



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

## **Transportation Task Force Annual Report 2007**

### Task Force Actions Taken This Year

This year, the Task Force has been actively working on the implementation of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). SAFETEA-LU is the legislation that authorizes all highway and transit funding in the United States and it includes a new program for people with disabilities, Section 5317 (the New Freedom Program). SAFETEA-LU also created a new planning process and other changes that will affect people with disabilities. The Task Force met with Department of Transportation (DOT) staff to discuss issues of importance to people with disabilities as they develop their guidance on these programs. We also provided comment on the draft revisions to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Guidelines for Buses and Vans and supported efforts to ensure that curbside carriers and other “over-the-road” buses (OTRBs) are accessible to people with disabilities. Finally, the Task Force has had ongoing conversations with Amtrak about accessibility issues in the rail system.

### Task Force Agenda for 2008:

Funding for the transportation initiatives benefiting people with disabilities initiated in SAFETEA-LU will be a priority for the Task Force this year.

The Transportation Task Force will continue to work on the implementation of SAFETEA-LU and begin to develop recommendations for the next reauthorization.

The Task Force will be developing an action plan on working with DOT and other agencies on promoting accessible taxi service through the federal government.

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