

Implementation Guidelines and Performance Measures – Special Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities (Paratransit) Program

Implementation Guidelines

These guidelines lay out the service types that are eligible to be funded with Alameda County Measure B (2000), Measure BB (2014) and Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF, 2010) revenues under the Special Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities (Paratransit) Program. All programs funded partially or in their entirety through these sources, including ADA-mandated paratransit services, city-based programs and discretionary grant funded projects, must abide by the following requirements for each type of paratransit service.

Fund recipients are able to select which of these service types are most appropriate for their community to meet the needs of seniors and people with disabilities. Overall, all programs should be designed to enhance quality of life for seniors and people with disabilities by offering accessible, affordable and convenient transportation options to reach major medical facilities, grocery stores and other important travel destinations to meet life needs. Ultimately, whether a destination is important should be determined by the consumer.

The chart below summarizes the eligible service types and the transportation need the service targets. This is followed by more detailed descriptions of each.

Service	Transportation Need Targeted and Service Details
ADA Paratransit^{1,2}	Origin-to-destination trips for people with disabilities unable to ride fixed route transit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-scheduled • Accessible
Door-to-Door Service	Origin-to-destination trips for seniors and people with disabilities (usually ADA paratransit certified) unable to ride fixed route transit and who benefit from shorter trips and more individualized service (compared to ADA paratransit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-scheduled • Accessible

Service	Transportation Need Targeted and Service Details
Taxi Subsidy/ Same-Day Transportation³	Curb-to-curb trips for seniors and/or people with disabilities (usually ADA paratransit certified) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same day • Accessible vehicles not guaranteed
Specialized Accessible Van	Origin-to-destination trips for people with disabilities using mobility devices that require lift- or ramp-equipped vehicles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-scheduled & Same Day • Accessible
Accessible Shuttle	Fixed or flex route trips for seniors and people with disabilities possibly able to ride fixed route transit, but who benefit from targeted routes/stops and more individualized service (compared to transit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed Schedule • Accessible
Group Trips	Round trip or origin-to-destination trips for seniors and people with disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-scheduled/fixed schedule • Usually accessible
Door-through- Door/Volunteer Driver Service	Origin-to-destination trips for seniors and people with disabilities with special needs requiring door-through-door service or escort <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-scheduled • Generally not accessible when provided in private cars
Mobility Management and/or Travel Training	Information and referral, service linkage, service coordination, advocacy, and/or individual/group training or travel orientation for seniors and people with disabilities to facilitate use of services
Scholarship/ Subsidized Fare Programs	Financial assistance for seniors and people with disabilities to utilize services
Meal Delivery Programs	Funding for meal delivery for seniors and people with disabilities who cannot travel to congregate meal sites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs currently funded by Measure B may continue, but new programs may not be established.

Service	Transportation Need Targeted and Service Details
Capital Expenditures⁴	Funding for capital purchases for transportation programs for seniors and people with disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If purchasing vehicles, they should be accessible

¹ **Note on ADA Mandated Paratransit:** Programs mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act are implemented and administered according to federal guidelines that may supersede these guidelines; however all ADA-mandated programs funded through Measure B and BB or the VRF are subject to the terms of the Master Programs Funding Agreement.

² **Interim Service for Consumers Awaiting ADA Certification:** At the request of a health care provider or ADA provider, city-based programs must provide interim service through the programs listed above to consumers awaiting ADA certification. Service must be provided within three business days of receipt of application.

³ **Note on Transportation Network Companies:** Programs may utilize Transportation Network Companies (e.g. Lyft, Uber) under the guidelines for Taxi Subsidy/Same-Day Transportation Programs. Other service types are ineligible unless wheelchair accessible service can be provided equitably. Programs should review the Department of Transportation guidance on shared mobility at www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/shared-mobility-frequently-asked-questions. Program changes to utilize TNCs are subject to review by Alameda CTC staff prior to implementation.

⁴ **Note on Capital Expenditures:** Any capital expenditures within the eligible service categories must be consistent with the objectives of the Alameda CTC Special Transportation for Seniors and Peoples with Disabilities (Paratransit) Program described above and are subject to review by Alameda CTC staff prior to implementation.

