Your Guide to Getting a Ride in the Tampa Bay Region

Hillsborough, Pasco, & Pinellas Counties

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Helping People Connect

Transportation Disadvantaged Helpline:
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TTY: 800-648-6084
www.dot.state.fl.us/ctd

The Florida Legislature established the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) in 1989 to help to ensure the availability of efficient, cost-effective and quality transportation services for persons who, due to a physical or mental disability, age, or income, are transportation disadvantaged.

The MPOs representing Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties do not discriminate in any of their programs or services. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, family, or religious status.

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Services & prices listed, verified at publication, are subject to change. Please contact service provider.

The information in this brochure is available in accessible formats on request.
# Pinellas County

## Accessible Vehicles for Hire

### Wheelchair Transport Service
727-586-2811

Available 7 days a week / 24 hours a day. On demand wheelchair and ambulatory service for individuals making medical, grocery, and other types of trips. Cost: $21.00 for base fare and $1.90 per mile each way.

### Care Ride, LLC. Wheelchair Transportation Service
727-866-1193 or 727-536-7433

Monday-Sunday 5:00am-12:00am
Offers a 24 hour on call service for the disabled and elderly who need to make medical trips.
Cost: $21.00, $1.90 per mile.

### Express Medical Transporters
727-446-0930

Available 7 days a week / 24 hours a day; Cost for Wheelchair van is $20.00 to load and $2.00 per mile; 24 hours notice is preferred, but not required.

### MedFleet Medical Transportation
727-586-3129
www.medfleet.com

Available 7 days a week / 24 hours a day. Provides emergency and non-emergency ambulance, stretcher, and wheelchair transport. Call for prices.

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The local coordinating boards (LCB) operating in Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties guide and coordinate transportation services with the goal of improving quality of life for those who are transportation disadvantaged, including the following:

- children of high risk
- the elderly
- those who have a physical or mental disabilities
- the economically disadvantaged

In addition, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), passed in 1990, has greatly increased transportation options for people with disabilities. The law called for transportation service improvements, including the availability of paratransit service. ADA does not require a transit agency to meet all of the transportation needs of individuals; however, the law does require that people with disabilities receive the same mass transportation service opportunities everyone else receives.

This brochure contains information about some of the services offered under the ADA and through each county’s transportation disadvantaged program, as well as other options available to people who are transportation disadvantaged throughout the region.

### Pinellas County

#### Taxis / Sedans for Hire

**Clearwater Yellow Cab**

727-799-2222

Available 7 days a week / 24 hours a day. Wheelchair accessible vans are available for individuals making any type of trip. Cost: $2.25 for drop off, $2.00 per mile plus $1.00 gas surcharge.

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**Independent Taxi Services**

727-327-3444

Available 7 days a week / 24 hours a day. Call for rates and reservations.

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**United Taxi**

727-777-7777

Available 7 days a week / 24 hours a day. Cost: $1.75 for drop, $2.00 per mile plus $1.00 gas surcharge; $.30 per minute or $17 per hour for waiting time.

PSTA, United Taxi to provide free rides for the transportation disadvantaged. Contact PSTA (see page13) to determine if you qualify.

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**BATS Taxi**

727-367-3702

Available 7 days a week / 24 hours a day. Call for rates and reservations.
Statewide Services

Inter - City & Longer Trips

Amtrak
amtrak.com
Accessibility info:
1-800-872-7245
(Nationwide passenger rail service)

Angel Flight Southeast
352-326-0761
angelflightse.org
Angel Flight Southeast is a non-profit volunteer pilot organization involved in "public benefit flying." It provides a variety of services to the community, but mostly is involved in arranging free air transportation by private aircraft to distant medical facilities when commercial service is not available, impractical, or simply not affordable.

Greyhound
800-872-7245
greyhound.com
Nationwide passenger service. Fares are dependent on trip distance. A 5% reduced fare is available for seniors.

Pinellas County

Agency for Health Care Administration
850-412-4000
fdhc.state.fl.us/medicaid/
For Medicaid patients. Bus passes or door-to-door transportation service for medical appointments covered by Medicaid.

Pinellas County Transportation Disadvantaged Program
727-540-1900 (Voice/Relay)
psta.net/tdprogram.php
Bus passes or door-to-door transportation service for low-income persons to medical appointments, grocery stores, various other destinations for life sustaining services, and employment. Bus passes are provided at a reduced fare and door-to-door transportation is $3.00 per one-way trip.

DART
727-540-1800
psta.net
Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority offers this specialized transportation for qualified disabled passengers who are unable to use regular bus service. Call the information number to request an application. Cost: $4.50 each way for round trip transportation.

Hillsborough Service:
610 E. Polk St. Tampa, Fl. 33602
Tampa: 813-229-2174
Monday-Sunday: 24 hours

Pinellas Service:
180 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. N.
(at 2nd Ave. N.)
Daily hours: 8:15am - 10:00am
2:30pm - 6:30pm
Statewide Services
Inter - City & Longer Trips (cont’d)

Megabus
1-877-462-6342
us.megabus.com
1211 N Marion St.,
Marion Transit Center Downtown Tampa.

