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### **The Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF) ADA Topic Guides**

DREDF recently released a series of Topic Guides on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transportation. Development of the Topic Guides was funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to provide technical assistance on ADA transportation issues to transportation providers, riders, and advocates. The Topic Guides bring together information about the requirements of the ADA and US Department of Transportation ADA regulations, FTA ADA enforcement determinations, and best operational practices for compliance from transit providers. The Topic Guides are useful tools for both large and small transit operators.

The seven Topic Guides are available at <http://www.dredf.org/ADAtg/>.

Topics include: Equipment Maintenance, Stop Announcement and Route Identification, Eligibility for ADA Paratransit, Telephone Hold Time in ADA Paratransit, Origin-to-Destination Service in ADA Paratransit, On-Time Performance in ADA Paratransit, and No-Shows in ADA Paratransit

In addition, the ADA National Network and Easter Seals Project ACTION will be hosting webinars on each of the Topic Guides. Webinars will be held on the second Tuesday of every month between October 12, 2010 and April 12, 2011, from 2:00-3:30 pm Eastern. Webinar registration is available at [www.adaconferences.org](http://www.adaconferences.org).

**President Cites New Report in Call for Transportation Authorization** President Barack Obama again calls for transportation infrastructure investments citing *'An Economic Analysis of Infrastructure Investment'*, a report by the Department of the Treasury in conjunction with the Council of Economic Advisers. The report states that, "for the 90 percent of Americans who are not among the top percentile in income, transportation costs absorb one out of every six dollars of income."

To read the whole report, [click here](#).

### **19<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation**

The conference is being held in Burlington VT, from October 24-27<sup>th</sup>. The conference includes information on planning and design; policy, funding and finance; rural transportation in today's operating environment; technology; and special issues in rural transportation. Over thirty sessions, special events, and tours will expand the five routes. Register today! [Click here for details](#).

### **Become a Peer & Recruit a Peer**

The National RTAP Peer-to-Peer Program is a free national network of transit professionals

who work to promote the success of rural transit by linking knowledgeable professionals together to provide each other with problem-solving support. [Click here to get started!](#)

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