City-based Door-to-Door Service Guidelines

Service Description	<p>City-based door-to-door services provide pre-scheduled, accessible, door-to-door trips. Some programs allow same day reservations on a space-available basis. They provide a similar level of service to mandated ADA services. These services are designed to fill gaps that are not met by ADA-mandated providers and/or relieve ADA-mandated providers of some trips.</p> <p>This service type does not include taxi subsidies which are discussed below.</p>
Eligible Population	<p>Eligible Populations include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People 18 and above with disabilities who are unable to use fixed route services. Cities may, at their discretion, also provide services to consumers with disabilities under the age of 18, and 2. Seniors 80 years or older without proof of a disability. Cities may provide services to consumers who are younger than age 80, but not younger than 70 years old. <p><i>Cities may continue to offer “grandfathered” eligibility to program registrants below 70 years old who have used the program regularly since FY 11/12, as long as it does not impinge on the City’s ability to meet the minimum requirements of the Implementation Guidelines.</i></p> <p><i>Program sponsors may use either ADA eligibility, as established by ADA-mandated providers (incl. East Bay Paratransit, LAVTA, Union City Transit) or the Alameda County City-Based Paratransit Services Medical Statement Form, as proof of disability. Program sponsors may, at their discretion, also offer temporary eligibility due to disability.</i></p>
Time & Days of Service	<p>At a minimum, service must be available any five days per week between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm (excluding holidays).</p> <p>At a minimum, programs must accept reservations between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm Monday – Friday (excluding holidays).</p>
Fare (Cost to Customer)	<p>Fares for pre-scheduled service should not exceed local ADA paratransit fares, but can be lower, and can be equated to distance. Higher fares can be charged for “premium” same-day service.</p>
Other	<p>Door-to-Door programs must demonstrate that they are providing trips at an equal or lower cost than the ADA-mandated provider on a cost per trip basis. Cost per trip is defined as total cost (all sources) during a reporting period divided by the number of one-way trips, including attendant and companion trips, provided during period.</p>

City-based Door-to-Door Service Guidelines	
	Programs may impose per person trip limits due to budgetary constraints, but any proposed trip limitations that are based on trip purpose must be submitted to Alameda CTC staff for review prior to implementation.

Taxi Subsidy/Same-Day Transportation Program Guidelines	
Service Description	<p>Taxis provide curb-to-curb service that can be scheduled on a same-day basis. Transportation Network Companies (e.g. Lyft, Uber) can also provide similar service at the discretion of the program sponsor with local consumer input. Taxis charge riders on a distance/time basis using a meter. Taxi subsidy programs allow eligible consumers to use taxis at a reduced fare by reimbursing consumers a percentage of the fare or by providing some fare medium, e.g. scrip or vouchers, which can be used to cover a portion of the fare. These programs are intended for situations when consumers cannot make their trip on a pre-scheduled basis.</p> <p>The availability of accessible taxi cabs varies by geographical area and taxi provider, but programs should expand availability of accessible taxi cabs where possible in order to fulfill requests for same-day accessible trips.</p>
Eligible Population	<p>Eligible Populations include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People 18 and above with disabilities who are unable to use fixed route services. Cities may, at their discretion, also provide services to consumers with disabilities under the age of 18, and 2. Seniors 80 years or older without proof of a disability. Cities may provide services to consumers who are younger than age 80, but not younger than 70 years old. <p><i>Cities may continue to offer “grandfathered” eligibility to program registrants below 70 years old who were enrolled in the program in FY 11/12 and have continued to use it regularly, as long as it does not impinge on the City’s ability to meet the minimum requirements of the Implementation Guidelines.</i></p> <p><i>Program sponsors may use either ADA eligibility, as established by ADA-mandated providers (incl. East Bay Paratransit, LAVTA, Union City Transit) or the Alameda County City-Based Paratransit Services Medical</i></p>

Taxi Subsidy/Same-Day Transportation Program Guidelines

	<p><i>Statement Form, as proof of disability. Program sponsors may, at their discretion, also offer temporary eligibility due to disability.</i></p> <p><i>ADA-mandated providers that are not also city-based providers (East Bay Paratransit and LAVTA) are not required to provide service to seniors 80 years or older without ADA eligibility.</i></p>
Time & Days of Service	24 hours per day/7 days per week
Fare (Cost to Customer)	<p>Programs must subsidize at least 50% of the fare.</p> <p>Programs can impose a cap on total subsidy per person. This can be accomplished through a maximum subsidy per trip, a limit on the number of vouchers/scrip (or other fare medium) per person, and/or a total monetary subsidy per person per year.</p>
Other	<p>Programs may also use funding to provide incentives to drivers and/or transportation providers to ensure reliable service. Incentives are often utilized to promote accessible service. Planned expenditures on incentives are subject to review by Alameda CTC staff prior to implementation.</p> <p>Programs may utilize Transportation Network Companies (e.g. Lyft, Uber) for these programs but should review the Department of Transportation guidance on shared mobility at www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/shared-mobility-frequently-asked-questions. Program changes to utilize TNC's are subject to review by Alameda CTC staff prior to implementation.</p>

