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Kansans Encouraged to Join “Week Without Driving”

Kansans are invited to participate in Kansas Week Without Driving, taking place October 1-8, 2026. The statewide initiative raises awareness about the challenges faced by people who cannot drive due to age, disability, income, or other reasons, and highlights the importance of having safe, reliable, and accessible transportation options for everyone.

During the week, participants commit to living without driving for at least one day, or the entire week, and instead rely on other ways of getting around such as public transit, biking, walking, carpooling, or ride services. By taking part, drivers can better understand the barriers many Kansans face each day and help spark conversations about building stronger mobility options across the state.

Registration for Kansas Week Without Driving is available at www.ksrides.org. Individuals, organizations, elected officials, and community leaders are encouraged to sign up, share their experiences, and invite others to participate.

“Kansas Week Without Driving is a chance for people to step into the shoes of those who don’t have the option to drive and to see firsthand why accessible transportation matters,” said Michelle Coats, Regional Mobility Manager for North Central Kansas. “Even going one day without driving can open your eyes to both the challenges and the opportunities in our transportation system.”

Transit agencies, community organizations, and advocates across Kansas may also host local events, ride-alongs, or educational activities during the week to showcase available services and promote alternatives to driving.

About Kansas Mobility Management: Kansas Mobility Management connects people, organizations, and transportation resources to help communities build better mobility options. Mobility Managers work across transportation, health-care, human services, local government, and commu-

nity organizations to identify transportation needs, develop partnerships, improve access to existing services, and connect people with the options available in their communities. Through regional coordination

and collaboration, Kansas Mobility Management helps make transportation more accessible, connected, and responsive to the needs of Kansans. For more information, visit www.ksrides.org.

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Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis as indicated on the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: **Schwab Eaton, 101 S. Mill Street, Beloit, KS 67420**. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of **8:00 AM – 12:00 PM** and **1:00 PM – 5:00 PM**, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents as described below.

Bidding Documents may also be examined at **Delphos City Clerk Office, 112 N Main Street, Delphos, KS 67436** by appointment. Please contact **Karen Kiser at 785-523-4361** to set up an appointment.

Copies of plans and specifications can be seen or purchased for a Non-Refundable fee online at www.drexeltech.com in the eDistribution plan room. Additional assistance is available at distribution@drexeltech.com. Information regarding this project can be found in the “Public Jobs” link on the website. Contractors desiring the Contract Documents for use in preparing bids may also obtain a set of such documents from Drexel Technologies; 10840 West 86th Street, Lenexa, KS 66214, telephone number (913) 371-4430. Bidding documents will be shipped only if the requesting party assumes responsibility for all related charges. Corporate, certified, or cashier’s checks shall be made payable to Drexel Technologies, Inc.

Each Bidder must deposit his bid security in the amount, form and subject to conditions provided in the information to Bidders.

This project is funded in part with Kansas Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Associated certifications and the completion of other documents will be required for the successful completion of the project. All bidders are required to comply with Local, State, and Federal regulations as stated in the bid documents.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President’s Executive Order No. 11246 (Equal Employment Opportunity) as amended. Requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

Bidder’s attention is called to the required compliance with CDBG funding requirements. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and Federal prevailing wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3 of the 1968 Housing Act, Segregated Facility, Section 109 of the 1984 Housing and Community Development Act, Executive Order 11246 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964. All contracts and subcontracts exceeding \$100,000 shall comply with the Anti-Lobbying Act.

OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in bidding.

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This agreement is for services related to a project that is subject to the Build America Buy America (BABA) Act, 41 USC 8301 note, and all applicable rules and notices, as may be amended. Absent an approved waiver, all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in this project must be produced in the United States, as further outlined by the office of Management and Budget’s Memorandum M-24-02, “Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure.”

Contractor shall include Manufacturer’s Certification for BABA requirements for all BABA-covered items to be incorporated into the infrastructure project. Contractor shall comply with BABA requirements, including coordination with manufacturers, distributors, and suppliers to correct deficiencies in any BABA documentation. For any change orders, Contractor shall provide BABA documentation for any new products or materials required by the change. Contractor shall designate the responsible parties for determining the final categorizations for all project items.

9-24-2026
Date

James Bradshaw
Mayor

Friendship and Service On the Path to Eagle (Continued)

“Mr. Mark Renfrow, MHS Woods Instructor, helped me with this project. I used a computer drafting program for designing. Getting the blueprints and lumber came next. Cubackers helped finance the project. I had a work day in July with Mr. Renfrow at the school shop. After school started, I was allowed to work on the project during my woods class and a few other times. After school was out, I had help from Brian Smith and Marty Husted to securely mount them on the wall,” clarified Phlynn.

The final component of his Eagle Scout project was Lap Buddies. Mrs. Anne Abel, MGS Special Education teacher, offered ideas that would help her students. These were created from small pillowcases of various textures with weighted inserted sections.” They help the students sit still and stay focused,” Phlynn explained. “We tried a bunch of different prototypes, months of trying. Many different ideas were tested to find the best solution for weight, durability, and cost. Pillowcases of different colors and textures were used with liners having pockets for the weighting material. One had special weighted inserts and then the

rest were filled with rice. One even looks like a shark. Sewing, Velcro, and super glue became very important to complete six Lap Buddies.”

Nolan and Phlynn agreed on a bit of sage project advice: “You’ve got to make sure you know what you’re doing. If you go into this blind, you’re just not going to get stuff done. It’s not going to turn out well at all.”

One of them acknowledged that at one time, he thought he would just ‘wing it’. That plan didn’t last long.

The boys’ physical projects are completed and now all the paperwork must be done. The last step will be to turn in the paperwork and have the Eagle Board of Reviews and Project Presentation in front of three people they have never met. And when their Eagle Scout Project is fully completed, “every I has been dotted and every T has been crossed”, Nolan and Phlynn can be proud of what they have worked to accomplish and their rank as Eagle Scouts. Looking back over all their Scouting years, they will not forget all the fun they have had, all the activities they have done, and all the life skills they have learned. They can take pride in being a Scout.



Phlynn and Grayson making sensory bottles

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