



Week **Without** Driving

September 30 - October 6, 2024

La Crosse Committee on Transit and Active

Transportation

July 11, 2024



Disability Rights
WASHINGTON

Could you go a #WeekWithoutDriving?

In 2021, the Disability Mobility Initiative led by Anna Zivarts launched the Week Without Driving to challenge decision makers to better understand the experiences of nondrivers while accessing our communities. Nondrivers make up approximately one-third of the U.S. population.

After two successful years of hosting the challenge in Washington State, including an official proclamation from Washington Governor Jay Inslee, the Week Without Driving went national in 2023 in partnership with America Walks.



Week Without Driving highlights 2023



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GOAL

The goal of Week Without Driving is to gain firsthand insight into the challenges, barriers and gaps nondrivers encounter when accessing our communities.

PRINCIPLES

Equitable Transportation

Those who don't have the privilege of driving deserve sidewalks, streets and public transit systems that actually work for their needs.

Understanding

The challenge is not a disability simulation or a test of how easily you can find alternatives. Having to drive during the challenge does not signify failure. Consider how someone without the option to drive would cope, and what choices they might have to make.

Lived Experiences

The knowledge and expertise reflected in the lived experiences of nondrivers must be incorporated into the way our government funds, builds, and operates the transportation system.

Justice

Understanding how our communities work or don't work for us is a matter of racial, economic and disability justice.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS



Advocacy Organizations

142 local organizations across 41 states and Washington D.C. and 10 national organizations organized and hosted



Elected and Public Officials

Over 300 elected and public officials from 30 states and Washington D.C. participated



Advocates and Individuals

Over 400 advocates and individuals from 41 states and Washington D.C. partook



Social Media and Publications

1,000+ social media posts, 500,000+ accounts reached, 12 national articles, and 90+ local publications.

WHO ARE NONDRIVERS?

- Disabled People (Bureau of Transportation Statistics)
- Black, Indigenous and Immigrant Communities (National Equity Atlas)
- Low-Income People (2017 NHTS)
- Seniors: 18% of people older than 65 don't drive, 35% of women over 75 (AARP, 2022)
- Youth: In 2020, 25% of 16 year olds had driver's licenses compared to 43% in 1997; 80% of 20-25 year olds have licenses, compared to 90% in 1997 (FHWA, 2021)
- Renters vs Homeowners

NATIONAL COALITION

Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 2pm E.T.

The meetings offer valuable opportunities for training, such as webinars, access to resources like templates, and networking with like-minded individuals or organizations within your local area or region.

[Invitation to Prospective Participating Leader Template](#)

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[Confirmation Email to Participants Template](#)

