MANKATO TRANSIT SYSTEM

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City of MANKATO
Leading the way...

This application may be submitted in-person at the Mankato Intergovernmental Center (10 Civic Center Plaza), mailed, faxed, or emailed to danitheis@mankatomn.gov applications take 5-7 business days for processing.

The Americans with Disability Act (ADA) emphasizes nondiscriminatory access to fixed route services. Complementary paratransit service is intended to serve as a "safety net" for individuals who, because of their disabilities, are unable to use fixed route services.

Name	
Address	
Facility Name (if applicable)	
Telephone Number	Primary: Alternate:
Email	

Do you use assistive devices? Mark all that apply.

No ___ Service Animal(s) ___ Cane___ Crutches ___ Walker ___

Wheelchair ___ Scooter___ Make or Model _____

Is the wheelchair width greater than 36 inches? Yes ___ No ___

Is the wheelchair plus passenger weight greater than 600 pounds? Yes ___ No ___

Do you travel with a Personal Care Attendant (PCA) or Aide? Yes ___ No ___

Who can we contact in case of an emergency?

_____

(Name, relationship and phone)

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_____
Signature of Applicant

_____
Signature of parent or guardian if applicant is a minor.
Applicant's birth year: _____

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ADA Paratransit Eligibility Application

Please help support our efforts to ensure we are providing access to everyone in our service area by completing the demographic information. Your answers will not affect your eligibility and are voluntary.

What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to answer
- Other (specify) _____

Which category below includes your age?

- 17 or younger
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75 or older

Which of the following categories best describe your employment status?

- Employed, working 40 hours or more per week
- Employed, working 1-39 hours per week
- Retired
- Not employed, seeking employment
- Not employed, not seeking employment
- Disabled, not able to work

How much total combined money did all members of your Household earn last year?

- $0 to $9,999
- $10,000 to $24,999
- $25,000 to $49,999
- $50,000 to $74,999
- $75,000 to $99,999
- $100,000 to $124,999
- $125,000 and up
- Prefer not to answer

What is your primary language?

- English
- Spanish
- Other Language (please specify)

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What is your ethnicity?

- African
- African American
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Caucasian
- Latino or Hispanic
- Middle Eastern/Arabic
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Two or more ethnicities
- Prefer not to answer
- Not listed (please specify)

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Assessing Abilities to Use Fixed Route Transit Services

Please have this section completed by a healthcare professional (Physician, Physician's Assistant, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Chiropractor, Physical Therapist, Case Manager, Personal Care Attendant, etc.)

Applicant Name	
Evaluator Name	
Evaluator Position Title	
Evaluator Phone	
Evaluator Email	
Facility Name (if applicable)	

I have evaluated the applicant for paratransit services and request the applicant be approved for the following reason.

_____ Temporarily eligible for _____ month(s). Beyond this date, applicant will need to request a continuation for eligibility.

_____ Conditionally eligible under certain conditions when the applicant is not able to use fixed route buses. Describe the conditions under which the applicant can use the service below:

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_____ Unconditionally eligible for any trips needed. (Certifications must be renewed every three years.)

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Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended

49 CFR Parts 27, 37, 38, and 39

Federal Transit Laws, 49 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.

Eligibility Category 1 – Inability to Navigate System Independently

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 is eligible for ADA paratransit.

Eligibility Category 2 – Lack of Accessible Vehicles, Stations, or Bus Stops

Any individual with a disability who needs the assistance of a wheelchair lift or other boarding assistance device and is able, with such assistance, to board, ride and disembark from any vehicle which is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities if the individual wants to travel on a route on the system during the hours of operation of the system at a time, or within a reasonable period of such time, when such a vehicle is not being used to provide designated public transportation on the route is eligible for ADA paratransit.

Eligibility Category 3 – Inability to Reach a Boarding Point or Final Destination

Any individual with a disability who has a specific impairment-related condition which prevents such individual from traveling to a boarding location or from a disembarking location on such system is eligible for ADA paratransit.

I base my evaluation upon Eligibility Category _____
Number(s)

Signature of Evaluator Date

Assessing Abilities to Use Fixed Route Transit Services

Guidance

Fixed route is a transportation service operated over a set route or network of routes on a regular time schedule.

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Tasks must be performed independently, with the exception of transit personnel providing assistance with boarding, stepping down from vehicle, and operation of lifts, ramps and securement systems.

With a reasonable level of effort or risk, can the applicant independently and consistently:

- Get and remember transit system information
- Walk/wheel to and from transit stop/station
    - Throughout area – up to 3/4 mile
    - Over various surfaces
    - Over various terrain
    - Up/down curbs
    - Up/down curb ramps
    - Cross streets of various widths and with various controls
    - Find way in familiar and unfamiliar settings
- Wait at a stop/station for transit vehicle with and without benches/shelters
- Locate and recognize bus/train to take single route and multiple routes with transfers
- Board and exit vehicle
    - Inaccessible vehicles
    - Accessible vehicles (lift, ramp)
- Pay fare
- Get to seat/securement area
- Ride in seated or standing position
- Recognize destination
- Signal for stop
- Perform above tasks in various weather and environmental conditions
    - Snow, ice, rain, heat, humidity, cold, smog
    - Bright light, low light, background noise
- Handle unexpected situations
- Remain safe when traveling alone (related to personal judgment and safety skills, not public safety)

Assessing Abilities to Use Fixed Route Transit Services

Physical Functional Skills List

Physical functional abilities needed to perform tasks required to use fixed route transit system:

- Walking speed
- Endurance
- Coordination
- Strength
- Balance
- Gait
- Range of motion
- Dexterity

Cognitive Functional Skills List

Cognitive functional abilities needed to perform tasks required to use fixed route transit system:

- Orientation to person, place and time
- Judgment and safety skills
- Problem solving
- Coping skills
- Short and long-term memory
- Concentration (attention to task)
- Ability to seek and act on directions
- Ability to process information
- Ability to communicate needs
- Consistency
- Behavioral skills

Sensory Functional Skills List

Sensory functional abilities needed to perform tasks required to use fixed route transit system:

- Orientation to place
- Directional wayfinding
- Ability to detect changes on surfaces
- Ability to detect environmental cues (hearing)
- Proficiency in using mobility aids