City-based Specialized Accessible Van Service Guidelines

Service Description	<p>Specialized Accessible Van service provides accessible, door-to-door trips on a pre-scheduled or same-day basis. This service category is not intended to be as comprehensive as primary services (i.e. ADA-mandated, City-based Door-to-Door, or Taxi programs), but should be a complementary supplement in communities where critical needs for accessible trips are not being adequately met by the existing primary services. Examples of unmet needs might be a taxi program without accessible vehicles, medical trips for riders with dementia unable to safely take an ADA-mandated trip, or trips outside of the ADA-mandated service area. When possible, a priority for this service should be fulfilling requests for same-day accessible trips.</p>
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City-based Specialized Accessible Van Service Guidelines

	This service may make use of fare media such as scrip and vouchers to allow consumers to pay for rides.
Eligible Population	At discretion of program sponsor with local consumer input.
Time & Days of Service	At discretion of program sponsor with local consumer input.
Fare (Cost to Customer)	At discretion of program sponsor with local consumer input.
Other	Specialized Accessible van programs must demonstrate that they are providing trips at an equal or lower cost to the provider than the ADA-mandated provider on a cost per trip basis, except if providing same-day accessible trips. Cost per trip is defined as total cost (all sources) during a reporting period divided by the number of one-way trips, including attendant and companion trips, provided during period.

Accessible Shuttle Service Guidelines

Service Description	<p>Shuttles are accessible vehicles that operate on a fixed, deviated, or flex-fixed route and schedule. They serve common trip origins and destinations visited by eligible consumers, e.g. senior centers, medical facilities, grocery stores, BART and other transit stations, community centers, commercial districts, and post offices.</p> <p>Shuttles should be designed to supplement existing fixed route transit services. Routes should not necessarily be designed for fast travel, but to get as close as possible to destinations of interest, such as going into parking lots or up to the front entrance of a senior living facility. Shuttles are often designed to serve active seniors who do not drive but are not ADA paratransit registrants.</p>
Eligible Population	Shuttles should be designed to appeal to older people, but can be made open to the general public.
Time and Days of Service	At discretion of program sponsor with local consumer input.
Fare (Cost to Customer)	At discretion of program sponsor, but cannot exceed local ADA paratransit fares. Fares may be scaled based on distance.

Accessible Shuttle Service Guidelines	
Cost of Service	By end of the second fiscal year of service, the City's cost per one-way person trip cannot exceed \$20, including transportation and direct administrative costs. Cost per trip is defined as total cost (all sources) during a reporting period divided by the number of one-way trips, including attendant and companion trips, provided during period.
Other	Shuttles are required to coordinate with the local fixed route transit provider. Shuttle routes and schedules should be designed with input from the senior and disabled communities and to ensure effective design, and any new shuttle plan must be submitted to Alameda CTC staff for review prior to implementation. Deviations and flag stops are permitted at discretion of program sponsor.

Group Trips Service Guidelines	
Service Description	Group trips are round-trip rides for pre-scheduled outings, including shopping trips, sporting events, and community health fairs. These trips are specifically designed to serve the needs of seniors and people with disabilities and typically originate from a senior center or housing facility and are generally provided in accessible vans and other vehicle types or combinations thereof.
Eligible Population	At discretion of program sponsor.
Time and Days of Service	Group trips must begin and end on the same day.
Fare (Cost to Customer)	At discretion of program sponsor.
Other	Programs can impose mileage limitations to control program costs.

Door-through-Door/Volunteer Driver Service Guidelines

Service Description	<p>Volunteer driver services are pre-scheduled, door-through-door services that are typically not accessible. These programs rely on volunteers to drive eligible consumers for critical trip needs, such as medical trips. Programs may use staff to complete intake or fill gaps in service provision. This service meets a key mobility gap by serving more vulnerable populations and should complement existing primary services (i.e. ADA-mandated, City-based Door-to-Door, or Taxi).</p> <p>Volunteer driver programs may also have an escort component where volunteers accompany consumers on any service eligible for Alameda CTC funding, when they are unable to travel in a private vehicle.</p>
Eligible Population	At discretion of program sponsor.
Time and Days of Service	At discretion of program sponsor.
Fare (Cost to Customer)	At discretion of program sponsor.
Other	Program sponsors can use funds for administrative purposes and/or to pay for volunteer mileage reimbursement purposes (not to exceed Federal General Services Administration (Privately Owned Vehicle) Mileage Reimbursement Rates) or an equivalent financial incentive for volunteers.