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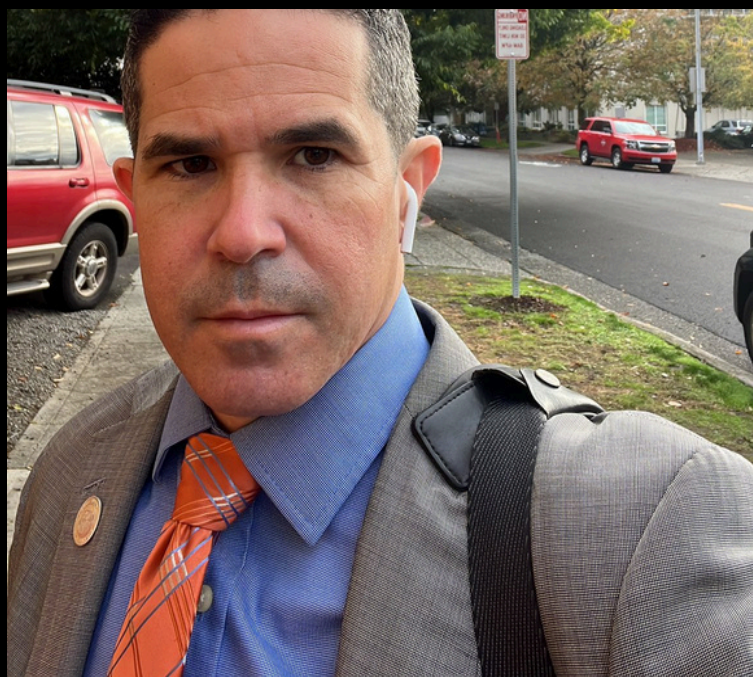
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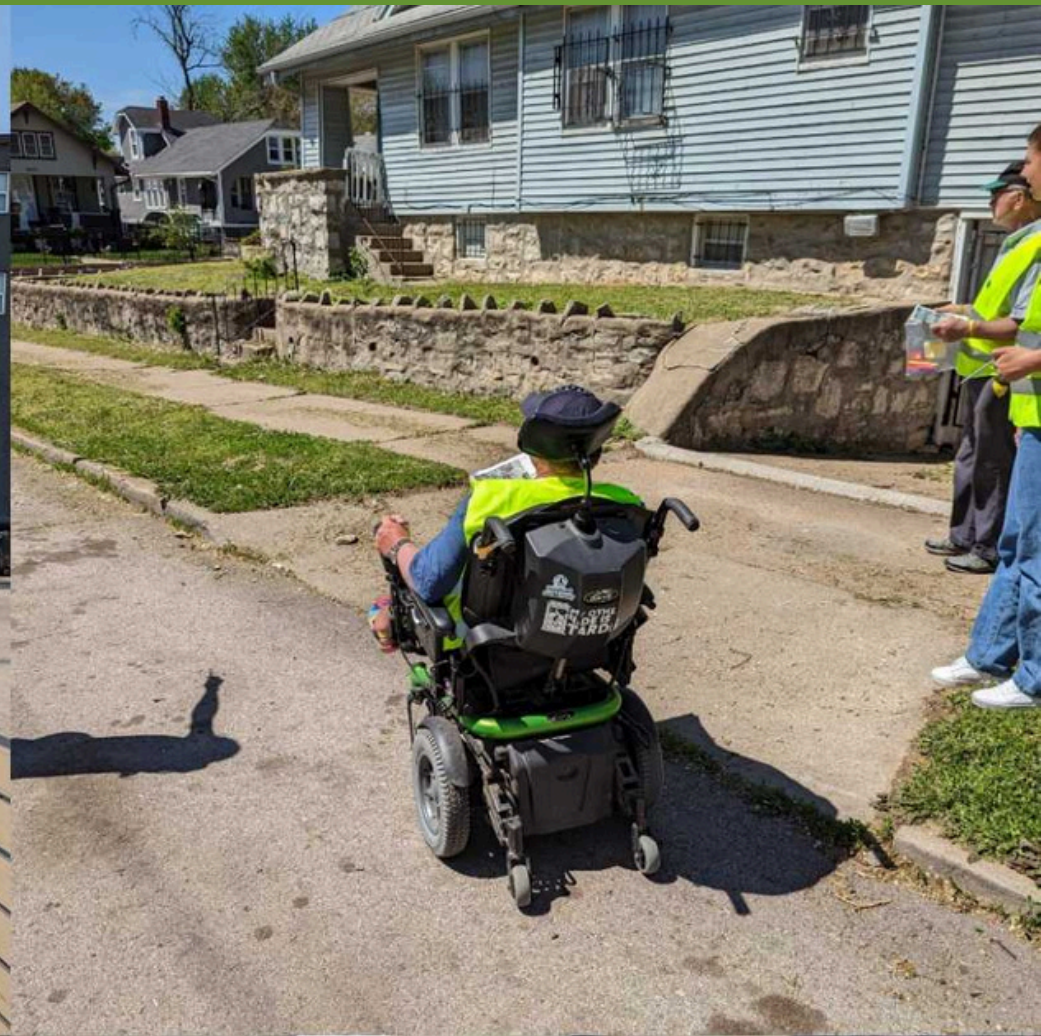
HISTORY
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550 SEATTLE



Elected and Public Officials

Pedestrian Dignity Denver, CO



BikeWalkKC Kansas City, MO

NOYS, Denver Streets Partnership, Pedestrian Dignity Denver, CO

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Transit Riders Union Seattle, WA

Better Streets Chicago Chicago, IL



2024 UPDATES

- Continue to improve our messaging and provide open source materials
- Engage elected and public officials at the federal level to participate
- Help organizations form statewide coalitions
- Provide more opportunities for national organizations to help
 - Transit Center
 - Sierra Club
 - National Campaign for Transit Justice
 - NOYS
- Find funding to provide stipends for local organizations
- Present at conferences
- Provide more 1-on-1 technical assistance

HOW CAN YOU JOIN?

- Sign up to participate on weekwithoutdriving.org/join
- Connect with nondrivers in your community
- Host an event in your community
- Create educational content about your communities transportation needs
- Write an Op-Ed about why you're participating or about your experience post-WWD
- Invite decision makers in your community to participate
- Share your story on social media using the hashtag #WeekWithoutDriving
- Collaborate with schools to educate students on accessible transportation
- Engage with local media to discuss transportation in your community
- Encourage your family and friends to join and share their experiences



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THANK YOU!

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