Offers three daily round trips between Tampa and Miami and three daily round trips between Tampa and Orlando.

RedCoach
1-877-733-0724
redcoachusa.com
1211 N Marion St.,
Marion Transit Center Downtown Tampa.

Offers trips to Tallahassee, Gainesville, Ocala, Naples and Miami route, stops at Tampa International Airport and the University of South Florida.

Pinellas County
Bus Service (cont’d)

St. Petersburg Looper Trolley
727-821-5166
loopertrolley.com

Trolley service in the downtown St. Petersburg area via the Downtown Looper and the Central Avenue Shuttle. Hours: Looper route: 10:00am-5:00pm Sun-Thurs and 10:00am-midnight Fri. and Sat. Central Ave Shuttle Route: 6:20 am-9:20pm Sun-Thurs. and 6:20am-midnight Fri. and Sat. Cost is 25¢ per person and 10¢ for seniors, disabled persons, and Medicare cardholders.

Neighborly Care Network
727- 573-9444
neighborly.org

EZ-Ride:
Membership transportation service for people who are 65 and older and to people 55 and older who are disabled. Provides door-to-door transportation services Monday through Saturday from 8:00am-5:00pm for a $25.00 annual membership fee and a cost of $3.00 pick-up fee plus $1.50 per mile for each one-way trip. 72-hour advance trip notice required.

Other Transportation:
Neighborly Care Network also offers door-to-door transportation service to those who qualify to doctors’ appointments, shopping, group activities, senior dining facilities, and adult daycare facilities. Call for qualification information and rates.

Accessible Car & Van Rentals

Mobility Works
1-877-275-4915
www/mobilityworks.com

Accessible van rentals. Price quotes available online or by calling.

Wheelchair Getaways
National: 1-888-848-9049
www.accessiblevans.com

Accessible van rentals, in area. 3-day minimum rental requirement.

Wheelers Accessible Van Rentals
National: 1-800-456-1371
Price quotes: 1-800-795-5939
wheelersvanrentals.com

Accessible van rentals.
Regional Services

Rides on Demand

American Cancer Society
Lifeline Transportation Service
1-800-227-2345

Door-to-door transportation service for cancer patients to and from cancer treatment appointments. 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Offers financial assistance to cancer patients to help pay for door-to-door transportation, cab rides, or to cover the cost of gas.

Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority
Commuter Assistance Program
1-800-998-RIDE (7433)
www.tbarta.com/en/commute-tampa-bay/

Free assistance with forming carpool groups and creating workplace telecommute policies, information about your commuting options, Emergency Ride Home program for registered carpoolers/ bus riders/ bicyclists/ etc., and low-cost van leases for carpool groups.

Quality of Life Community Services
813-425-2200 qolcs.org

Provides transportation throughout the Tri-County area. Reduces barriers to transportation services for elderly, low income and persons who are disabled. QOLCS provides door to door transportation to shopping, group activities, medical, social, faith based and quality of life events. Available Monday - Friday from 7am to 7pm, reservations and qualifications are required at least two business days in advance. Weekend service upon request.

Pinellas County

Bus Service

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)
727-540-1900
(Voice/Relay)
psta.net

40 Bus routes including Express and Connector services to Tampa. Trolley services (Suncoast Beach, Central Avenue, Clearwater and North Coastal). On-Demand (Direct Connect), DART ADA Paratransit and more to Tampa and the popular Suncoast Beach.

Regular Fare: $2.50, $5.00 daily
Go Card, $70.00 31-day Go Card.
Reduced Fare for seniors, disabled and youth: $1.10, $2.25 daily Go Card, $35.00 31-day Go Card.
All PSTA Buses have front loading bike racks and are wheelchair accessible.

Clearwater Jolley Trolley
727-445-1200
clearwaterjolleytrolley.com

Trolley service in the Clearwater Beach area. Passes are interchangeable with the regular PSTA bus system and fares are the same as PSTA fares. Hours:
10:00am-10:00pm. Sunday-Thursday,
10:00am-11:00pm. Friday & Saturday.

Suncoast Beach Trolley
727-540-1900
psta.net

Trolley service connecting Clearwater to St. Pete Beach. Same fares and pass prices as PSTA.
Regional Services

Other Helpful Services

The Family Center for Deafness & Hearing Connection
727-399-9983
TTY: 727-399-9422
fcdpinellas.org

2-1-1 Tampa Bay
Dial 211 or visit www.crisiscenter.com
Information on a variety of social services is available, including two programs for veterans: Mission United, and Florida Veteran’s Support.

