



ATRC Holds First Steering Committee Meeting

Washington, D.C. – December 4, 2023. The Accessible Transportation Resource Center (ATRC) is thrilled to announce that we have held our first steering committee meeting.

The ATRC is a technical assistance center sponsored by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and hosted by the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA). CTAA is joined by US Aging, Institute for Community Inclusion at UMass Boston, and DJB Evaluation Consulting. It is continuing the work of Transit Planning 4 All in working towards finding accessible transportation solutions. The ATRC and Steering Committee are focusing on the whole transportation journey from sidewalks and complete streets to vehicle and mobility on demand services.

The Steering Committee is made up of 20 members who bring experience from their lived experiences as people with disabilities, older adults, community engagement and outreach, and manufacturing. During their first meeting, the Steering Committee shared why accessible transportation matters to them and began developing a framework for prioritization of issues. Committee members also shared their biggest issues with accessible transportation including pedestrian safety issues and lack of transit options during the evenings and weekends.

In 2024, the ATRC will also be selecting five Communities of Practice, which will work collaboratively to identify and implement creative and innovative solutions to accessibility issues. In addition, the ATRC has established the National Accessible Transportation Accelerator Network (NATAN) to help share and resonate information around successful strategies to address and overcome accessibility challenges. To join the NATAN please email atrc@acl.hhs.gov.