

# 2025



# WEEK WITHOUT DRIVING



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# Week Without Driving is About Access

*What would change in your life if driving wasn't an option?*

[More than a third of the U.S. population](#) cannot or do not rely on driving to meet their daily travel needs. We are disabled people who cannot drive, people who can't afford a vehicle, maintenance or gas, have suspended licenses or lack documentation to get a license. We are people who are too young to drive, choose not to drive or who have aged out of driving.

In 2021, disabled advocates in Washington State launched a campaign to increase the visibility of nondrivers. In 2023, America Walks took Week Without Driving to a nationwide audience. Now in its sixth year, the Week includes organizations in all 50 states, as well as communities in Canada and Australia.

At its core, **Week Without Driving makes the lived experience of nondrivers visible through storytelling.** By engaging individuals, local, regional, state organizations, businesses, agencies, and elected officials, our movement fosters connection across communities and geographies and **brings people into conversation who are often siloed.** By highlighting that nondrivers exist in every community, Week Without Driving shifts the conversation from 'some people' to 'our neighbors'. The Week also **brings decisionmakers into the experience of their nondriving constituents and helps win policies that support access across both rural and urban communities** and everywhere in between.



Week Without Driving makes visible what millions experience every day: transportation is access – to work, healthcare, food, essential services, education, community and overall well-being.

# Reframing Who Counts

Everyone knows a nondriver, yet we're still largely invisible. Week Without Driving is about making us, and our needs as nondrivers visible, challenging the false narrative that "Everyone Drives."

In 2025, Week Without Driving was covered in over 220 news stories across 35 states and 2 international communities. Here are a few media moments:



## *Week Without Driving challenge, Bike Bus both return to Edwardsville in September*

“Encourage others and your family and your neighbors to try it out,” committee member Ashley Cox said. “Just the fact that you tried it is a big deal.”

## *Life's No Picnic For Rural People Who Rely on Public Transportation to Get Around*



## *Local transit advocates kick off national 'Week Without Driving'*

## *Dallas' 'Week Without Driving' Reveals the City's Pedestrian Problem*



“The purpose of the Week Without Driving movement is to push people to put themselves in the shoes of people who cannot or choose not to drive.” This way, Wright said, “people can understand what it's like for Dallas' pedestrians at an on-foot level”



## *29 Benches, 1 Mission: Washington Residents Step Up To Improve Transit*

# On Our Feed

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National [#WeekWithoutDriving](#) is about sharing the lived experience of those who don't have a car. Meet Tino, a lifelong Metro customer who relies on transit to stay independent. Can you believe he's almost 90?! 🤯 Learn more about Tino in a special video later this week!



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Today marks the start of [#WeekWithoutDriving](#) and the forecast looks great for walking, biking, & public transit!

WWD is a chance to challenge yourself to cut back on vehicle trips and try other ways of getting around.

Let's build communities that are inclusive and accessible for everyone.

**Chicago**  
74° | Feels Like: 81°

7-DAY FORECAST

Today		61°	79°
Tue		65°	77°
Wed		62°	72°
Thu		58°	75°
Fri		61°	81°
Sat		64°	81°
Sun		63°	77°


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**badgerherald** #MadisonNews: The City of Madison annually participates in the nationwide "Week Without Driving Challenge" happening Monday, Sept. 29 until Oct. 5, helping decision-makers better understand and advocate for community members lacking mobility and access.

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**MADISON NEWS**

**Madison participates in Week Without Driving Challenge to bring awareness to non-drivers in the community**

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**kcmctrabus** · Week Without Driving is underway! And leaders across Metro are sharing their journeys. This week is an annual reminder for our communities to reflect on what it means to get around without a car. Whether you're cycling, walking, or rolling — there are many barriers to getting around for those who cannot drive. Many people rely on alternative modes of transportation, such as buses, light rail, and more. And many of us take our modes of transit for granted. For Metro employees and leaders like Bus Operations Director Phil DeVault, this week, we reflect on how to make our system accessible for all.

"Here I am, transferring at Yarrow Hill from the 255 to the 545, on my daily commute. I'm so proud of our system, and the care with which we deliver reliable service!" - Phil DeVault

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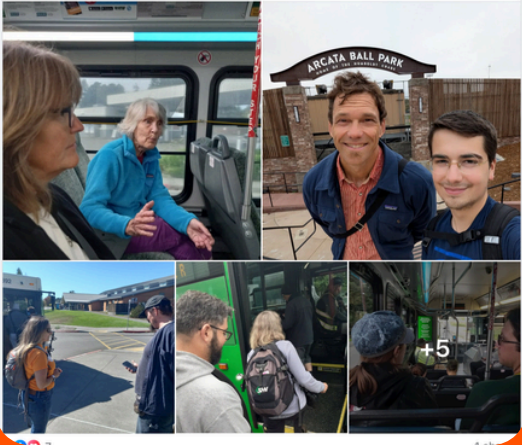
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Big shoutout to our local transit riders who led this year's Week Without Driving ride-along! It was so great to see to see our local decision makers navigate the transit experience with those who commute regularly. We love our community and happy to see connections built. Please reach out if you are interested in getting involved 🙌



