



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

CCD Transportation Task Force Annual Report for 2017

2017 Activities

Over 2017, the Task Force met to discuss topics of interest and actions the Task Force should take.

The Task Force Advocated for:

- Accessible Amtrak services & station x Innovative use of funds & new models for high quality paratransit through Transit Accessibility Innovation Funding (TAIF) Program bill.
- Participated in the working group convened by PVA to work on the Air Carrier Access Act anniversary and next steps in policy work for the coming years
- Necessary funding for public transit and needed programs, including: Section 5310, bicycle and pedestrian programs that contribute to accessible sidewalks and curb cuts, and complete streets, to ensure transportation for people with disabilities in urban, suburban and rural areas.
- The Task Force drafted letters and comments, including:
- A letter to the House and Senate regarding FY18 Transportation Appropriations. To discuss pedestrian and sidewalk safety
- Met multiple times with the Amtrak Board, and met with Amtrak officials and new leadership (CEOs and Vice President) several times throughout the year to discuss ADA compliance and solutions (this work continues)

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- Advocate for issues related to: FAST Act (the new surface transportation bill) implementation
- Air Carrier Access Act and air travel improvements – FAA Reauthorization and updates on implementation or delays on the Federal Neg Reg process that occurred in 2016 –
- Funding and Appropriations
- Continue to monitor and support, or challenge when necessary, legislation and issues related to transit and safe, accessible transportation for people with disabilities
- Continue to try to work with the US DOT through multiple offices to insure the safety, affordability and accessibility of transportation for people with disabilities
- Continue to educate staff on Capitol Hill about the importance of safe, accessible transportation for all.

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