



Accessible Transportation Resource Center

NATAN Newsletter

National Accessible Transportation Accelerator Network
May 16, 2024

ATRC has been busy this month! Here are some updates on our activities:

[Second Steering Committee Meeting](#)

On May 6, we held our second Steering Committee meeting in Washington DC. Accessibility advocates from around the country discussed how ATRC can work to improve and expand accessible transportation. The electrifying discussion included paratransit, technology, the first mile/last mile problem, and more. [Check out our overview of the meeting here!](#)

[NEW ATRC Virtual Office Hours](#)

Next month, ATRC will host our first Virtual Office Hours Session on June 26, 2024 at 1:00PM Eastern Time. The hour-long session will be focused on ATRC's activities and how you can get involved. [Register for the Office Hours here.](#)

In-Person ATRC Workshops in June and July

Come meet us at the [Community Transportation Association of America's Annual Expo](#) from June 10 – 12 and at [USAgings Annual Conference](#) on July 9. At both events, we are hosting workshops on accessibility and inclusion of older adults and people with disabilities.

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.

Upcoming Events & Trainings

[Webinar on Section 504 Final Rule](#)

May 28, 2024 | 2:00PM Eastern Time

On May 1, 2024, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) made disability rights history with the release of a long-awaited final rule implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. [Register for the webinar to learn more!](#)

[Accessibility for State and Local Government Funded Facilities](#)

June 6, 2024 | 2:30PM – 4:00PM Eastern Time

Join the U.S. Access Board for a webinar on accessibility laws for government-funded spaces.

[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.

Featured Resources: Older Americans Month

[How to Observe Older Americans Month](#)

Established in 1963, Older Americans Month (OAM) is celebrated every May. Led by the Administration for Community Living (ACL), OAM is a time to recognize older Americans' contributions, highlight aging trends, and reaffirm commitments to serving the older adults in our communities. This year's theme, "Powered by Connection," focuses on the profound impact that meaningful connections have on the well-being and health of older adults. Visit the ACL website for [ideas on celebrating OAM](#).

[Older Adults and Transportation](#)

Read a post by the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC) on [unique issues related to older adults and transportation](#).

From Our Partners

[Rural Transportation Grant Announced by NADTC](#)

The National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC) is offering grants of up to \$35,000 for rural and tribal communities to develop a transportation plan for accessibility and equity. Apply by June 7, 2024!

[Take the Accessible Streetscape Survey](#)

The Streetscape Survey will collect your experience of streetscapes as a member of the Disability Community. Smart Growth America, the International Parking & Mobility Institute, and the Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund invite you to share your experience navigating streetscapes in your community—the first-hand information that we need to create better design and operational guidelines for streetscapes.

[Technical Assistance from N-CATT](#)

The National Center for Applied Transit Technology has a new technical assistance offering that pairs transit agencies with experts from Foursquare ITP to help them work through their tech issues.

Federal Opportunities

[New Research Funding on Accessible Air Travel](#)

The [National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research](#) (NIDILRR) announced a new research funding opportunity on air travel experiences and outcomes for people with disabilities. Applications due June 17, 2024.

[Safe Streets and Roads for All Deadline Today!](#)

The Department of Transportation's SS4A sole deadline for Implementation Grant applications and second deadline for Planning and Demonstration Grant applications is today, May 16 at 5:00PM Eastern time.

[SMART Grants Now Open](#)

The SMART Grants Program funds demonstration projects focused on community technologies and systems that improve transportation efficiency and safety. Learn more on the [SMART Grants website](#) or at the [“How to Apply” webinar](#) on May 28.

Accessible Transportation News

- [HHS releases final rule on Section 504, strengthening anti-discrimination protections](#)
 - [What If Non-Drivers Helped Plan Our Transportation Systems?](#)
 - [Enhancing Public Transit with Autonomous Mobility Service to Cover the “Last Mile”](#)
 - [Fresno Airport Launches Accessibility Initiative MagnusCards](#)
 - [Philadelphia awarded approximately \\$7.3M for pedestrian accessibility](#)
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The Accessible Transportation Resource Center works to develop and promote strategies that make transportation services more accessible for people with disabilities, older adults, family caregivers, and others in their support networks. ATRC is funded by the Administration for Community Living of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.