



CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES

CCD Transportation Task Force 2018 Annual Report

1. Task Force Name: Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Transportation Task Force
2. Top 2018 Legislative Issues & Activities
 - *Amtrak* – The Task Force raised concerns and opposition to station staff cuts, a decreased disability discount, and proposed cuts to long-distance rail lines. Task Force members will continue to meet quarterly with Amtrak leadership to advocate for accessibility of rail stations and current and new trains, staff training, emergency management, website and mobile application accessibility and new issues as they arise.
 - *Autonomous Vehicles* - AVs have the potential to drastically improve access for people with disabilities and will be offered through shared mobility services, public transit and private vehicle ownership. The Task Force adopted principles and recommendations to be shared with the industry, USDOT and Congressional offices. Task Force members tracked and discussed AV legislation, and attended USDOT AV meetings.
 - *Service Animals* – The Task Force submitted comments in response to USDOT proposed rulemaking in support of continued access for emotional support animals, fair treatment for service animals, and improved training for air carriers and their contractors. The Task Force developed principles meant to clarify support for service animals across ground transportation modes, including Amtrak, public and private transportation.

2018 Task Force Activities

- Comments in response to USDOT AV 3.0 guidance (12/3/18, [Link](#))
- Autonomous Vehicle Principles (12/3/18, [Link](#))
- USDOT and US DOL ODEP AV Listening Session (10/26/18)
- Service Animal Principles (10/24/18, [Link](#))
- Task Force Member Call with Senator Van Hollen's staff re: TSA Screenings and the TSA Modernization Act (9/17/18)
- Letter to Amtrak RE: (9/13/18, [Link](#))
- EEOC Stakeholder Service Animal Meeting (7/31/18)

- Comments in response to USDOT ACAA Service Animal ANPRM (7/9/18, [Link](#))
 - Transportation and Rights Task Force Letter Supporting H.R 5004, the Air Carrier Access Amendments Act of 2018 (6/8/18, [Link](#))
 - Reporting back on and supporting efforts to ensure and increase accessibility of
 - Private and Public Shared Mobility (eg, Uber, Lyft, bikeshare, scooters, PROW)
 - Private and Public Autonomous Vehicles
 - Airline Services
3. Meetings the 1st Wednesday of the month, 12-1 pm
4. Task Force Homepage Link: http://www.c-c-d.org/rubriques.php?rub=taskforce.php&id_task=15
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