



# Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 22, 2018  
TO: Mark Lambert, MPA - Transit Planner  
Georgia Department of Transportation Division of Intermodal  
FROM: Nils Gustavson, Planner III  
RE: Implementation of "Complementary Paratransit Service"

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Please review and comment on the attached "Liberty Transit Complementary Paratransit Plan" dated June 22, 2018 noting your concurrence is required prior to initiating the public comment period.

Link to documentation: <http://thelcpc.org/hampo/focus-on-transit/>

### **"Paratransit means comparable transportation service required by the ADA for individuals with disabilities who are unable to use fixed route transportation systems"**

Liberty Transit has been meeting paratransit requirements by offering transit services to the severely disabled by using a deviated route system. Call in today, the bus will show tomorrow at your origin and take you to your destination. We are required to replace deviated route with a complementary paratransit service which is a parallel or shadow system specifically for the severely disabled. Complementary paratransit is the "least discriminatory" form of public transit. The requirements to implement this service is detailed the attached Liberty Transit Complementary Paratransit Plan drafted in accordance with FTA circular C 4710.1 (8) (9).

### **Service Policy:**

1. Curb to curb with guidelines on assistance to those passengers who need assistance beyond the curb.
2. Feeder service from curb to fixed route bus stop if the destination is acceptable from a standard bus stop.
3. Service Area will be the City Limits for Walthourville, Flemington and Hinesville, ¾ mile from route for Allenhurst, Fort Stewart, Liberty and Long Counties.
4. Time of Service will be from first scheduled stop to last stop minus 30 minutes.
5. Maximum fare is two times regular fare.
6. No premium service will be offered (same-day, will-call, trips beyond the defined service area and trips before or after the established service hours)

### **Public Participation:**

The participation plan is detailed in Liberty Transit Title VI Plan but with one major difference, reaching out to a very specialized audience to make sure we understand their needs and these needs are addressed:

1. The disabled in our service area.
2. Social Services Agencies (seniors, Board of Education, Public Health, etc.)
3. The Medical Community (Coastal Health Care Alliance, LMRC, Dialysis Centers, MD's, etc.)
4. Current providers of like service (CRC, CAT, Veterans, Doris Transport, etc.)
5. Web Site Update

All information about the process, materials necessary to apply for eligibility, and notices and determinations concerning eligibility shall be made available in accessible formats, upon request.

**Schedule: (November 1, 2018 First Day of Service)**

	Task	duration	start	end	action date	PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS	<i>Fri - Jun 22, 2018</i>
1.1	Council Work Session on Transit	n/a			Thu - Feb 08, '18	To FTA/GDOT for 30d review:	Wed - Jul 25, '18
2.1	Amend 5307 2018 Contract - Bus (complete)	n/a			Fri - Jun 01, '18	Distribute Notice:	Fri - Aug 24, '18
2.1	Purchase Bus (\$84,579) (complete)	150	Thu - Apr 19, '18	Sun - Sep 16, '18	Thu - Apr 19, '18	First Ad in Paper:	Sat - Aug 25, '18
3.1	Operations Plan	45	Mon - Jan 29, '18	Wed - Jul 25, '18		Start 30 day Public Hearing:	Mon - Aug 27, '18
3.2	Amend Transdev Contract	66	Mon - Jul 02, '18	Thu - Sep 06, '18	Thu - Sep 06, '18	Second Ad in Paper:	Sat - Sep 08, '18
4.1	Public Participation Period	68	Fri - Aug 24, '18	Wed - Oct 31, '18		Open House meeting	Wed - Sep 12, '18
5.1	Start Service:				Thu - Nov 01, '18	City Council (Board) Meeting:	Thu - Sep 20, '18
						End Pubic Hearing:	Thu - Sep 27, '18
						To FTA/GDOT for final review:	Thu - Oct 04, '18
						City Council (Board) Meeting:	Thu - Oct 18, '18
						Effective Date of Change (Ad):	Wed - Oct 24, '18
						Implement Major Service Change:	Thu - Nov 01, '18



Looking forward to our continued partnership to improve transit service in our communities.

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