

# Fact Sheet: Transportation

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## Regional Transit Authorities

**Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority: 1-800-352-7155**

**Martha's Vineyard Regional Transit Authority: 508-693-9440**

**Nantucket Regional Transit Authority: 508-325-9571**

Your Regional Transit Authorities provide transportation using various fixed routes. Information for fixed route schedules can be found by calling one of the RTA's above. If you are unable to utilize a fixed route because of a disability the Americans with Disabilities Act allows for accommodations. The law provides eligibility for:

Any individual with a disability who is unable, as the result of a physical or mental impairment (including a vision impairment), and without the assistance of another individual (except the operator of a wheelchair lift or other boarding assistance device), to board, ride or disembark from any vehicle on the system which is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities." (§37.123(e) (1)) In addition to individuals with physical disabilities that prevent them from using the fixed route, this right is also granted to people with mental, cognitive, and visual impairments who cannot recognize destinations, understand bus transfers, or distinguish between different buses on different routes at terminals and/or while en route.

### ADA Paratransit service

This law assures that individuals with disabilities have a right to a comparable level of public transit service as individuals without disabilities. The **ADA comparable paratransit** service is provided to individuals who want public transportation within  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of the RTA's fixed route service but cannot access it or use it because of a disability. ADA Paratransit service runs the same hours as fixed route service in the same core areas, and can be requested during the business hours of the RTA. The service is provided in accessible vans and by b-bus. If you want transportation from and to within  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of a fixed route and want to apply for the ADA Paratransit service, contact the RTA Office by telephone.

### B-Bus (508) 385-1430

The Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA) provides this door-to-door, ride-by-appointment service. B-buses carry up to 19 passengers and are all lift-equipped. Using b-bus is simple. B-bus picks you up, takes you where you want to go and returns you home. As a new subscriber, call b-bus toll-free at 1-800-352-7155 or locally at 508-385-1430 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., and the b-bus scheduler will enroll you and explain the scheduling system. B-bus is a door-to-door service, so your driver may have to pick you up early to allow time to pick up everyone.

### The "Lift" 508-693-9440

The paratransit service provided on Martha's Vineyard for people with disabilities.

### Your Island Ride: 508-325-7516

The paratransit service provided on Nantucket for people with disabilities.

### **Pass Program (Plan to Achieve Self-Support)**

Contact local SSA office; SSA work site or some third parties shown above to get a [PASS form \(SSA-545-BK\)](#) to complete.

This is a program implemented by Social Security to help individuals with disabilities return to work. You can use a PASS plan to allow you to pay for public transportation without your social security benefits being affected by wages earned through employment.

PASS lets disabled individual set aside money and/or things he or she owns to pay for items or services needed to achieve a specific work goal.

### **Agency Transportation**

Many of the Day Habilitation programs own and operate their own vans to transport individuals to and from their programs. Your DMR service coordinator will work with you in identifying available transportation options to a day or sheltered work program.

### **Mass Health Transportation**

Mass Health has a program that allows free transportation to and from medical appointments. To access this free transportation your physician will need to fill out a **PT-1** form. Your physician will have these forms on file. The physician then faxes the form to Mass Health and Mass Health will arrange with a transportation company to provide transportation to and from your medical appointment.

### **Council on Aging 413.527.6425**

Provides transportation to medical appointments for seniors.