

Public Transportation Options for Senior and Disabled Persons!

This site gathers the public transportation agency contact information in one location and provides some basic descriptions of the types of services available to the senior and disabled populations. With some good information regarding the available public transit services in our communities quite possibly we can each reduce our personal fuel consumption by using these services. We could be green at the same time as we are saving some green \$\$\$. Let's get started.

First let's go over some of the most common terminology used by the public transit agencies.

- **Fixed Route** - The regular public transit large bus operating on a set route at set times.
- **Deviated Fixed Route** - Primarily a fixed route service that will come off route to make a curb-to-curb pick up for an eligible senior and/or disabled passenger.
- **ADA Paratransit** - Curb-to-curb reservation based transportation for eligible disabled individuals.
- **Dial-A-Ride** - Curb-to-curb reservation and demand based transportation for the general public OR for specific groups such as seniors and disabled persons.
- **Dial-A-Lift** - same as Dial-a-ride.
- **Dial-A-Taxi** - same as Dial-a-ride but provided by taxi.

Check out our public transit blog, [Let's Get On the Bus!](#)

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Need more information about Understanding ADA Paratransit? Go to [ADA Paratransit 101](#)

How about some tips for seniors about using the public transit? Go to [Tips for Seniors](#)

It is important to note that the transit buses in use today, especially in the large metropolitan areas have many accessible features that benefit the mobility impaired passengers.

These features include the ability for the bus to 'kneel'. That is when requested, the bus driver can lower the front of the bus so that the entry door of the bus is curb level with the common curb. When you add this kneeling ability to the low-floor buses of today there are NO STEPS for a passenger to climb. The low-floor buses also eliminate the old wheelchair lifts and employ a ramp which folds out onto the sidewalk for very close to level boarding. This feature greatly increases the ease with which individuals who use mobility devices such as wheelchairs, scooters and walkers are able to board the bus. You must be aware that the wheelchair and scooter by regulation must be secured to the bus.

An emerging trend in many transit agencies is the implementation of Travel Training programs. These programs are designed to instruct small groups and individuals how to ride the bus system. If fixed route transit is new to you and you are willing to try it, call your local agency. You may be eligible for travel training. Let's Get Out and Ride!

The links below direct you to a listing of Public Transit Agencies:

[Arizona](#) [California](#) [Florida](#) [Georgia](#) [Nevada](#) [New Mexico](#) [North Carolina](#) [Oregon](#) [Texas](#) [Utah](#) [Washington](#)

If you know of a public transit agency that should be included on this list, please [click here](#)

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