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Could you get around without driving in [City/Town]?

[City/Town, State] - [ORGANIZATION] is bringing [Week Without Driving](#) this fall to **[CITY/TOWN]**, taking place, October 1st-8th this year.

Part of a growing national movement, we are inviting local elected officials and residents to join us in understanding the barriers people who can't or don't drive experience in our communities.

Imagine your life without driving. Could you navigate your daily routines, reach your workplace, doctor's office, or connect with loved ones?

[One in three people](#) in the US cannot drive due to age, disability, income and other factors. In **[X state or legislative district]**, **[X percentage]** of the population does not rely on a personal vehicle for their daily transportation needs.

[For communities in the US, use this tool from NRDC to look up your nondriver data: <https://www.nrdc.org/resources/who-doesnt-have-car>]

Yet most communities are built around the assumption that everyone drives. For one week, we invite residents of **[CITY/TOWN/REGION]** to rely on riding the bus, walking, biking/scooting, or asking for rides to understand what it takes to get where they need to go without driving.

In 2021, author and disabled advocate [Anna Zivarts](#) launched the Week Without Driving to increase the visibility of nondrivers. Now in its sixth year, Week Without Driving has grown to include more than 700 hundred cohosting organizations across all fifty US states, Canada and Australia. Week Without Driving is coordinated by [Nondrivers Alliance](#) with support from America Walks and our [steering committee](#).

Who are Nondrivers

While nondrivers make up a third of the population, we are largely invisible — more often measured in absences. Nondrivers are the people who didn't make it out from wildfires or flash floods, who missed doctors or court appointments because the bus never showed up. Nondrivers are the parents that couldn't get to the school play and the kid who couldn't sign up for the soccer team because there just wasn't a good way to get there.

[QUOTE FROM NONDRIVER IN YOUR COMMUNITY]

The Week Without Driving [brings attention](#) to policies that support access for nondrivers across both rural and urban communities — and everywhere in between. By acknowledging there are people who lack access to driving in every community and that all of us have the right to participate fully in our communities, we believe we can fight isolation, build social connections and create places where everyone can get where they need to go.

This year, our **[LOCAL LEADERS - SUCH AS MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS, ETC.]** have committed to participating, offering a firsthand look at how transportation impacts our daily life. Local media are invited to follow along and **[JOIN FOR SELECTED TRIP/ATTEND LOCAL EVENT]**.

"[Insert a compelling quote from a leader in your organization, emphasizing the importance of participating in the Week Without Driving and what it means for the local community.]" - [Leader], [Title], [Organization Name]

Learn more at www.weekwithoutdriving.org and **[YOUR URL OR SOCIAL MEDIA TAG]** and follow along with hashtag #WeekWithoutDriving on all social media platforms.

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