



## **Transportation Accessibility Institute**

The Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) is seeking teams to participate in a Transportation Accessibility Institute in Oklahoma City, OK May 22, 2023. The day long Institute will enable participants to discuss barriers that older adults and persons with disabilities encounter in accessing public transportation services and facilities, and developing possible solutions to overcome those barriers. Teams will be comprised of representatives of:

- A. Older Adults,
- B. Persons with Disabilities,
- C. Caregivers,
- D. Health Care Services,
- E. Public Transportation and
- F. Local Government/Planning Agencies.

Communities seeking to participate must assemble representative teams and submit the attached application (see attached) by April 12. Teams will be selected competitively and notified by April 21, 2023.

The Transportation Accessibility Institute is funded through the Transit Planning 4 All Program, which is supported by the Administration for Community Living of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Transportation Accessibility Institute team members will receive reimbursement for transportation expenses to and from Oklahoma City, two nights lodging, and meals not provided during the Institute. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided for all participants during the Institute on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Topics to be covered during the Institute:

- Inclusion in mobility planning activities.
- Barriers within transportation systems and facilities.
- Barriers external to transportation systems and facilities, e.g.: sidewalks, ramps, etc.
- Solutions to facilitate accessibility.
- Funding sources to address barriers.

Five teams participating in the Transportation Accessibility Institute will subsequently be selected to be part of a Community of Practice (CoP) over the next two years. The CoP will seek to increase transportation access and utilization in historically underserved communities. The CoP will be focused on mutual learning and problem solving among group members to meet needs specific to their communities and population, utilizing their understanding and expertise regarding their community needs to address transportation access and utilization. The CoP will also work with each other as well as other communities and populations of need to address common transportation problems. CoP's will receive subgrants to cover costs such as stipends for participation, accommodations, ASL interpretation, language interpretation and development of materials.