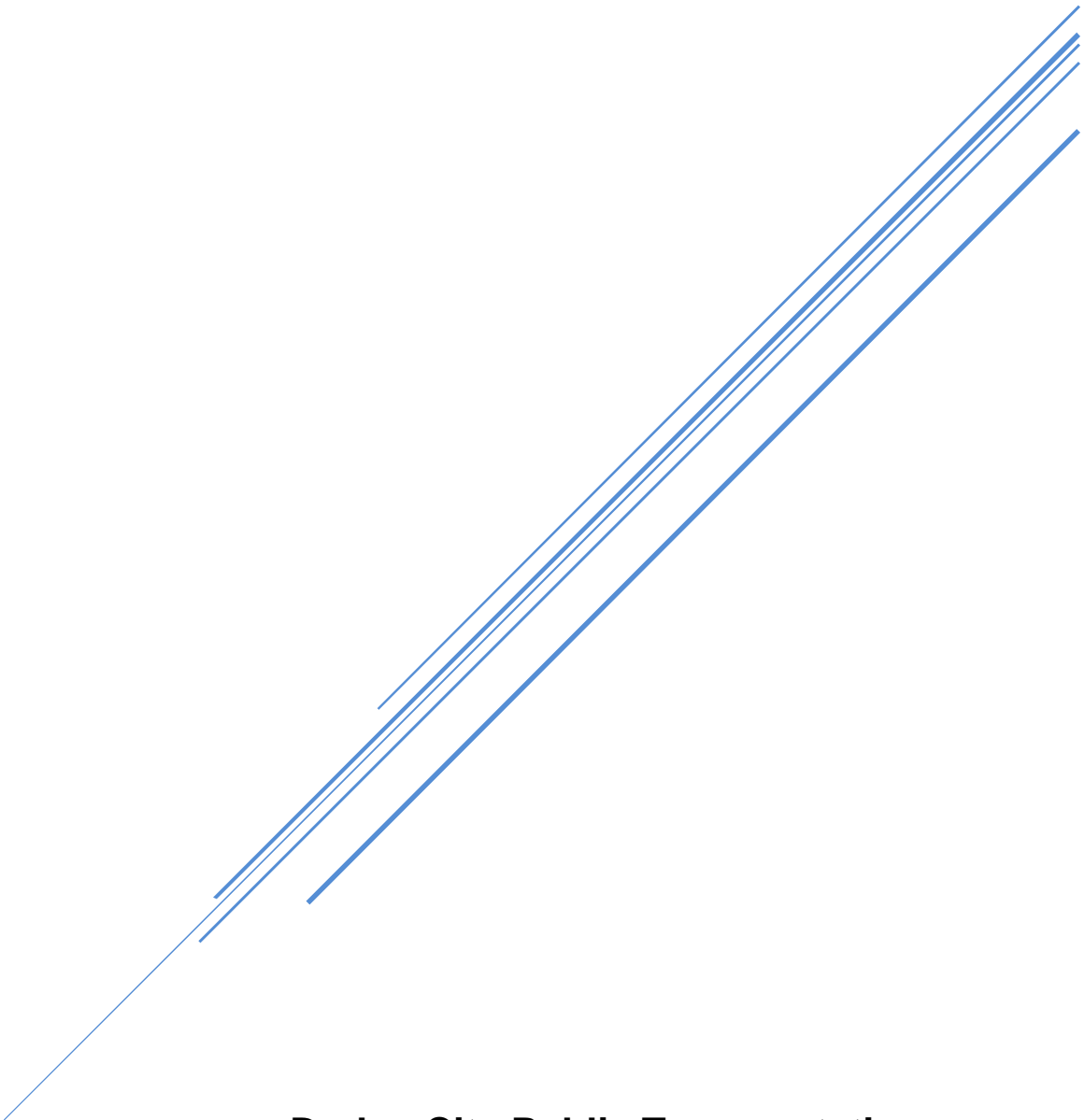

CITY OF DODGE CITY

**ADA PARATRANSIT BUS SERVICE:
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**



**Dodge City Public Transportation
January 2016**

INTRODUCTION

In 1990, the Congress of the United States approved and President Bush enacted sweeping civil rights legislation known as the Americans with Disabilities Act. This legislation provides protections for persons with physical and/or mental disabilities, as well as requiring access to employment, telecommunications, public facilities and facilities open to the public, and transportation. Public transportation providers were targeted as an area to receive federal attention from this legislation. The result was the adoption of Federal Regulations regarding services that must complement traditional fixed route bus service for those persons who cannot access a bus route.

