Transportation Task Force Surface Transportation Legislative Proposals and Priorities

Transportation is necessary for 57 million people with disabilities in the U.S. to contribute to and participate in their communities, support and spend time with family and friends, and live their lives to the fullest; however, significant barriers to accessible, equitable, reliable transportation remain across modes. The Consortium for Citizens with Disability Transportation Task Force recommends the following surface transportation proposals and priorities with the goal of full access and community integration.

• **Assess and increase the availability of fully-accessible, integrated transit and on-demand mobility services.**
  - Require data collection and reports on transit partnerships, including impacts on mobility for people with disabilities.
  - Assess and support best practices for quality paratransit, including one-stop service pilots where appropriate. Support existing guidelines education.
  - Establish connectivity and equity data collection and performance measures.
  - Identify the availability of affordable, accessible transportation to within ¼ mile of accessible housing. Identify transit and paratransit deserts.

• **Assess and address continued discrimination in transit and on-demand mobility services through partnerships and public accommodation.**
  - Improve FTA Office of Civil Rights complaint reporting process, including adding phone and online reporting, and require regular reports on type and number of complaints received.

• **Ensure access to fully-accessible AVs and AV mobility services.** Refer to CCD Transportation Task Force AV Principles and Legislative Priorities.

• **Require minimum standards for pedestrian facilities** based on the proposed Access Board 2011 Public Rights of Way Guidelines.

• **Assess and fund accessible infrastructure** (e.g., sidewalks, audible pedestrian signals, cross walks, bus stops and on demand pick-up/drop-off zones).

• **Fund and support the use of 49 U.S.C. Section 5310 funds**, including non-traditional uses that exceed the ADA, e.g. voucher programs, infrastructure improvement, mobility management;

• **Fund and support the use of 5311 Formula Area for Rural Areas funds** for late-night, weekend and off-peak hour services, pedestrian access improvement, mobility management, and Job Access and Reverse Commute activities;

• **Fund and support provision of technical assistance** for transit agencies and public entities to support ADA and Title VI compliance for existing and new services.

• **Fund and support Amtrak ADA compliance** for customer service, facilities, website, applications, and rail cars. **Oppose long distance rail and station staff cuts.**