



Proclamation

WHEREAS, access to mobility is a fundamental part of health, safety and community connection, allowing Snoqualmie Valley residents to reach education and employment opportunities, medical services, shopping, recreation, and visit friends and family, and is one of the state's six transportation system policy goals, including investing public dollars to improve the movement of people throughout King County, and

WHEREAS, the average cost of owning a car was more than \$12,000 per year in 2024, many people cannot afford the cost of a car, and nearly a third of the people residing in the US do not have a driver's license, either because of their age or a condition that does not allow them to drive; and

WHEREAS, public transportation and a strong network of sidewalks and bike paths aren't available in every community, making it much more difficult to get around, visit family and friends, and take care of everyday tasks for those who cannot or do not drive; and

WHEREAS, improvements in walking and bike paths can improve alternate forms of mobility in communities across King County and our state, and public driver education initiatives can help educate drivers to have patience and understanding for those traveling by means other than a vehicle; and

WHEREAS, transportation represents the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States, and in order to meet our state's greenhouse gas emission reduction goals, we must reduce emissions in our transportation sector; and

WHEREAS, going a week without driving is great way to understand how we can improve our current transportation system to better meet the needs of Snoqualmie Valley residents and improve and enhance transportation options such as transit, light rail, biking, and walking pathways as key strategies in our decarbonization efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Katherine Ross, Mayor of City of Snoqualmie do hereby proclaim September 29-October 5, 2025, as:

WEEK WITHOUT DRIVING

Katherine Ross, Mayor