Section 223 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)¹ requires that public entities which operate non-commuter fixed route transportation services also provide complementary paratransit service for individuals unable to use the fixed route system. The regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation², which implement this portion of the law, specify to whom and under what circumstances this service is to be provided. In addition, the regulations require public entities which are subject to the complementary paratransit requirements to develop and administer a process for determining if individuals who request service meet the regulatory criteria for eligibility. This ADA Paratransit Implementation Plan is intended to be a comprehensive guide to eligibility issues for ADA services offered by Dodge City Public Transportation. The plan includes information regarding the operation policies and performance standards that Dodge City Public Transportation will use in providing the complementary Paratransit services.

The basic requirements set out for ADA Paratransit bus service consists of the following:

- Paratransit Service Area must be $\frac{3}{4}$ mile corridor on each side of Fixed Routes.
- Response Time – Paratransit provider shall provide Paratransit service at any requested time on a particular day in response to a request for service made the previous day.
- Fares shall not exceed twice the fare of an individual paying full (non-discounted) fare for a comparable fixed route trip of similar length at similar time of day.
- Trip Purpose – Paratransit provider shall not impose restrictions or priorities based on trip purpose or restrict the number of trips an individual is allowed.
- Hours and Days of Service – Paratransit service shall be available the same hours and days of the entity's fixed route service.
- Capacity Constraints – Availability of ADA Paratransit service shall not be limited by restrictions on numbers of trips, waiting lists, untimely pickups or drop offs, substantial number of trip denials or missed trips, excessive trip lengths, busy signals or lack of access to reservations system, or any operational pattern or practice that significantly limits the availability of service.

¹ Public Law 101-336, July 26, 1990.

² 49 CFR Parts 27, 37 and 38, "Transportation for Individuals With Disabilities; Final Rule", published in the Federal Register, September 6, 1991. Updated in October 1996.

Identification of Entity

This ADA Paratransit Implementation Plan has been developed by and for the City of Dodge City, Kansas, and will be implemented by the Public Transportation Program of the City of Dodge City.

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Description of D-TRAN Fixed Route System

Service Area - City of Dodge City

In May 2015, the Public Transportation Program of the City of Dodge City (Kansas) began providing Fixed Route Public Transportation service. Dodge City has a population of around 27,500 and is located within Ford County which has a population of 33,848. The fixed routes were designed to cover the largest population possible within the constraints of three routes operating hourly. The routes happen to fall entirely within the city limits of Dodge City due to population patterns, not any restriction mandating the city limits as a boundary.

Route Structure, Days and Hours of Service

The fixed route service, known as D-TRAN, consists of three routes which run hourly from 6am – 6pm Monday through Friday (see Figure 1). All three routes begin at the Santa Fe Depot Transit Center at the top of each hour. All three routes meet at the Midpoint Transfer (Walmart) at 31 minutes past the hour, and return to the Santa Fe Depot Transit Center at about 50 minutes past the hour. There are a total of 45 different stops along the three routes.

Fare Structure

The fare structure for D-TRAN Fixed Route Bus Service is as follows:

Single ride (one way):

\$1 Adults

50¢ Youth (ages 6-18 with school ID)

50¢ Half-Fare Program

Free Children 5 and under ride free (with paying passenger over age 16)

Free Personal Care Attendants ride free (with paying passenger)

Free Transfers.

