



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

CCD Transportation Task Force Annual Report for 2016

2016 Activities

Over 2016, 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
- Innovative use of funds & new models for high quality paratransit through Transit Accessibility Innovation Funding (TAIF) Program bill.
- Reauthorization of a surface transportation bill that benefits people with disabilities
- 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
- Participated with CCD members who were active members of the DOT ACAA Neg Reg process (six months) and will work on getting information and recommendations from this work out to the community
- 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 FY17 Transportation Appropriations.
- In collaboration with the Rights Task Force submitted comments regarding the proposed rule on the concern for the feasibility of conducting a negotiated rulemaking (Reg Neg) on the following issues under the purview of the Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA): accessible in-flight entertainment, access to in-flight medical oxygen, service animals, accessible lavatories on new single aisle aircraft, classes of service for purposes of seating accommodations, and airline reporting requirements
- Submitted comments on the draft Advisory Circular announced by the Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) concerning access to airports by individuals with disabilities
- In collaboration with Rights TF sent a letter to Jimmy Kimmel Live show in reference to his segment regarding people with disabilities who use so called "comfort animals"

The Task Force conducted USDOT and agency visits, and:

- Members of the Task Force met with U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Officials, including the Federal Transit Administration and Aviation Consumer Protection.
- Members of the Task Force met with US DOT:
 - To discuss the next steps in implementing "self-driving" or automated vehicles
 - To discuss airlines and air travel for persons with disabilities
 - To discuss Transportation Equity and assisted with the next steps on the outreach to persons with disabilities in this work

- To discuss pedestrian and sidewalk safety
- Met once with the Amtrak Board, and met with Amtrak officials 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
 - o Air Carrier Access Act and air travel improvements
- 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 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. CO-

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