Mobility Management and/or Travel Training Service Guidelines

Service Description	<p>Mobility management services cover a wide range of activities, such as travel training, coordinated services, trip planning, and brokerage. Mobility management activities often include education and outreach which play an important role in ensuring that people use the “right” service for each trip, e.g. using EBP from Fremont to Berkeley for an event, using a taxi voucher for a same-day semi-emergency doctor visit, and requesting help from a group trips service for grocery shopping. Service type can be categorized as information and referral, service linkage, service coordination, or advocacy.</p>
Eligible Population	At discretion of program sponsor.

Mobility Management and/or Travel Training Service Guidelines

Time and Days of Service	At discretion of program sponsor.
Fare (Cost to Customer)	N/A
Other	For new mobility management and/or travel training programs, to ensure effective program design, a plan with a well-defined set of activities must be submitted to Alameda CTC staff for review prior to implementation.

Scholarship/Subsidized Fare Program Guidelines

Service Description	Scholarship or Subsidized Fare Programs can subsidize any service eligible for paratransit funding and/or fixed-route transit for customers who are low-income and can demonstrate financial need.
Eligible Population	<p>Subsidies can be offered to low-income consumers with demonstrated financial need who are currently eligible for an Alameda County ADA-mandated or city-based paratransit program.</p> <p>Low income requirements are at discretion of program sponsors, but the requirement for household income should not exceed 50% AMI (area median income).</p>
Time and Days of Service	N/A
Fare (Cost to Customer)	N/A
Other	<p>Low-income requirements and the means to determine and verify eligibility must be submitted to Alameda CTC staff for review prior to implementation.</p> <p>If program sponsors include subsidized East Bay Paratransit (EBP) tickets in this program, no more than 3% of a program sponsor's Alameda CTC distributed funding may be used for the ticket subsidy.</p> <p>Other services or purposes proposed for scholarship and/or fare subsidy must be submitted to Alameda CTC staff for review prior to implementation.</p>

Meal Delivery Funding Guidelines	
Service Description	Meal Delivery Funding programs provide funding to programs that deliver meals to the homes of individuals who are generally too frail to travel outside to congregate meal sites. Although this provides access to life sustaining needs for seniors and people with disabilities, it is not a direct transportation expense.
Eligible Population	For currently operating programs, at discretion of program sponsor.
Time and Days of Service	For currently operating programs, at discretion of program sponsor.
Fare (Cost to Customer)	For currently operating programs, at discretion of program sponsor.
Other	Currently operating funding programs may continue, but new meal delivery funding programs may not be established.

Capital Expenditures Guidelines	
Description	Capital expenditures are eligible if directly related to the implementation of a program or project within an eligible service category, including but not limited to, purchase of scheduling software, accessible vehicles and equipment and accessibility improvements at shuttle stops.
Eligible Population	N/A
Time and Days of Service	N/A
Fare (Cost to Customer)	N/A
Other	Capital expenditures are to support the eligible service types included in the Implementation Guidelines and must be consistent with objectives of the Alameda CTC Special Transportation for Seniors and Peoples with Disabilities (Paratransit) Program. If purchasing vehicles, they should be accessible. Planned expenditures are subject to review by Alameda CTC staff prior to implementation.

Implementation Guidelines and Performance Measures – Special Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities (Paratransit) Program

Performance Measures

The Alameda CTC collects performance data from all programs funded with Alameda County Measure B (2000), Measure BB (2014) and Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF, 2010) revenues. All programs funded partially or in their entirety through these sources must at a minimum report annually through the Annual Compliance Report for Direct Local Distribution (DLD) funding on the performance measures identified within the Implementation Guidelines for each DLD program.

The performance measures for the Measure B and Measure BB Direct Local Distribution (DLD) funding distributed through the Special Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities (Paratransit) Program, which funds ADA-mandated paratransit services, city-based paratransit programs and discretionary grant funded projects, are identified below. Performance data required for Compliance Reports are marked with a ❖. Additional performance-related data is listed and may be required through separate discretionary grant guidelines or to report to the Alameda CTC’s Commission or one of its community advisory committees. Additional performance measures include but are not limited to those below marked with a regular bullet.

