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NATAN Newsletter

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Welcome to the NATAN Newsletter, the Accessible Transportation Resource Center's monthly update on accessible transportation around the nation. Keep reading to learn about upcoming events, opportunities, and news.

EVENTS & TRAININGS

Presentation on Data and Accessibility at U.S Access Board Meeting

October 25, 2023, 1:30-3pm ET

All are welcome to attend the next meeting of the U.S. Access Board, which will be open to the public and take place virtually on October 25 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. (ET). The agenda for the meeting includes brief reports from standing and ad hoc Board committees and the Executive Director, federal agency updates, and a guest presentation by Dr. Bonnielin Swenor, Director of the Johns Hopkins Disability Health Research Center. Dr. Swenor will discuss data-driven approaches to improving access and accessibility for people with disabilities, provide examples from the Disability Health Research Center, including data dashboards, and review data gaps and opportunities. [Learn more on the U.S. Access Board website.](#)

My Tech for All Technology Training

November 1, 2023, 10-11:30am ET

Come to an exciting talk by Dr. Tanis, a technology expert from the University of Kansas! Learn about how advanced technology helps people be more independent and active in their communities, especially those with disabilities. We'll also discuss the obstacles and how we can make technology more inclusive. Don't miss this opportunity to explore the future of technology! [Register for the technology training here](#).

OPPORTUNITIES

NCMM Ready-to-Launch Grants Open – Apply by 11/17/23

The National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM) is now accepting applications for our [2024 Ready-to-Launch Grants](#). These planning grants offer up to $75,000 in funding plus technical support from NCMM throughout the process. The goal of the grants is to enable multi-sector community teams to pilot promising mobility solutions, the development of which was inspired and informed by the results of community research. [Applications](#) are due by 11:59 pm ET on November 17th, 2023.

N-CATT Tech Teams Applications Open

The National Center for Applied Transit Technology (N-CATT) is [now accepting applications](#) for transit agencies to receive one-on-one technical assistance through the Center's Strategic Technology Technical Assistance Teams (STTATs). N-CATT will work with transportation providers to navigate a technology challenge or opportunity that results in a useful starting product for the agency, such as an implementation plan or ready-to-go technology solicitation. We will review and accept applications on a rolling basis based on our capacity,

so please apply when you're able! Please submit your application in one document in PDF format to carpenter@ctaa.org.

NEWS

[U.S. Access Board Issues Final Rule on Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines](). These guidelines inform federal, state, and local government agencies on how to make their pedestrian facilities, such as sidewalks, crosswalks, shared use paths, and on-street parking, accessible to people with disabilities.

[NYC set to become first large city to have rideshare fleet that is entirely zero-emissions or wheelchair accessible by 2030](). The initiative, known as Green Rides, lays crucial groundwork in creating a cleaner and more accessible transportation system for NYC.

[New Google Maps features tackle obstacles to accessibility](). Today, [Google announced]() another expansion of its accessible navigation features, including wheelchair-accessible walking routes, updated Live View experiences for users who are blind, and a new identity attribute label for disabled-owned businesses.