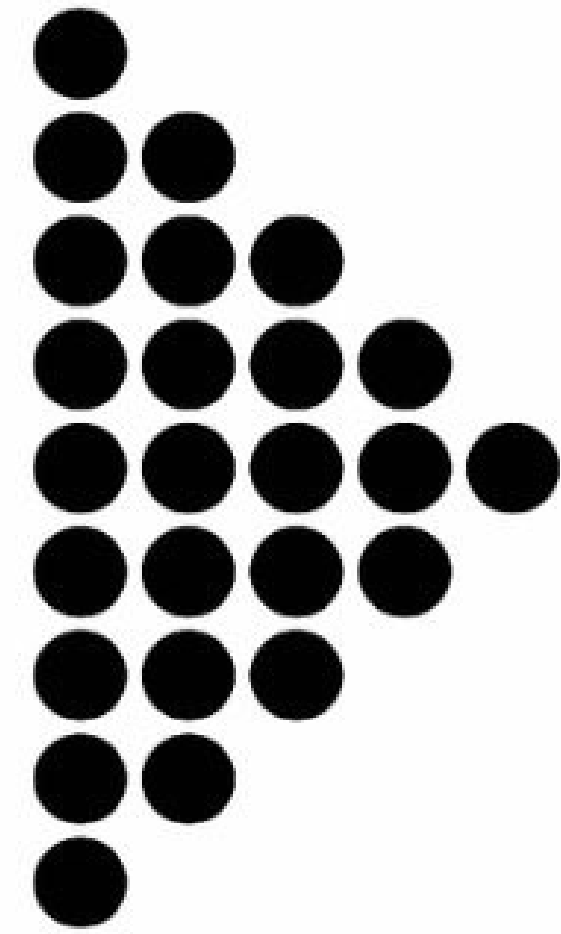


# #WEEK WITHOUT DRIVING



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**CHALLENGE  
OVERVIEW**

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DRIVING**



Doug Wennerberg boards the Everett Transit paratransit bus on Sept. 1 in Everett. Snohomish County elected leaders and transit officials took part in the Week Without Driving to better understand the transportation needs for those who can't and don't drive. (Olivia Vanni / Herald file)