Monthly Pass (unlimited rides):

\$30 Adults

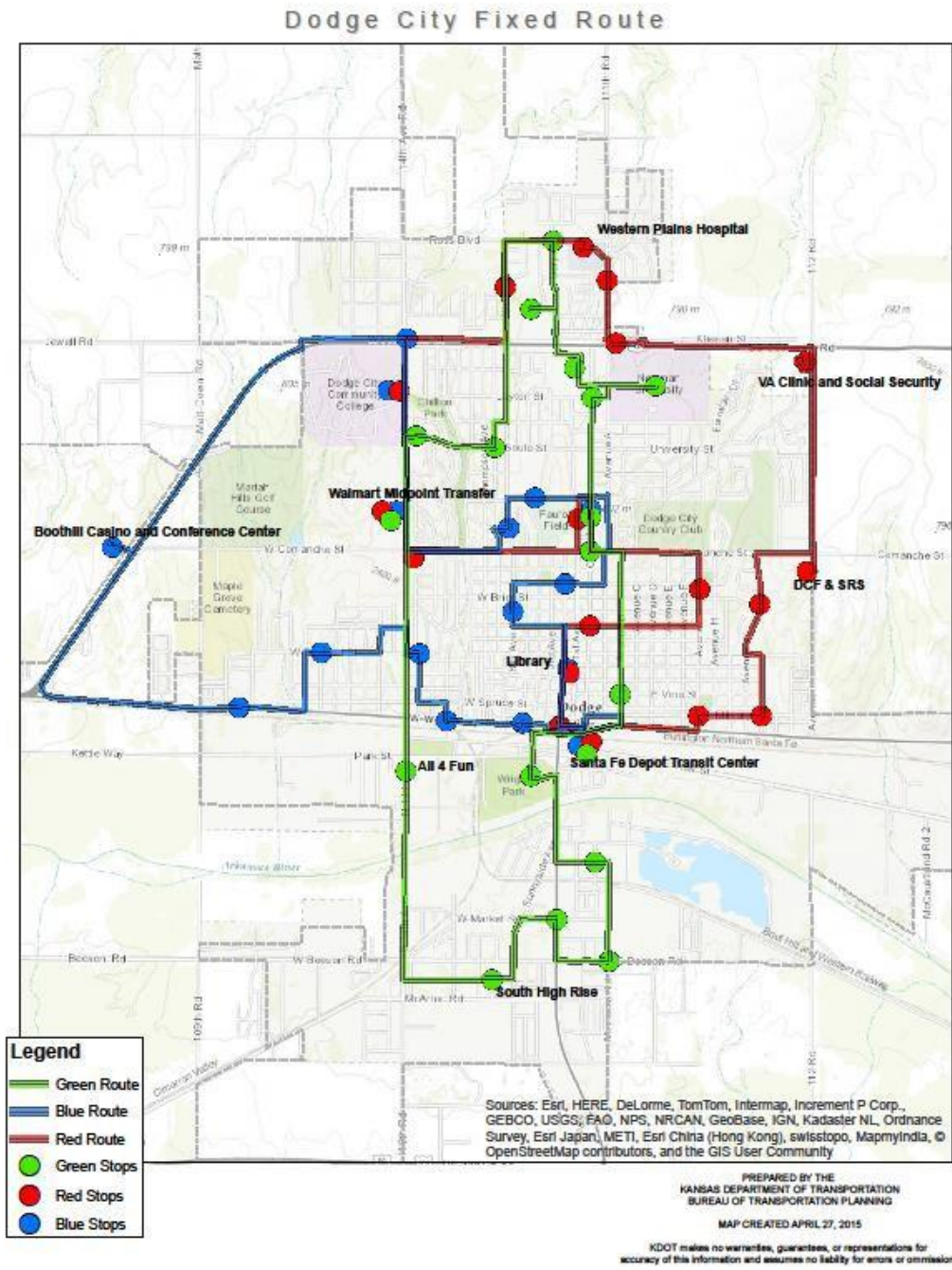
\$15 Youth (ages 6-18 with school ID)

\$15 Half-Fare Program

Half-Fare Program Applications are available at the Depot Transit Center or online at www.dodgecity.org/publictransportation. The half-fare program is for persons who are:

- **Seniors** (age ≥60) (according to Drivers' License, birth certificate, or other proof of birth date)
- **Low-Income** (as determined by showing an SRS Food Stamp verification letter, Medicaid card, or School letter indicating Free or Reduced Price Lunch eligibility)
- **Persons with Disabilities** (verified by a qualified professional)

