

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 on-demand mobility services, including automated vehicles, through transit partnerships and public accommodations.
 - Require data collection and reports on transit partnerships, including impacts on mobility for people with disabilities.
 - Require access and equity data collection and performance measures;
- Assess and address continued discrimination in the provision of on-demand mobility services through transit partnerships and public accommodation.
 - Clarify provider Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act requirements for users.
 - Clarify and simplify on demand mobility transit partnerships and public accommodation complaint processes through USDOT and USDOJ through online forms and phone options.
 - Compile complaints and provide regular reports to identify service gaps and needed technical assistance;
- Require USDOJ adoption of Access Board 2011 Public Rights of Way Guidelines, with an inapplicability of regulatory elimination provision so that adoption does not require elimination of existing guidelines under Executive Order 13771 (5 U.S.C. 601);
- Assess and support development of accessible infrastructure (e.g., sidewalks, audible pedestrian signals, cross walks, bus stops and on demand pick-up/drop-off zones);
- Assess and support access to public transit and identify paratransit service and transportation deserts;
- Assess and increase the availability of affordable, accessible, reliable transportation within ¼ mile of accessible housing;
- Ensure access to fully-accessible AVs and AV mobility services. Refer to CCD Transportation Task Force AV Principles and Legislative Priorities.

- 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.

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