

# DISABILITY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION POLICIES IN THE US AND CANADA

## What are Disability Policies?

**Disability policies** are public policies guiding commitment, decisions, and actions that impact people with disabilities.



Accessible Canada Act  
(ACA, 2019)



Americans with Disabilities  
Act (ADA, 1990)

They highlight **how disability is perceived** in society and a **government's commitment towards citizens with disabilities**.

## Transport Policies Concern Different Government Levels

### Federal

Provides general requirements that have authority over all states and localities

- Covers projects with federal funding and transportation services
- Includes trains and ferries

### State/Provincial

Regulates public transit agencies for operation within state borders

- Covers services for daily commutes, such as buses, subways, and paratransit

### Municipal

Covers tariffs and city-wide transport services, such as taxis and ride-sharing

## Overview and Comparison of Policies



Vancouver, British Columbia



Chicago, Illinois

### Federal

Inclusive policies creating minimum standards in transport infrastructure

Anti-discrimination policies and funding allocation

### State/Provincial

Requirements for custom transit services (paratransit) and accessible public transport and facilities

### Municipal

Fare adjustments for people with disabilities

Policies for funding and operating accessible taxis