

Let's Talk About Transportation Equity in Your Community

Tools of the Trade 2024:
Human Services
Transportation Providers
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Photo: City of Boston's Commission on Affairs of the Elderly

National Aging & Disability Transportation Center

Our Mission:

To promote the availability of accessible transportation options that serve the needs of Older Adults, People with Disabilities, Caregivers, and Communities.



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DEIA is Part of
Everything We Do!



What We Provide:

- Technical Assistance & Training
- Communication and Outreach
- Partnership Coordination
 - DEI Data & Educational Opportunities
 - Coalition Toolkit
- Community Grants & Pilots

Strategic Goals

- 1. Promote the essential role of accessible public transportation** in economic inclusion, access to healthcare, links to education, and connections to recreation and leisure activities and independent living for older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers.

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2. **Increase the effectiveness, efficiency, and quality** of coordinated human services and public transportation activities.
3. Ensure that the planning of transportation services for older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers is **done with feedback of these groups and in conjunction with broader planning activities at all levels.**

Strategic Goals

- 4. Highlight promising practices**, including the use of technology, to solve transportation challenges for older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers, maximizing the effectiveness of Federal investments in specialized transportation services.
- 5. Focus efforts on the coordination of transportation services** on the local, regional, state, and national levels to reduce duplication of services and increase mobility options, while focusing on equity and inclusion of racially, ethnically, and culturally diverse older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers.

Transportation Data

- Access to transportation is a major social driver, dictating how people access employment, healthcare, food and recreation.
- Approximately 45% of people in the US experience transportation insecurity.
- 5.8 Million People in the US delay medical care due to lack of transportation
- 1 in 5 adults skip medical visits due to transportation issues.

Health Outreach Partners, March 1, 2024

Issues Related to Older Adults and Transportation

- Accessible and affordable transportation options
- Access to medical and other essential services
- “Giving up the Keys”
- Fear of Falling/Falls Prevention/Assisted Transportation
- Living in rural and suburban areas
- Social Isolation

Framing Current Work

Not everyone has the same understanding of transportation diversity, equity and inclusion.

There is no single “go-to” information resource for alternative transportation options.

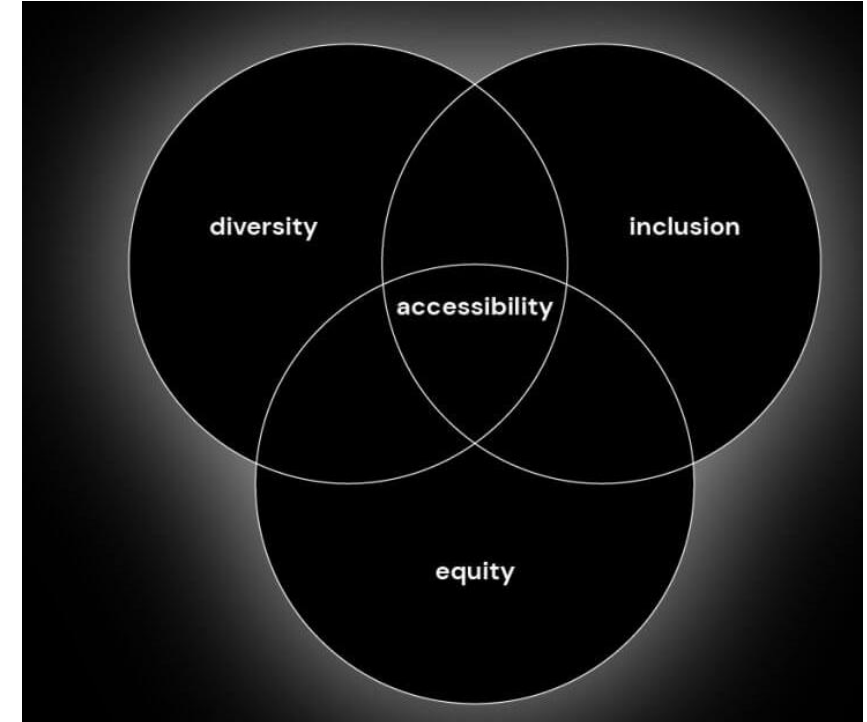
Fewer people living in rural areas or small towns say their transportation alternatives are

Of Direct Transportation Providers, the most cited funding sources include Section 5310 and state funding along with donations and fares

NADTC's DEIA Work

Key Action Steps for 2024

- Targeted Technical Assistance and Support
- Education and Awareness Building
- Effective Coordination and Collaborative Partnership Strategy



NADTC Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiative- <https://www.nadtc.org/diversity-equity-inclusion-initiative/>

No Single Go-To Resource

SIT BACK AND RELAX.
We'll get you there.