**Figure 1
Dodge City Public Transportation Fixed Routes**



Population Served (Dodge City and Ford County)

Population characteristics which are relevant to Public Transportation in Dodge City and Ford County³ include:

Households	8,369
Households with No Vehicle	800
Households with One Vehicle	2,593
Individuals below Poverty Level	4,922
Population (Ford County)	33,848
Population 65+ (Ford County)	3,377
Age ≥18 with Independent Living Difficulty (Ford County)	1,147

An analysis⁴ of the population served by the three fixed routes shows that 19,867 people (72% of the population) live within ¼ mile of a fixed route bus stop in Dodge City (see Figure 2).

ADA Accessible Vehicles in Fixed Route Service

There are four (4) 20 passenger buses utilized in the three fixed routes. All of them (100%) are ADA accessible with wheelchair lifts, and all drivers are trained and proficient in wheelchair securement and providing assistance to passengers with disabilities.

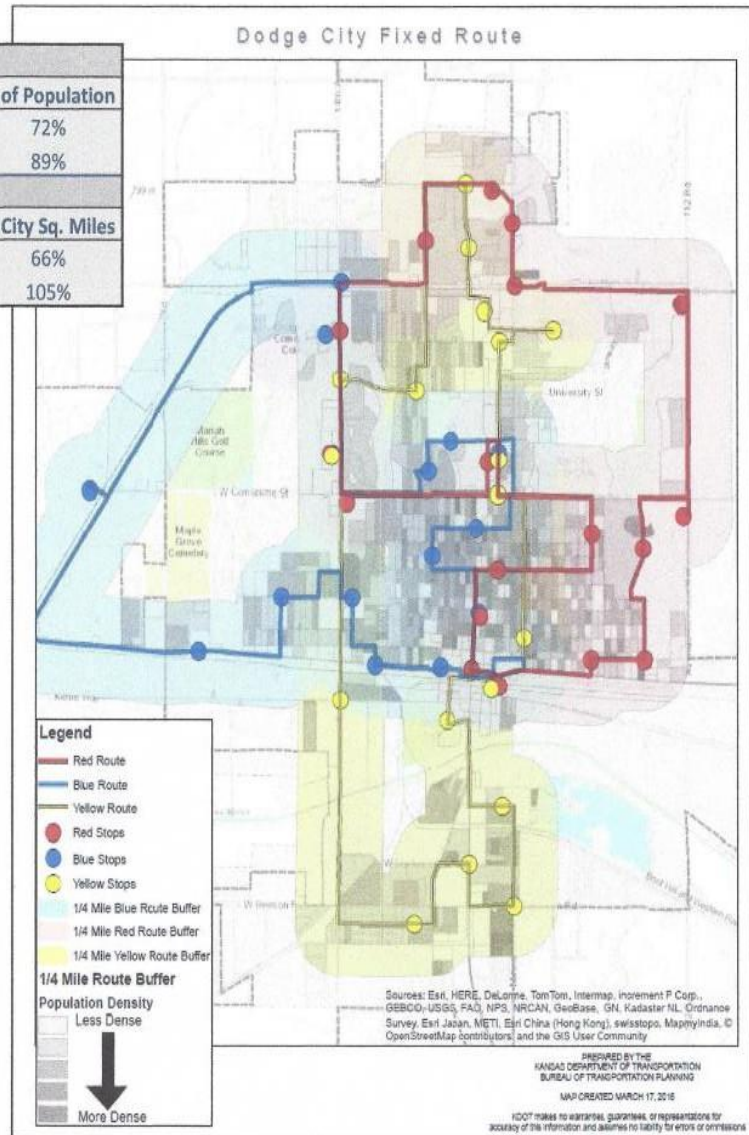
³ All data is from the American Community Survey, 2006-2010 5 year estimates prepared by the U.S. Census Bureau, 2011.

⁴ Prepared by Cory Davis, Planner, Kansas Department of Transportation. The Yellow Route referred to in Figure 2 is the same as Green Route in Figure 1.

