Transportation Legislation Review Committee

2023 Annual Report on Disability Transportation Issues



Who are we?

CCCCC COLORADO CROSS-DISABILITY COALITION



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What is working well

- Free Fare for Better Air
- Bustang
- Rural transit improvements

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Driver/staff recruitment retention (daily service cancellations)

• This is industry-wide including Bustang

Pedestrian safety

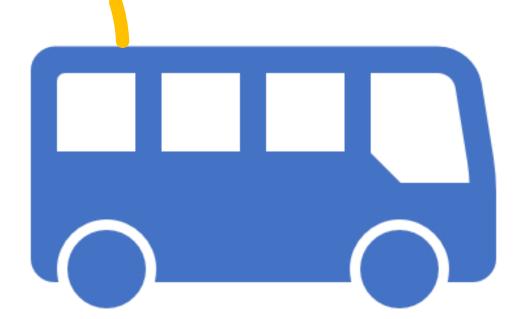
• The metro area is seeing unprecedented fatalities

Medicaid medical transportation

- Customer service
- Rural reimbursements

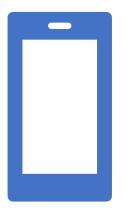
Specific Legislative
 Solutions-Workforce

- Funding for transit including RTD and Bustang to address workforce issues. Drivers, maintenance, front line.
 - Tax credit for workers who stay –it is not what you make it is what you take home
 - Career path for workers including college credit to attract younger workers
 - Prioritize transit workers in housing programs.
 - Support reforms to enhance front line worker safety by addressing violence (including but not limited to hate and bias crimes) against workers.





Specific Legislative Solutions Safety





Pass law prohibiting texting and driving.

Increase attention to vision zero.

Specific solutions Medicaid NEMT



COLORADO Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

- Increase accountability for Medicaid NEMT
 - Timeline for mileage reimbursements for rural
 - Require training on disability and travel
 - Customer service audit and enforcement
 - Require Intelliride to pay rural clients the same rate or mileage and per diem as state employees.

Thank you

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