scooters, skate-boards, roller skates, etc. will be authorised to circulate freely through respect of pedestrian safety.

CAUTION!

Since some vehicles are authorised to circulate, the Highway Code is still applied. A great vigilance is requested in order to ensure the safety of all.

A FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) PAGE IS AVAILABLE





ALL MOBILISED FOR THE SUCCESS OF THIS DAY

MICHEL CADOT, PARIS PREFECT OF POLICE

1/ How does the Préfecture de Police go into action for this car-free day?

Just like last year, the Préfecture de Police coordinates this second edition of the Car-Free Day with Paris City Hall. The perimeter will cover 50% of the Parisian territory on all the 20 districts of the capital. However, I kept open the access to all the great Parisian train stations and to some hospitals. The perimeter is designed as a single block in order to respect a balance in the involvement of the police resources that are already much in demand. Specific measures about road traffic and bans will be defined in a prefectorial order that I am to sign soon.

Therefore, about 200 policemen from the Public Order and Traffic Department will be called up and assisted by City employees and the employees of a service provider. Policemen will watch the implementation of the safety measures: police cordons on the boundary of the perimeter will enable them to control vehicles and to ensure the participants' safety.

Although the contraveners can be rerouted or given a fine, I gave instructions so that policemen show discernment, especially in case of emergency.

2/ Will you grant exemptions?

Yes, but only exceptionally. We will take into account the particular cases authorised to circulate carefully in those areas: the residents, who are principally affected, will be authorised to get back to their home.

Emergency vehicles will also have a free access to the perimeter as well as delivery services, taxis and buses.

According to the circumstances, this free circulation will respect the lowering of the speed limit.

3/ What do you want to tell the Parisians?

This car-free day leads us to think over the circulation rules and the street uses.

I am calling on the Parisians' civic spirit to allow everyone to move safely and pleasantly. Do not hesitate over taking the public transports, and if you use your vehicle, please drive safely.

ALL MOBILISED: PARTNERS AND ACTIVITIES

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In order to control vehicles and ensure the participants' safety, important human resources will be deployed: 200 agents of the Préfecture de Police, about 500 traffic control policemen and 100 City of Paris agents.

This year, the Uniscité association will call up 60 young people for the "civic service" in order to guide Ile-de-France residents and visitors in the public space and participate in road-traffic-related environmental issues awareness actions.

Many institutions and associations began to communicate about activities, awareness actions and the enhancing tools of the "Car-Free Day" impact. Their proposals will be added to this initiative.

For the success of this day, everyone's participation is essential!

PARTNERS

Some partners already accompany the City in the elaboration of the package: the Préfecture de Police, the RATP, Uniscité, Airparif, Bruitparif and the "Car-free Paris" collective.

Other partners can join the event by September by proposing activities, tools or offers dedicated to facilitate the users' travels to this event and to accompany behaviour changes.

ACTIVITIES

Some completely pedestrianised streets and areas are arranged in order to guide project leaders towards the sites where they can offer activities.

A dedicated form on paris.fr will allow them to propose activities on the public space to the City of Paris and the Préfecture de Police

