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**WCBVI Statement on Transit Equity Day, Recognized Each Year on Feb. 4**

Transit Equity Day is a national day of action celebrated on civil rights hero Rosa Parks’ February 4 birthday each year. Transit Equity Day is an opportunity to promote the idea that public transit is a civil right for everybody.

It’s important to recognize that 31% of Wisconsin residents are nondrivers. This includes the estimated 109,000 state residents living with vision loss—a group that is growing rapidly as the population ages.

Access to public transit is a critical issue for everyone, but for people with disabilities, including vision impairment, it can literally be a matter of life and death. Yet transit systems in many parts of Wisconsin, especially rural areas, are woefully inadequate. This creates significant barriers to such basic needs as employment, health care, nutrition and social interaction.

This year on Transit Equity Day, we call on community leaders and elected officials to make transit access FOR ALL a top priority.

**About the Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired**

Founded in 1952, the Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired promotes the dignity and empowerment of the people of Wisconsin living with vision loss through advocacy, education and vision services. To learn more about the Council, visit [WCBlind.org](http://www.WCblind.org).

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