



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 purpose of the CAT is to provide an ongoing opportunity to advise UTA on accessibility issues related to facilities, service, equipment, plans and programs to assure non-discrimination for qualified people with disabilities. The CAT is established through a charter by the UTA Board of Trustees.

Membership Representation:

To assure input is received from representatives of all age and disability groups as well as from residents in all UTA service areas, individuals representing the following groups have been identified as important representation on the CAT:

- **Cognitive or learning disabilities**
- **Mental illness**
- **Mobility impairments or physical disabilities**
- **Deaf/hearing impaired**
- **Blind/visually impaired**
- **Multiple disabilities or combinations of disabilities**
- **Seniors (65 years & older)**

Individuals must reside in one of the following counties within the current UTA service area: **Box Elder, Weber, Davis, Salt Lake, Tooele, Utah**

Immediate Family Member Restriction: Only one family member may serve on the CAT at any given time.

Meetings:

CAT meetings will be held each month, usually on the second Monday and will last approximately 2 ½ - 3 hours. In addition, each member is required to serve on a CAT Subcommittee that will meet at least once monthly. Attendance and participation at monthly meetings is very important.

Membership Term:

If selected, membership terms start in July and end in June of the following year. A membership term runs for two consecutive years. You may re-apply for an additional two-year term. A voting CAT member may be elected to serve only two terms or four years maximum.

Benefits:

CAT members receive a monthly UTA pass for the duration of active membership.

How do I apply for CAT membership?

Interested persons should complete the attached application for consideration to be selected for CAT membership. If you should need assistance completing this application or have questions, please contact Sherry Repscher, UTA staff liaison to the CAT at 801.287.3536 (voice) or 287-4657 (TDD). Applications are accepted throughout the calendar year and will be reviewed when openings occur. Annual terms for CAT membership begin in July, so new applications must be received by the second Monday of May. If received after this date, applicants are held in the "applicant pool" and reviewed to fill terms when openings occur during the membership year.

All printed information is available in an alternate format upon request and can be found on the UTA website, www.rideuta.com

Return your completed application to:

CAT Membership
c/o UTA ADA Compliance Officer
P.O. Box 30810
3600 South 700 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0810

Applications are accepted any time.

To be considered for the 2007-08 Membership year, the completed application must be received at the office of the UTA Staff liaison to the CAT no later than 12:00 Noon on Monday, May 14, 2007.



CAT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(PRINT clearly and complete each section of this application)

Name: _____

Address: include street, city and zip code

County where I live: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Cell _____ email address: _____

Membership Category: Mark a first choice by writing #1 and a second choice by writing # 2 in the box by the disability group you feel you can best represent on the CAT (ONLY MARK 2 CHOICES)

- Cognitive/learning disabilities Mental Illness
- Deaf/hard of hearing Blind/visually impaired
- Physical/mobility disabilities
- Multiple disabilities Seniors - 65 years & older

I currently use UTA services? YES NO Sometimes

My experiences riding UTA include:(mark all that you use)

- Fixed Route TRAX Paratransit Other _____

Tell us about yourself.

In your opinion, what is the best thing about UTA and what is something that needs to be improved or changed.

Explain why you want to serve as a member of the CAT

Signature

Date

The CAT Planning Subcommittee will contact you for a brief interview as part of the application process.

OFFICIAL UTA USE:

Date received: _____

Former CAT member/when served: _____

Family member serving on the CAT: _____

Phone interview conducted _____

Action taken by Planning Subcommittee:

If not selected, put in applicant pool. **Yes** **No**

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