

COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION

Fact Sheet & Membership Application

Purpose:

Utah Transit Authority (UTA) has created a citizen advisory group called the Committee on Accessible Transportation or CAT. The CAT provides an ongoing opportunity to advise UTA on accessibility issues related to facilities, services, equipment, plans and programs to assure non-discrimination for qualified people with disabilities. The CAT is established by a charter through the UTA Board of Trustees.

Membership Eligibility

CAT committee membership is open to individuals with disabilities, as well as family members, service providers, or others connected with the disability community. Persons representing the following age and disability groups have specifically been identified as key to CAT membership categories.

- Cognitive or learning disabilities
- Mental illness
- Mobility impairments or physical disabilities
- Deaf and hard of hearing
- Blind or visually impaired
- Combinations or multiple disabling conditions
- Seniors (65 years & older)

Individuals from the disability community who are also members of other minority groups (e.g., race, color and national origins) are encouraged to apply for CAT Committee membership.

Persons must live within a county of the UTA service area: Box Elder, Weber, Davis, Salt Lake, Tooele, or Utah County. Also, only one family member may serve on the CAT at any given time.

Terms of Office

The term of office for a voting CAT member is two years. CAT members in good standing may serve two consecutive two-year terms for a total of 4 years of consecutive membership. Former CAT members interested in serving additional terms may reapply for CAT membership after a one year leave from CAT membership. CAT membership years begins on August 1 and ends in July 30 the following year.

Meetings:

Meetings of the full CAT committee are held in January, April, and October on the second Monday of the month. Meetings last approximately 2 hours.

Each member is also required to serve on one subcommittee which meets approximately once a month. These meets also last approximately 2 hours. Finally, CAT members are required to attend the annual ADA Celebration held on approximately July 26th each year, as well as daylong training in August of each year. **Attendance and participation at these meetings is very important. There are no excused absences. Resignation or removal from the CAT occurs after accruing five (5) absences from meetings in the membership year.**

Benefits:

Participation on the CAT has many benefits including the ability to make a positive difference, being able to network with others from the disability community, and for CAT members in good standing, a month transit pass is provided.

How do I Apply for CAT Membership?

Interested persons should complete the attached application. If you have questions or need assistance completing the application, contact the UTA ADA Compliance Officer at (801) 287-3536 (voice) or dial 711 for the Utah Relay. Applications are accepted throughout the year.

All printed information is available in an alternate format upon request by contacting the UTA ADA Compliance Officer at (801) 287-3536.

To Return Your Completed Application:

By mail, send to:

CAT Membership

c/o UTA ADA Compliance Officer

669 West 200 South

Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Fax: (801) 287-4520

Email: asalmon@rideuta.com

Application Deadline:

Though applications for CAT membership are accepted throughout the year, those interested in being considered for the 2022-2023 membership year completed applications must be received at UTA no later than **Friday, June 13th, 2022.**



**Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT)
Membership Application**

Please print clearly and complete each section

Name: _____

Address: (street, city, and zip code where you live)

Email address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Which disability group do you feel you can best represent on the CAT?

Write "1" next to your primary disability or the primary disability with which you work and write "2" next to your secondary disability or disability with which you work (if applicable).

___ Blind/Visual Impairment

___ Deaf/Hard of Hearing

___ Physical Disability/Mobility Impairment (including Epilepsy)

___ Cognitive or Learning Disability

___ Mental Illness

___ Senior (age 65 and older)

___ Multiple Disabilities (e.g., Deafblindness; please specify): _____

___ Other (please specify): _____

How often do you ride UTA services? ___ Never ___ Rarely ___ Sometimes ___ Often

If you do use UTA services, check all of the UTA services you do use (check all that apply):

_____ Fixed Route Bus

_____ Paratransit

_____ TRAX

_____ FrontRunner

_____ Other: _____

Have you served on the CAT committee before? (check one) ___ Yes ___ No

If served on the CAT before, what year(s) did you serve? _____

Questions

Please answer the following questions. You may attach additional pages if necessary.

1. Why are you interested in becoming a member of the CAT committee?
2. What do you like best about UTA's services?
3. What do you like least about UTA's services?
4. What barriers to using UTA's service do you see for those with disabilities?
5. Tell us about any relevant training experience you may have.
6. Tell us about any relevant volunteer activities in which you have been involved.
7. Tell us about any relevant advocacy experience you may have.
8. Tell us about how you are involved in your community.

9. How did you hear about the CAT committee?

Applicant signature: _____

Date: _____

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Date received: _____

Former CAT member? When served: _____

Family member serving on the CAT: _____

Interview conducted: _____

Action taken by UTA / CAT Planning Subcommittee: _____