ADA-mandated Paratransit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Number of one-way trips provided ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost per one-way trip <i>(Total Measure B/BB program cost during period divided by the number of one-way trips provided during period.)</i> • Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs • Number of registrants • On-time performance • Number of trips provided to a consumer using a mobility device • Qualitative information on complaints • Qualitative information on safety incidents • Qualitative information on outreach • Qualitative information on “high need” trips

❖ *Performance data required for Compliance Reports*

City-based Door-to-Door Service

- ❖ Number of one-way trips provided
- ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost per one-way trip (*Total Measure B/BB program cost during period divided by the number of one-way trips provided during period.*)
- Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs
- Number of registrants
- On-time performance
- Number of trips provided to a consumer using a mobility device
- Qualitative information on complaints
- Qualitative information on safety incidents
- Qualitative information on outreach

Taxi Subsidy/Same-Day Transportation Program

- ❖ Number of one-way trips provided
- ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost per one-way trip (*Total Measure B/BB program cost during period divided by the number of one-way trips provided during period.*)
- Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs
- Number of registrants
- Qualitative information on complaints
- Qualitative information on safety incidents
- Qualitative information on outreach

❖ *Performance data required for Compliance Reports*

City-based Specialized Accessible Van Service

- ❖ Number of one-way trips provided
- ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost per one-way trip (*Total Measure B/BB program cost during period divided by the number of one-way trips provided during period.*)
- Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs
- Number of registrants
- On-time performance
- Number of trips provided to a consumer using a mobility device
- Qualitative information on complaints
- Qualitative information on safety incidents
- Qualitative information on outreach

Accessible Shuttle Service

- ❖ Total ridership (*One-way passenger boardings*)
- ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost per one-way passenger trip (*Total Measure B/BB program cost during period divided by the total ridership during period.*)
- Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs
- Number of registrants
- On-time performance
- Number of trips provided to a consumer using a mobility device
- Qualitative information on complaints
- Qualitative information on safety incidents
- Qualitative information on outreach

❖ *Performance data required for Compliance Reports*

Group Trips Service

- ❖ Number of one-way passenger trips provided
- ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost per passenger trip (*Total Measure B/BB program cost during period divided by the number of passenger trips provided during period.*)
- Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs
- Number of registrants
- Number of trips provided to a consumer using a mobility device
- Qualitative information on complaints
- Qualitative information on safety incidents
- Qualitative information on outreach

Door-through-Door/Volunteer Driver Service

- ❖ Number of one-way trips provided
- ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost per one-way trip (*Total Measure B/BB program cost during period divided by the number of one-way trips provided during period.*)
- Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs
- Number of registrants
- Qualitative information on complaints
- Qualitative information on safety incidents
- Qualitative information on outreach
- Number of active volunteer drivers
- Number of one-way trips provided by staff
- Percentage of service requests unfulfilled when requested within specified time

❖ *Performance data required for Compliance Reports*

Mobility Management Service

- ❖ Number of individuals provided with mobility management support (*Note: an individual may have multiple contacts*)
- ❖ Number of contacts providing mobility management support (service type can be categorized as information and referral, service linkage, service coordination, or advocacy.)
- ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost per individual provided with mobility management support (*Total Measure B/BB program cost during period divided by the number of individuals provided with support during period.*)
- Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs
- Qualitative information on outreach

Travel Training Service

- ❖ Number of individuals trained and/or received travel orientation (divided by those in individual training and those participating in group trainings)
- ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost per individual trained in individual trainings and in group trainings (*Total Measure B/BB program cost during period divided by the number of individuals trained during period*)
- Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs
- Number of individuals trained (divided by those receiving travel orientation, mobility device training, seniors, adults with disabilities, youth with disabilities, and/or people with visual impairments)
- Qualitative information on outreach
- Percentage/number of people surveyed who used transit post workshop

❖ *Performance data required for Compliance Reports*

Scholarship/Subsidized Fare Program

- ❖ Number of unduplicated individuals who received scholarship/subsidized fares
- ❖ Number of one-way fares/tickets subsidized
- ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost per subsidy (*Total Measure B/BB program cost during period divided by the number of subsidized fares/tickets during period*)
- Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs
- Qualitative information on complaints
- Qualitative information on outreach

Meal Delivery Funding

- ❖ Number of meal delivery trips
- ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost per meal delivery trip (*Total Measure B/BB program cost during period divided by the number of meal delivery trips during period*)
- Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs

❖ *Performance data required for Compliance Reports*