**Figure 2
Dodge City Fixed Routes – Population Served**

Dodge City Fixed Route - Population Served					
Route	Blue	Red	Yellow	Total	% of Population
1/4 Stop Buffer	9,424	8,868	8,539	19,867	72%
1/4 Route Buffer	12,548	14,013	15,009	24,372	89%

Dodge City Fixed Route -Square Miles Served					
Route	Blue	Red	Yellow	Total	% City Sq. Miles
1/4 Stop Buffer	4.08	4.59	4.66	9.55	66%
1/4 Route Buffer	7.59	7.59	7.70	15.29	105%



Description of Existing Paratransit Services

Inventory of Existing Paratransit Services Provided by Dodge City

Prior to the launch of Fixed Route bus service, the Dodge City Public Transportation program provided door-to-door demand response service to the general public throughout Dodge City and up to 2 miles beyond the city limits. The hours of operation were 7 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday. Fares were \$1, and 24 hour advance reservations were required. 100% of the vehicles used were ADA accessible with wheelchair lifts, and all drivers were trained and proficient at wheelchair securement and assisting passengers who have disabilities. We provided up to 2,400 rides per month to the general public, and met the needs of many persons with disabilities throughout our community. There were no restrictions on trip purposes. Reservations were accepted on a first come, first served basis, and there was no ADA paratransit eligibility required. In April 2015, the last month in which all rides were provided through demand response service, 2,241 rides were provided with 435 (19.4%) to Elderly (≥60), 195 (8.7%) to persons with Disabilities, and 1,611 (71.9%) to the General Public.

Inventory of Paratransit Service Provided by Other Agencies

Dodge City Public Transportation program is the only provider of paratransit services available to any community resident who wants to access paratransit services. Other providers of paratransit services limited their service exclusively to their residents, and included:

- **Arrowhead West** – This agency serves approximately 150 clients who are persons with developmental disabilities. The agency provides paratransit services to their clients and meets most of their transportation needs. Their paratransit services are provided exclusively to their clients and do not extend to others in the community.
- **Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities** – There are four nursing home/assisted living communities in Dodge City which provide some paratransit services for their residents: Manor of the Plains, Trinity Manor Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Services, Good Samaritan Nursing Home, and Brookdale Assisted Living Center. Nursing homes and assisted living facilities assist their residents with transportation to medical appointments. Some provide transportation for other purposes (e.g. shopping or entertainment outings). None provide transportation services to anyone other than their residents.
- **Kansas State Soldiers Home, Ft. Dodge** – Ft. Dodge is a residential community for veterans and their family members, with independent living cottages, assisted living facilities, and nursing home facilities. They provide paratransit service for medical needs (e.g. travel to Veteran's Hospital in Wichita), as well as limited transportation for shopping, recreation and other purposes. These transportation services are limited to their residents, and do not provide all the transportation desired by their

residents. We extended our service area in 2011 to include the Kansas State Soldiers home (aka Ft. Dodge), and they now make up a significant percentage of the rides we provide outside the city limits of Dodge City.

Since none of these agencies provides service to the general community, there is no data on service area, response time, fares, restrictions on trip purpose, hours and days of service, capacity constraints, and paratransit eligibility.

Plan to Provide ADA Complementary Paratransit

Estimated Demand for Paratransit Service

There are many challenges in estimating demand for paratransit service, including availability of good census data at the city level. Frequently it is necessary to use Ford County data because Dodge City census data is not available. However, because 82% of Ford County residents reside within Dodge City, we'll use Ford County data as generally representative of city-level data. Utilizing the TCRP methodology for forecasting demand and quantifying need for rural passenger transportation⁵, Table 1 shows estimates of transit dependent populations in Ford County, only some of whom have disabilities. The 724 people with “go outside the home disability” are the most likely to be Paratransit eligible. Those age ≥60 might have or develop a temporary or permanent disability. We must keep in mind, though, that not all individuals with a disability, and not all persons ≥60 require Paratransit service.

