



# Accessible Transportation Resource Center

## NATAN Newsletter

National Accessible Transportation Accelerator Network  
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### Summer is here, and so are new opportunities from the ATRC!

#### [Visit the NEW ATRC website](#)

We are happy to announce that the ATRC website is now live! Visit [ACL.gov/ATRC](https://acl.gov/ATRC) to take a deep dive into accessible transportation. Browse [accessibility basics and promising practices](#), check out [upcoming and past events](#), and learn about [the work of the center](#).

#### [Apply for the Transportation Accessibility Community of Practice](#)

Are transportation barriers impacting your community? The Accessible Transportation Resource Center (ATRC) is here to help! Join our Community of Practice (CoP) to develop and implement solutions that make transportation more accessible for people with disabilities and older adults. This is an opportunity to leverage up to \$15,000 in funding, receive expert assistance, and join a network of communities dedicated to improving transportation for people with disabilities and older adults. [Apply online by July 22, 2024](#). For more information, view the full [Request for Participation](#) and [register to attend the informational webinar](#) on Friday, June 28th at 2:00 PM Eastern Time.

We're glad you're here! The National Accessible Transportation Accelerator Network (NATAN) Newsletter is ATRC's monthly update on accessible transportation around the nation. Keep reading to learn about upcoming events, resources, opportunities, and more.

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### Upcoming Events & Trainings

#### [ATRC Virtual Office Hours](#)

June 26, 2024 | 1:00PM – 2:00PM Eastern Time

Do you have a question about accessible transportation in your community? Do you have an accessibility topic you'd like to discuss? Come to the Accessible Transportation Resource Center (ATRC) during our Virtual Office Hours. Our first session will be focused on ATRC's activities and how you can get involved. [Registration is required](#). ASL interpretation will be provided.

#### [Informational Webinar on ATRC's Community of Practice](#)

June 28, 2024 | 2:00PM – 3:00PM Eastern Time

Want to learn more about the ATRC's Community of Practice? Have questions? Join us to discuss the Request for Participation, how to apply, and more.

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## Featured Resources

### [TRB Webinar: When Our Technology Solutions Do Not Work for Everyone](#)

TRB hosted a webinar on Thursday, May 30, 2024 that presented lived experiences highlighting accessibility issues with modern transportation technology, along with examples of how policies can address these issues. [Watch a recording of the webinar here.](#)

### [HHS Strategic Framework for National Plan on Aging](#)

This report by the Department of Health and Human Services lays the groundwork for a coordinated effort to create a national set of recommendations for advancing healthy aging and age-friendly communities that value and truly include older adults.

### **Global Accessibility Awareness Day**

On May 16, the White House convened aging and disability advocates, technology leaders, and federal agency leaders for Global Accessibility Awareness Day. [You can watch the livestream recording here.](#)

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## From Our Partners

### [N-CATT Transit Data Dashboards 201 Workshop](#)

Sign up for the National Center for Applied Transit Technology's workshop June 25-27, 2:00PM to 4:30PM Eastern Time. After attending all three sessions, attendees should be equipped to either begin or expand their use of dashboards to better inform decisions.

### [Working with Difficult People](#)

Register for this webinar from the AT3 Center on July 18 at 3:00PM Eastern Time to learn about strategies for building strong relationships and creating a more successful and thriving workplace for everyone.

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## Federal Opportunities

### [FTA Announces \\$343 Million in Grants to Modernize Older Transit Stations and Improve Accessibility](#)

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) [announced that eight transit systems in eight states](#) will receive funding to help make it easier for people with disabilities and mobility needs to access some of the nation's oldest and busiest rail transit systems through essential upgrades, such as elevators.

### [99 Communities Selected for SS4A Grants; Still Accepting Applications](#)

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced over \$63 million in grants from the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program. The funding will go directly to 99 local, regional, and Tribal communities to improve road safety and help prevent deaths and serious injuries on their roads. The program is still accepting applications and funds remain for the third and final round of awards.

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## Accessible Transportation News

- [St. Louis to Develop First Citywide Transportation Plan in Decades](#)
  - [Transit, housing initiatives highlight accessibility concerns for disabled community](#)
  - [Disabled riders in Twin Cities weigh transit options as potential rideshare exit approaches](#)
  - [Using smart devices to schedule on-demand public transportation can save time and money](#)
  - [Want a future-ready city? Make it accessible.](#)
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