**Kristin Glenn Pack**  
October 2, 2025

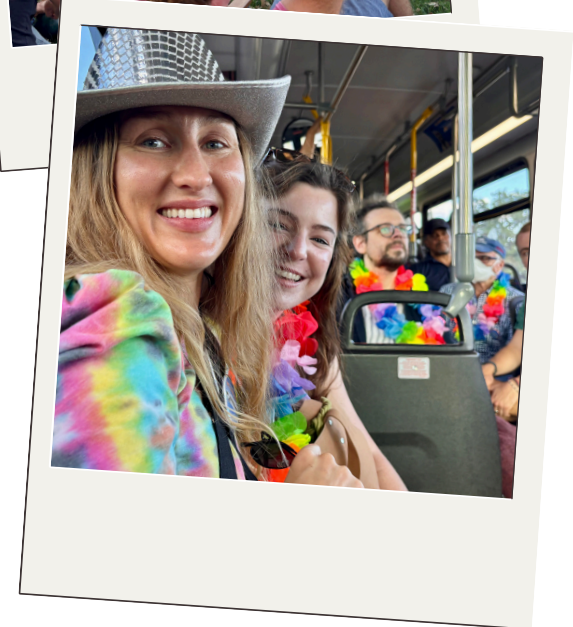
It's my third bus ride to work this week for [#WeekWithoutDriving](#). You know why it isn't my fourth (as it is Thursday)? Because it takes a lot of planning ahead, and factoring in walk time to the bus stop, and one day the bus I wanted was delayed 43 minutes! I'm pretty spoiled. When you don't drive, it's a real challenge. We're trying, but we still need to do better. Let's create a transit system folks WANT to use because it works!





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 The extra support from the Week Without Driving National Coalition was great to have and helped us make this a bigger event with stronger results.  
 - Josh Parshall, Local Motion  
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 This was a good week for Indianapolis. We strengthened connections between orgs working on active transportation, transit, and safer streets. The interest in the topic was strong, and with more resources, we could grow this next year.  
 - Anthony Cherolis, Central Indiana Cycling  
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 Doing Week Without Driving as a coalition really helped us grow the coalition, and that makes all the advocacy around everything we do better.  
 - Heyden Walker, Safe Streets Austin  
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 Organizing [Week Without Driving] campaign led to the formation of Living Streets Lexington as an organization. It was a really effective way of building out this broad-based coalition. I would also say I've been really inspired by the work that y'all have done, Anna and Ruth, around really changing who is at the decision making table.  
 - Quinn Mullholland, Living Streets Lexington  
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# Community Voices

Community members contribute their experiences and contribute to a broader conversation about access, offering stories of what works, what doesn't, and what would make daily life possible without driving. Each story helps others understand the real trade-offs of car dependence and what a better system must provide. The following quotes come directly from our survey respondents who participated in 2025.

**"Honestly, I was so impressed by the planning and organization of Week Without Driving. You provided great support, useful tools for participants to share ideas and get inspired.**  
– Iz from Seattle, WA

**"I was surprised by how much less free time I had because it took me longer to get from place to place.**  
– Participant from St. Louis, MO

**"Our town has one bus route so it makes it so hard to access everything. I just didn't go places with no bus access.**  
– Participant from Leavittsburg, OH

**"I want to see a better-funded public transit system, especially with the ongoing struggles to fund transit.**  
– Participant from Pittsburgh, PA

**"I think WWD is exceptionally well organized thanks to Ruth and Anna's leadership. The social media tool kits, the graphics, and all of the other materials are helpful.**  
– Participant from Washington D.C.

**"It is challenging to just go 7 days without a car despite not wanting to drive.**  
– Chaz from Rochester, NY

**"I ended up trying out the bus for the first time in 15+ years, and I was surprised at how many riders there were on every route, at every time of day. It was good to see.**  
– Kim from Nashville, TN



# Leaders Learn What Nondrivers Face

Public officials who participate in Week Without Driving bring visibility and accountability to what residents experience every day. They see how missed connections, limited service hours, unsafe crossings, missing sidewalks and bike networks, and gaps in paratransit and on-demand service can turn simple trips into impossible ones. That experience strengthens the case for specific action and investments that expand options and make mobility work for everyone. **In 2025, 1,046 elected and public officials from 47 states and Washington D.C. took part in Week Without Driving.**



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My contribution to the #WeekWithoutDriving conversation is that you don't have to be exclusively a driver, or a non-driver. You should always be able to choose different modes for different trips, and be welcomed.”  
-Laine Johnson, Ottawa City Councillor for College Ward



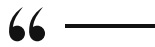
I went back to my roots and bussed into work as part of #WeekWithoutDriving. I remember the days when I used to bus to work every single day, and I think it's important that we take the time to step back from the convenience of driving and understand the barriers that nearly a third of non-driving Americans face.

-Ed Gainey, 61st Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh



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While riding Valley Metro, I called MetroFLX to schedule a ride for this morning to go to church. When I called, the very nice dispatcher told me that all the rides for today's service were fully booked.. which verifies the need for and demand for Sunday service!”

-Joe Cobb, Mayor at City of Roanoke, Virginia



If you provide safe alternatives people will use them, reducing congestion on our roadways and freeing up parking for those who need it.

-Jason Nguyen, Council Member District B for Grand Junction, CO



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I took on this challenge because so many of my constituents rely on public transit. What better way to identify solutions that people are facing than to put myself in people's shoes and figure out for myself what it's like to take public transit in Phoenix.”

-Analise Ortiz, Member of the Arizona Senate from the 24th district

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Week Without Driving would not be possible without our amazing sponsors. Thank you for helping amplify voices, share stories, and creating lasting change. Your support expands real, low-barrier mobility options, strengthens the movement where everyone can get around safely and affordably, and brings us closer to a world where transportation works for everyone.

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