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CTAA Awarded National Transportation Accessibility Center

Washington, D.C. – November 16, 2022. The Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA), along with its partners at the UMass Boston Institute for Community Inclusion, USAgings, and DJB Consulting, has been awarded the National Transportation Accessibility Center (NTAC); a grant award developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Community Living (ACL).



Through this new center, CTAA and its partners will be engaging with older adults, people with disabilities, those who regularly use public transportation services (and those who don't), along with local, state and federal partners, to: develop and distribute transportation resources, identify key areas of improvement for accessibility opportunities within the transportation industry and promote inclusive planning throughout the transportation design process. Additionally, NTAC will be developing the National Accessible Transportation Accelerator Network (NATAN), host a new website and meet with five communities to increase accessible transportation options for those historically excluded from transportation planning.

"I am thrilled to announce this important grant award," said CTAA's Executive Director Scott Bogren. "CTAA has enjoyed a productive, positive relationship with ACL for a number of years through its *Transit Planning for All* project and we look forward to continue working with them, along with our industry partners, to advance accessibility options and inclusive planning opportunities for communities across the country. Eliminating transportation barriers for all Americans has been a core commitment for CTAA since its inception and this new Center will help us continue the transit industry's shift toward a more connected and inclusive transportation network for everyone."

The Community Transportation Association, established in 1989, is a national non-profit, membership association committed to removing barriers to isolation and improving mobility for all people. The Association provides informational resources, technical assistance, training and certification, and many additional resources to communities, transportation providers, and other groups to increase mobility and improve the quality of community and public transportation.