

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

**Public Meeting on Air Travel by Persons Who Use Wheelchairs**

**Thursday, March 24, 2022**

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| **Morning Session** |
| **10:15 am – 10:20 am** | **Welcome** *John E. Putnam, U.S. Department of Transportation* |
| **10:20 am – 10:30 am** | **Comments from DOT’s Disability Advisor** Kelly Buckland, U.S. Department of Transportation |
| **10:30 am – 10:40 am** | **Administration’s Efforts to Ensure Full Participation and Equality for People with Disabilities** Emily Voorde, White House Associate Director of Disability Outreach |
| **10:40 am – 10:45 am** | **DOT’s Commitment to Accessible and Safe Air Travel**U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg |
| **Relevant Regulations, Current State of Affairs, and Related Work** |
| **10:45 am – 11:20 am** | **Challenges Encountered During Air Travel by Persons Who Use Wheelchairs***Heather Ansley, Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)***Questions and Comments** |
| **11:20 am – 11:40 am** | **DOT Rules Concerning Transport of Wheelchairs, Physical Assistance to Persons Who Use Wheelchairs, and Related Training**Livaughn Chapman/Chris Miller, U.S. Department of Transportation**Questions and Comments** |
| **11:40 am – 11:50 am** | **Short Break** |
| **11:50 am – 12:25 pm** | **Current Efforts by Airlines to Improve Travel for Persons Who Use Wheelchairs***Graham Keithley, Airlines for America (A4A)* *Linda Ristagno, International Air Transport Association (IATA)***Questions and Comments** |
| **12:25 pm – 12:50 pm** | **The Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America’s (RESNA) Work Related to Wheelchairs and Design Standards***Peter Axelson, RESNA***Questions and Comments** |
| **12:50 pm – 1:15 pm** | **Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) Advisory Committee Recommendations Related to Travel by Persons Who Use Wheelchairs***Jim Sinocchi, Chair of the ACAA Advisory Committee***Questions and Comments** |
| **1:15 pm – 2:15 pm** | **Lunch Break** |
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| **Afternoon Session** |
| **Questions For the Public and Attendees** |
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| **2:15 pm – 2:55 pm** | **Topic 1: Challenges Encountered During Air Travel by Persons Who Use Wheelchairs and the Impacts of Unsafe or Inadequate Assistance** |
| **2:55 pm – 3:35 pm** | **Topic 2: Actions to Prevent or Minimize Likelihood of Mishandled (Damaged, Delayed and Lost) Wheelchairs**  |
| **3:35 pm – 3:45 pm** | **Short Break** |
| **3:45 pm – 4:25 pm** | **Topic 3: Actions to Ensure Safe Transfers To and From the Aircraft Seat**  |
| **4:25 pm – 5:05 pm** | **Topic 4: Best Practices for Assisting Passengers When a Wheelchair Has Been Mishandled** |
| **5:05 pm – 5:15 pm****5:15 pm**  | **Other Public Comments if Requested (Tentative)****Closing Remarks***Blane A. Workie, U.S. Department of Transportation* |