



National Dialogue on United We Ride

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About United We Ride

The Federal Interagency Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM) includes 11 federal departments responsible for providing transportation for people with disabilities, older adults, and people with lower incomes. In response to a Government Accountability Office (GAO) report detailing the need to breakdown federal barriers to the local coordination of federal transportation funding resources, CCAM launched United We Ride (UWR) in 2004 with an initial action plan to address the coordination of transportation services across 64 different federal programs. While significant progress has been achieved through United We Ride, challenges to coordinating stove-piped funding, policies, programs, and services still exist.

One significant finding thus far is that through the act of coordination and joint strategic planning across many different groups at the state and local level, innovations occur. Thus, before planning the next set of activities, CCAM felt it essential to reach out across the country through an easy-to-access-and-use on-line venue to gather the invaluable input of national, state and local organizations and groups.

Calling all Participants

To address these challenges and President Obama's directive to increase transparency and openness in government, the CCAM is leveraging the emerging power of Web 2.0 collaboration tools to engage its stakeholders in an on-line National Dialogue.

The on-line UWR National Dialogue is FREE for participants and will take place from November 2-13, 2009.

This on-line dialogue is open to stakeholders across the country and uses collaborative web-based technologies to engage them in a creative, interactive conversation about the future of coordinating transportation services. Participants will be asked to submit, comment on, and rate ideas to increase transportation access for people with disabilities, older adults, and individuals with limited incomes.

The outcome of this Dialogue will inform future policy decisions, programs and updates to the CCAM Strategic Plan.

About the Hosts of the Dialogue

The on-line UWR Dialogue is being hosted by the National Academy of Public Administration and Easter Seals Project ACTION, in support of the federal government and CCAM.

CCAM members include the Secretaries of Transportation, Health and Human Services, Labor, Education, Interior, Housing and Urban Development, Agriculture, and Veteran Affairs, the commissioner of the Social Security Administration, the Attorney General, and the Chairperson of the National Council on Disability.

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