

ReDiscovery

Supporting Individuals with Disabilities Recovering from Hurricane Harvey



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- According to the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD), transportation continues to play an integral role in equitable civil rights and mobility for people with disabilities (AAPD, 2012).
- The AAPD report cites that of the nearly 2 million people with disabilities in this country who never leave their homes, 560,000 do so because of lack of transportation.
- Specifically looking at transportation issues following a disaster, it's important to consider the following:



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- Do people with disabilities still have access to public transit?
- Do people with disabilities still have access to paratransit (accessible transit available for scheduling and door-to-door service)?
- Are the bus lines interrupted?
- Are the interruptions temporary or permanent?
- What are the alternative options?



www.ridemetro.org



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- If a person was using a vehicle but it was destroyed in a disaster, what are their options?
 - Does the person have public transit available (such as in rural areas)?
 - Does the person live near a bus line or is the line accessible (how long is it to travel to the bus stop?)
 - Does the person know how to access public transit?



<https://www.houstononthecheap.com/houston-students-ride-free-all-summer-on-metro-buses-and-trains>



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- People with disabilities may rely on transit for:
 - Work
 - Doctor's appointments
 - Service coordinator access
 - Accessing social gatherings
 - Visiting family
 - Accessing church
 - Getting groceries



<https://www.vox.com/2015/2/18/8056039/houston-transit-reimagining>



TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

- Resources to consider:
 - ADA Paratransit Programs
 - Demand/Response Services
 - Some Centers for Independent Living offer transportation (ex: [BVCIL](#))
 - [Rural Public Transportation Systems](#)
 - [Texas Transit Districts](#)



TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

- The REDDy Directory at disabilityresources.tamu.edu
- Go to Search Resources and type in Transportation for local resources in your area.

Directory of Community Resources in Texas
A site affiliated with the Center on Disability and Development

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