WHEELCHAIR SEATING AREA. SECUREMENTS ARE LOCATED BELOW THESE SEATS.

EVERY RIDE COUNTS

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Tried transit lately?
You'd be surprised how easy it is.

Call or email for more information



Every Ride Counts is a campaign of the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center, funded through a cooperative agreement of Easterday, the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, and the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, with guidance from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living.
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WE CAN HELP YOU GET WHERE YOU NEED TO GO.

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Mountain Empire Older Citizens Inc.
Serving Lee, Scott, Wise Counties and the City of Norton, Virginia

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Rural Transportation

- Rural Transportation Planning Grant
- Rural and Tribal Pilot Projects



GAO report on Rural Transit Coordination - <https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-20-205>

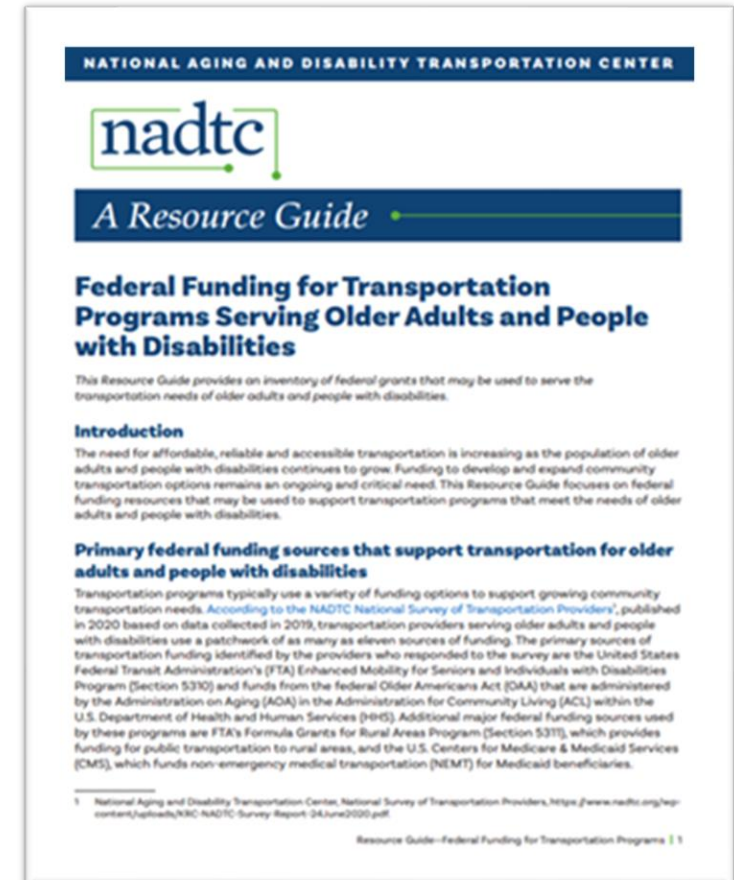


Barriers to Aging in Place in Rural Communities: Perspectives from State Offices of Rural Health, Policy Brief - https://rhrc.umn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/UMN_BarriersToAgingInPlace_6.pdf



Transportation Funding

- Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310)
- Other Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funding: Sections 5307, 5311
- Older Americans Act
- State Funding
- Local Funding
- Private Funding
- Fares



FTA Training and Technical Assistance Centers



NCMM: Promoting customer-centered mobility strategies that advance good health, economic vitality, self-sufficiency, and community (SDOH).



N-CATT: Helping small-urban, rural, and tribal transit operators understand technology tools.



NRTAP: Addressing the training and technical assistance needs of rural and tribal transit agencies across the country and supporting state RTAPs.



SUMC: Working to achieve equitable, affordable, and environmentally sound mobility across the US through the efficient sharing of transportation assets.



TWC: Helping urban, suburban, tribal, and rural public transportation entities recruit, hire, train, and retain the diverse workforce needed now and in the future.

Resources



Connecting You to Community Services



- **2021 FTA Section 5310 Compendium-** <https://www.nadt.org/resources-publications/resource/2021-fta-section-5310-compendium-2/>
- **Federal Funding for Transportation Programs Serving Older Adults and People with Disabilities** - <https://www.nadt.org/resources-publications/resource/federal-funding-for-transportation-programs-serving-older-adults-and-people-with-disabilities>
- Eldercare.acl.gov
- acl.gov/DIAL

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