



WEEK WITHOUT DRIVING

**Monday, September 30, 2024
– Sunday, October 6, 2024**



#WeekWithoutDriving



HISTORY

In 2021, Disability Rights Washington launched #WeekWithoutDriving to challenge our leaders to better understand the barriers nondrivers experience in accessing our communities. After two successful years in Washington State, in 2023 the challenge went national in partnership with America Walks.

GOAL

The Week Without Driving challenge aims to draw attention to the difficulties faced by nondrivers in accessing our communities across the country and to inspire decision makers to address the barriers and gaps in our transportation system.

PARTICIPATION

You can get around however you want, but the challenge is not to drive yourself. This isn't a disability simulation or a test of how easily you can find alternatives. Having to drive during the challenge **does not** signify failure. The point is to consider how someone without the option to drive have coped, and what choices they might have made.

Anyone can participate in the Week Without Driving – whether you want to participate as an individual, organize your coworkers, or sign up as an elected leader or an advocacy organization.

Find local partners, join trainings and download templates:

weekwithoutdriving.org

2023 WEEK WITHOUT DRIVING HIGHLIGHTS

Advocacy Organizations

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

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

"Traveling to Southeast DC required multiple connections across various modes and still took an hour. While that's easy enough to handle for a one-off occasion, that's not ideal for an everyday commute within the city. I'm leaving the challenge with an even deeper appreciation for the transit options available to me, and a renewed sense of commitment to expanding District residents' access to transit."

Charles Allen

Washington D.C. Councilmember



"Imagine what our transportation would look like if it were planned first around pedestrians and non-vehicular traffic, and vehicles second. We'd be healthier, more social, errands would be more convenient, and we'd have less landscapes of parking lots and air pollution!"

Em Friedrichs

Durham Town Councilor



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