

2024 RES-117

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL WEEK WITHOUT DRIVING SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 6, 2024

WHEREAS, the *Week Without Driving* has become a national challenge designed to bring more awareness and understanding to local leaders and the general public about how the lack of adequate transportation can impact peoples' ability to work, access education and childcare, seek medical care, and access goods, services, recreation, and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 30 to 40 percent of Dane County's population are non-drivers, including aging adults, youth, low-income individuals, people with physical, mental or intellectual/developmental disabilities, and those who prefer not to drive; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Dane County Climate Action Plan estimate that transportation is responsible for 29% of greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. and Dane County, making transportation an important environmental justice concern; and

WHEREAS, non-drivers are equal members of the community who deserve convenient, safe, and affordable transportation options and whose important voices should be better centered in decision-making regarding land use and transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, walking, rolling, biking and public transportation help communities thrive socially and economically, are cost-effective relative to car ownership, ease traffic congestion, benefit health and wellness, and help communities reduce climate emissions; and

WHEREAS, Dane County has made advances in improving accessibility for non-drivers through initiatives such as enabling virtual access to public meetings and completion of the 2022 County Parks and Zoo Equity and Access Evaluation, but there is still work to be done, and Dane County should continue exploring all available policy and funding options to identify and address barriers for non-drivers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes September 30 through October 6, 2024 as a *Week Without Driving* and encourages Dane County residents to prioritize non-driving transportation options for work and play during the *Week Without Driving*.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Dane County state and federal legislative delegation, the Greater Madison Metropolitan Planning Organization, Capital Area Regional Planning Commission, and Madison Area Bus Advocates.

Patrick Miles, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisor

Signed and sealed before me this
_____ day of _____, 2024.

Scott McDonell,
Dane County Clerk