Wheels of Success
813-498-0102
wheelsofsuccess.org

Wheels of Success helps families get to work by providing reliable transportation through a program of car repairs, vehicle replacement, and car-care classes in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. Available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Pasco County

Accessible Vehicles for Hire

Signature Car Service - Cab Co.
727-834-4444

Available 7 days a week / 24 hours a day, and call as soon as possible, at least 24 hours ahead.

Cost: Individual deposit accounts from which you can withdraw from are set up for each use. Application is required.

Wheelchair Stretcher Limo, Inc.
727-845-4454

Available Monday through Friday from 5:00am-6:30pm

Offers wheelchair and ambulatory service. Provides trips for medical, grocery, and pharmaceutical purposes. Cost ranges from $29.75 to $42.75 per trip.

Area Agency on Aging & West Central Florida Area Agency
Elder Helpline (Pasco & Pinellas)
1-800-963-5337
Elder Helpline (Hillsborough)
1-800-963-5337
agingcarefl.org

The Area Agency on Aging and West Central Florida Area Agency is here to help you or your loved ones find needed services. Please call the Elder Helpline for information on available Aging Services programs.
Pasco County

Bus Service

Pasco County Public Transportation
Transit / Paratransit (PCPT)
727-834-3322

Transit: Bus schedules and routes vary.

Cost: $1.50 per one-way fare
75¢ for reduced fare

PCPT Paratransit

West Pasco: 727-834-3322
Central Pasco: 813-235-6073
East Pasco: 352-521-4587

Monday-Friday: 5:00am-8:30pm
Cost: $4.00 each way, $2.00 for reduced fares. Call a day in advance and must be a registered client.

Affinity Health Service
727-815-9991

Monday through Friday 8:00am-6:00pm
can accommodate other hours with a more advanced notice.

Cost: Escorted, $14 per hour (3 hour min).
Non-Escorted, $20 round trip plus 37¢ per mile if trip is over 10 miles

MedFleet Medical Transportation
727-849-6849
www.medfleet.com

Available 7 days a week / 24 hours a day.
Cost: Varies based on mode of transport and distance traveled. Please call for a quote and available discounts.

Hillsborough County

Rides on Demand

Hillsborough County Sunshine Line
813-272-7272
TDD: 813-801-6822
HCFLGov.net

Door-to-door paratransit and HART bus passes for elderly, low income and persons who are disabled or Hillsborough Healthcare clients. Available Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cost: Free up to $5.00 per one-way trip.
One source for trips to non-Medicaid medical appointments and Hillsborough County Aging Services programs. Other trips are provided on a space-available basis. Reservations are required at least 2 business days in advance. Call for an application to qualify for service.

HARTPlus
813-254-4278
gohart.org

ADA services including HART link trips and door-to-door paratransit. Reservations are required at least one day in advance. Persons with physical, cognitive, emotional, visual, or other disabilities not qualified for HART’s standard services may call to apply for an application and interview.

PARATRANSIT FARES - HARTPLUS
One way Cash Fare - $4.00
10 Ride Farecard - $40.00
Hillsborough County
Rides on Demand (cont’d)
Temple Terrace Demand Transportation
813-506-6635

Free Temple Terrace area door-to-door service for city residents aged 55+ on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Serving medical trips as a priority, non-medical trips are provided if space is available. Reservations are required 48 hours ahead.

Bus Service
Hillsborough Area Regional Transit
813-254-4278
TDD: 813-626-9158
gohart.org

Hillsborough County bus service, Bikes on Buses, In-Town Trolleys, Flex routes, and the Historic Streetcar. HART fares vary depending on type of service and pass type purchased. Visit the website or call for details. Discounts are available for youth, seniors, or persons who are disabled or covered by Medicare. HART vehicles comply with ADA’s accessibility standards for wheelchairs and motorized scooters. Buses have public address systems to announce stops and lighted stop request signs.

HART offers a free Travel Training Program that gives step-by-step instructions on how to read a bus schedule and use the bus system independently. For more info, call 813-384-6307.

FARES: One day Unlimited
Local and Limited Express - $4.00
Discount Local and Limited Express - $2.00
Express - $6.00
Discount Express - $3.00

Hillsborough County
Accessible Vehicles for Hire
United Cab Company
813-777-7777

Taxi cab service picking up anywhere in Hillsborough County to any destination, 24-hour on-call or by reservation. Wheelchair accessible vans available with 24-hour notice. Call for details. Special discounts may be available upon request.

TransCare Medical Transportation Services
813-964-1594 press 1

Provides countywide psychiatric transports to and from all area hospitals, transportation to state psychiatric facilities, non-emergency stretcher services, stand-by service for special events, primary 9-1-1 basic life support services in the City of Tampa and services in Hillsborough County. Available 24 hours a day.

American Medical Response Services
813-885-7722

Door-to-door van service for medical or other appointments in Hillsborough and Pasco Counties for persons who use a wheelchair or who are confined to a bed. Available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cost: Wheelchair trip (One-way) - $65
Stretcher roundtrip - $125 + $4.25 / mile