

Casper's Council of People with Disabilities (CCPD)
Transportation Survey Results and Recommendations for Transportation Projects

Primary takeaways from the CCPD transportation survey:

- 64% of respondents feel that they don't have adequate transportation
- 69% of respondents rely primarily on friends/family for transportation
- 84% of respondents feel that lack of transportation limits their ability to get to medical appointments
- 75% of respondents cited limited transportation on weekends and evenings as their biggest challenge
- 50% of respondents feel lack of transportation limits their ability to participate in community events and activities, shop, and have access to food
- 79% of respondents said a centralized contact regarding transportation options would improve transportation in our community
- 62% of respondents said helping service providers organize and support transportation for customers would improve transportation in our community

In response to these findings, the CCPD plans to focus on the following projects in 2021:

1. Continue strong partnership with the Casper Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) regarding the 5 Year Transit Strategic Development Plan
 - a. Attend all stakeholder and public meetings to advocate for the disabled community
 - b. Provide feedback for the project when requested (surveys, workshops, etc.)
 - c. Invite MPO to periodically attend CCPD meetings to provide updates on the project
2. Pursue expanding ride share (Uber and Lyft) access for people with disabilities
 - a. Determine if/how many drivers/vehicles within the rideshare networks can accommodate wheelchairs and other disabilities
 - b. If not drivers/vehicles, advocate for companies to expand their network; assist in recruiting
 - c. Research the possibility of a voucher program to discount rides for the disabled
3. Pursue expanding taxi access for people with disabilities
 - a. Determine if/how many taxi vehicles in the local company fleets can accommodate wheelchairs and other disabilities
 - b. If there are no vehicles, advocate for companies to expand their fleets
 - c. Research the possibility of a voucher program to discount rides for the disabled
4. Facilitate discussions between ride-share companies and medical service providers to introduce rideshare options for healthcare access
 - a. Do more research on existing rideshare programs available for healthcare access
 - b. Examine the possibility of coordinating a webinar to introduce healthcare providers to these programs and encourage partnerships that benefit disabled clients
5. Develop a list of all transportation resources for disabled people in our community
 - a. Create a document or web page that lists all of the transportation options and resources for people with disabilities
 - b. Include schedules, rates, vehicle equip (such as for wheelchairs), etc.
6. Pursue grants to help fund transportation projects
 - a. Funds could pay for ride tokens or vouchers, advertising, other transportation project related expenses
 - b. Few options we already know about:
 - i. Daniel's Fund - <https://danielsfund.org/grants/overview>
 - ii. Wyoming Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities - <https://wgcd.wyo.gov/projects/mini-grants>