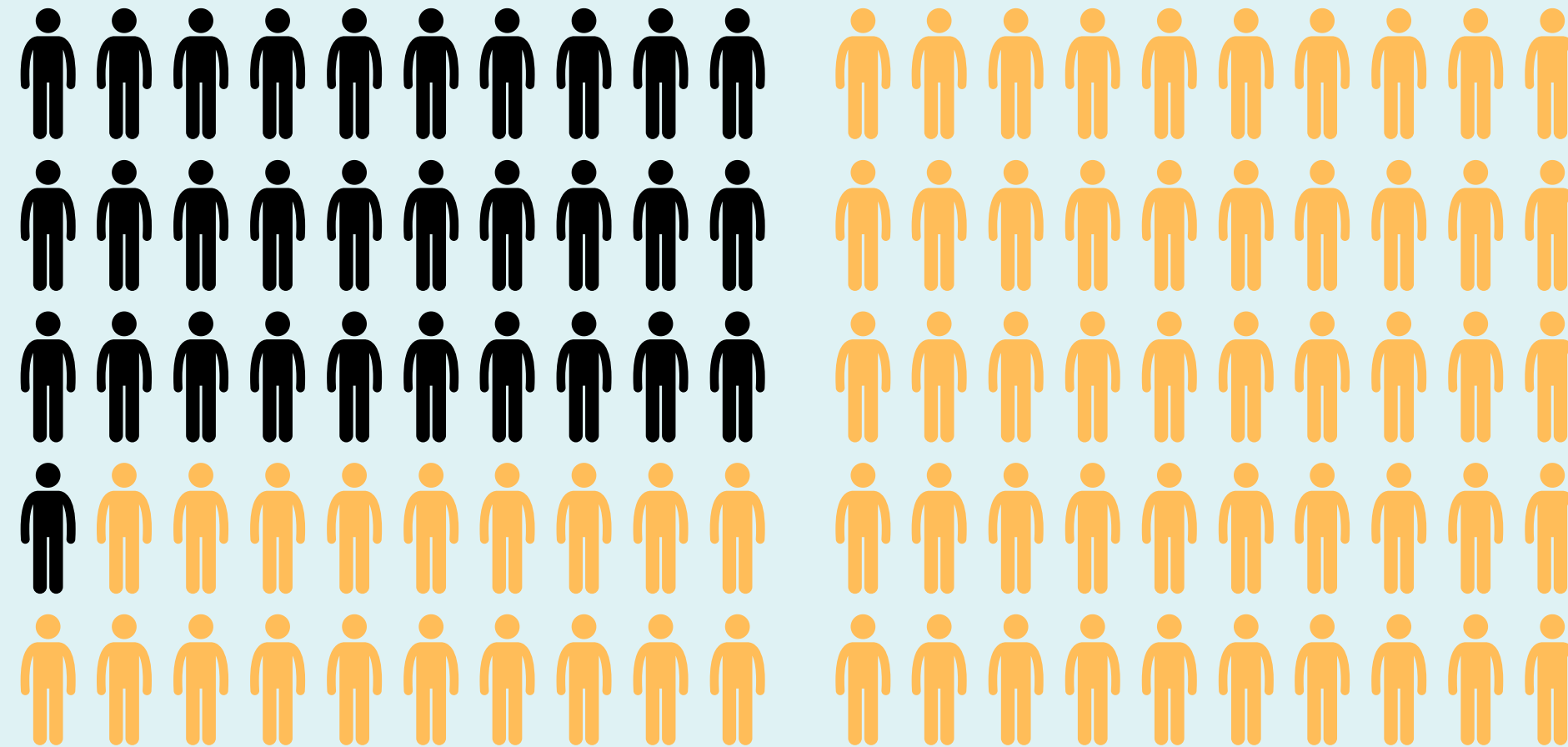
#### STREET SMARTS

## What Snohomish County officials learned from not driving

Several city, county and state lawmakers and transit officials participated in the Week Without Driving challenge.



# NONDRIVERS



**31 out of every 100** residents in the US lack a driver license  
(USDOT, 2020)

# YOU'RE INVITED!



Planners



Engineers



Transit Providers



Land Use Administrators



Planning Board Members



Highway Agents



Town Administrators





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# CHALLENGE RULES:

-  Participants can get around however they want, **but can't drive themselves.**
-  This applies to all activities. You can ask someone else to drive you or pay for rides, but note how much this costs you, both financially or in favors.

# SHARING YOUR EXPERIENCE

 Email prompts during the week

*What unanticipated challenges have you encountered so far?*

*What, if anything, has been a pleasant surprise?*

 **#WeekWithoutDriving** on social media



"I plan to be even more vocal about changes to the built environment to make sure that everybody can get around: better street lighting, more sidewalks and sidewalks in underserved neighborhoods so that folks don't have to walk directly along a busy street."



*Everett City  
Council Member*  
**Paula Rhyne**

"Going through a week as if I was unable to ever drive myself or my family, and had to rely entirely on other means of transportation taught me a lot about how our system works and doesn't work, especially for people with disabilities."



*King County  
Councilmember*  
**Claudia Balducci**

"The Week Without Driving was a really great reality check to think about the decisions that I make as a school board director. Even though we may say 'You're Welcome,' the actions that we take convey a really different message to our families and our community."



*Olympia School  
Board Member*  
**Hilary Seidel**

"It changed my whole life. I had to think about how do I pick up dog food for my very large dog that eats a lot? How do I get to work every day and make sure that I can move around safely? I had to think about when I can leave, how I get there, what I'm going to wear."



*Pierce County  
Councilmember*  
**Jani Hitchen**

"I did end up driving every day of my #WeekWithoutDriving. I had some emergency medical stuff come up that required impromptu doctor visits. Which led to a lot of deeper reflection: if I didn't have access to a vehicle, how would I have scheduled this doctor's appointment? How would have I gotten here? How long would it have taken? Or could I even reach the destination?"



*Pierce County  
Councilmember*  
**Marty Campbell**

"Trying to depend entirely on our public transportation system makes it all the more clear that investments in transit should be a top priority. So many communities across our state depend on this vital resource, and they each deserve reliable and accessible options for their commutes!"



*State Senator*  
**Rebecca Saldaña**

"It reinforces the holes in our ped/bike transportation system. If you're not out there walking and biking and experiencing it, you have no idea how important it is to fill those holes."



*Mayor of Bellevue*  
**Lynne Robinson**

"I'm an avid bus rider. I love to walk and bike, but really forcing myself to do it for a full week was so valuable and so important, especially for those of us who are making decisions about our transportation system."





*Tacoma Council Member*  
**Kristina Walker**

"This week is a reminder that mobility is a human right. And it's also a reminder that so many people in our region are excluded from this right, simply because driving for them is not an option."



*King County  
Councilmember*  
**Girmay Zahilay**

# SHARING YOUR EXPERIENCE

-  Late October: debrief and lessons-learned conversation with the New Hampshire challenge organizing team
-  November: national organizing coalition



# NOT POSSIBLE TO NOT DRIVE?

- Walk, bike, or scoot to the nearest school to see how students might get there independently. Participate in Walk & Roll to School Day October 4th.
- Take public transit or ride sharing to grocery shop. (MTA/ CART serves 7/14 SNHPC towns!)
- Walk or bike around your neighborhood or office to get some exercise. What do you notice?
- How can we as planners/engineers/town staff level the playing field for non-drivers?



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# SIGN UP!

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What if you couldn't drive? What if taking the bus,  
riding a bike, walking or asking for rides weren't

Calendar

August

M	T	W	T	F	S
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# QUESTIONS OR IDEAS?

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