



Transportation Task Force Annual Report for 2013

2013 ACTIVITIES

In 2013, the Transportation Task Force:

1. Met with New Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx as well as the leaders of all modal agencies at the Department of Transportation to discuss priorities for people with disabilities;
2. Continued to work with the Department of Transportation and Justice as well as with Amtrak to achieve compliance with the rail provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act Coast Testified before Congress and the US Access Board to provide guidance on survival craft and passenger vessel accessibility;
3. Supported local efforts in both New York and DC to increase taxi accessibility;
4. Advocated with Congress for strong transportation appropriations.
5. Developed priorities for the next reauthorization of major transportation legislation.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

In the coming year, the Task Force will:

1. Continue to monitor and advocate for strong provisions increasing the mobility of people with disabilities in reauthorization of the national transportation bill.
2. Continue to work with the Department of Transportation and Justice as well as with Amtrak to achieve compliance with the rail provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
3. Work with the Department of Transportation and the airlines to increase the accessibility of air travel for people with disabilities.
4. Monitor the legislative and regulatory environment to identify ways to increase the accessibility of the pedestrian environment.
5. Work with local leaders to encourage and replicate best practices on taxi accessibility.
6. Enhance accessibility into liveable community efforts both at DOT and in Congress.
7. Assessing and improving DOT performance measures to include accessibility and safety of people with disabilities.

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