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CONNECT DOUGLAS ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL PARATRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

WHAT: Connect Douglas is hosting the inaugural Paratransit Advisory Board meeting both in-person and virtual on Wednesday, December 14. The Connect Douglas Americans with Disabilities Plan requires a mechanism to obtain feedback and suggestions about its paratransit service and is a federal requirement.

To meet this requirement, Connect Douglas appoints a Paratransit Advisory Board which meets regularly. This advisory board can make recommendations and suggestions to Connect Douglas staff about the current paratransit service regarding its performance and operations. The board has no authority to set policy or direct the operations of the service.

Any recommendations sent forward to Connect Douglas or the Board of Commissioners for implementation require a simple majority vote. To conduct voting business, the Connect Douglas Paratransit Advisory Board must have five members present.

WHERE: IN-PERSON

Connect Douglas Multi-Modal Transportation Center (MMTC)
8800 Dorris Road
Douglasville, GA

VIRTUAL

Logon via Microsoft TEAMS
Internet browser at <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting?rtc=1>
Meeting ID: 245 395 291 019
Passcode: EXXhrW

CALL-IN (audio only)

+1 229-302-4628,,539311400# United States
Phone Conference ID: 539 311 400#

WHEN: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 2:00PM

WHO: The public is invited to view or attend Connect Douglas Paratransit Advisory Board meetings. Questions or comments can be sent via email to connectdouglas@douglascountyga.gov

The board will include the following individuals: Connect Douglas Transit Services Coordinator, Connect Douglas Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Compliance Officer, a representative of Douglas County Senior Services transportation staff, a representative of Douglas CSB, the service Contractor's on-site Manager or designee, and five advocates of the disabled community approved by the Board of Commissioners.

About Connect

Connect Douglas is the public commuter-oriented transportation and mobility services division of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners. Services include the fixed route bus service, ADA paratransit service, mobility assistance for senior adults and disabled individuals, travel training, and Xpress bus service to Atlanta (operated by the Georgia State Roads and Tollway Authority). Connect Douglas also maintains commuter park & ride facilities and has been serving Douglas County commuters since 1986 previously as Douglas County Rideshare.

ADA Paratransit

ADA Paratransit is a shared-ride, curb-to-curb (or door-to-door) transportation service that is available to people with disabilities who are unable, or have limited ability because of their disability, to use fixed route buses. All public transit agencies that provide fixed-route bus service are required by the ADA to provide this service or equivalent service. As a civil rights statute, the ADA emphasizes nondiscriminatory access to fixed route service. Complementary ADA Paratransit service is intended to serve as a “safety net” for individuals who, because of their disabilities, are unable to use fixed route services.

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.

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