Table 1: Ford County Transit Dependent Populations

<i>Ford County Total Population</i>	34,819
Living in Households with NO VEHICLE	1,915
Income below Poverty Line	5,253
Age ≥60	4,664
Age ≥16 with go outside home disability	724
<u>Total Projected to be Transit Dependent</u>	12,556

Another, and perhaps better, source of data to forecast demand for Paratransit service is Dodge City’s actual experience with those who have utilized the Demand Response service over the past several years. Prior to launching fixed route service, Dodge City had 969 individuals who were passengers in the NOVUS computer aided dispatching system. 75% of those are “General Public”. 223 passengers (25%) are Elderly or Disabled. Those 969 passengers generated up to 2400 rides per month, but the 223 passengers who are elderly or disabled are the client base most likely to make use of Paratransit services. In April 2015 we provided 195 rides to persons with disabilities, and 435 rides to people who are ≥60. These existing Disabled and Elderly clients would

⁵ Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP), Methods for Forecasting Demand and Quantifying Need for Rural Passenger Transportation.

constitute a Paratransit demand of 195 rides per month at a minimum, and a potential demand from Elderly clients adding another 435 rides per month.

With fixed route in place and the general public removed from the ridership, we will have 223 passengers in the NOVUS system as our new Paratransit ridership base. All these passengers must apply for Paratransit eligibility, and some (especially among elderly) will not be eligible for Paratransit because they are able to use Fixed Route buses. We expect those existing clients who are Paratransit eligible, plus new clients who become aware of the availability of Paratransit service, to take 600 rides per month. Once the general public are no longer competing with the paratransit population for reservation time slots, we would expect that 600 ride per month base to expand. Another factor we expect will increase Paratransit demand is the greater visibility of public transportation in Dodge City when fixed route buses are driving continuously through our streets. These “moving billboards” will generate inquiries from individuals who previously would not have considered public transportation as a means to meet their changing transportation needs. Already we are receiving calls from individuals, family members, and service providers (e.g. doctors’ offices and hair salons) who know someone they believe should not be driving and who want to provide them with information about Paratransit service.

Summary of Estimated Demand for Paratransit: We expect to begin Paratransit service with a ridership base of 223 passengers generating 600 rides per month. The potential paratransit ridership base for Dodge City is 5,388 (elderly and disabled populations) not all of whom require Paratransit or would utilize public transportation. Our expectation is that demand will increase to 1,000 paratransit rides each month by the end of year one. With two dedicated Paratransit buses we should be able to handle not only the beginning demand of 600 rides per month but also the significant growth in ridership as Paratransit services become better known and utilized in Dodge City. With the launch of Fixed Route service and complementary ADA Paratransit service, we expect to enhance our ability to meet the needs of persons with disabilities in the community.

Analysis of Pre-May 2015 Paratransit Service and Regulations under Complementary ADA Paratransit

The paratransit service provided prior to May 2015 launch of Complementary ADA Paratransit service was Demand-Response Service with 24 hour advance reservation requirement. All eight (8) vehicles in the fleet were ADA accessible, and all drivers were trained and proficient in lift operation and wheelchair securement systems. The paratransit service provided (i.e. service provided by the Demand Response system to persons who would have been paratransit eligible) prior to May 2015, did meet the following requirements under the Complementary ADA Paratransit regulations:

- **Service Area** – service area was the same for all passengers

- **No Trip Restrictions** – there were no trip restrictions under the Demand Response service
- **Days and Hours of Service** – all passengers had the same hours and days of service
- **Fare Structure** – fare structures were the same for all passengers
- **Response Time** – response time was within 1 hour for all passengers

As a Demand-Response system operating on a first-come first-served basis, Dodge City's Public Transportation service prior to implementation of ADA Complementary Paratransit service did not meet the following requirements under the ADA regulations:

- **Capacity Constraints** - If the reservation time slots were full, persons who would have been paratransit eligible were not assured a ride even if they tried to make their reservation 24 hours in advance.

Paratransit Accessibility in New Fixed Route Service

Dodge City Public Transportation worked intentionally to design a Fixed Route bus system that would be accessible to persons with disabilities. All of the vehicles serving new Fixed Routes in Dodge City are ADA accessible. The majority of stops on the Fixed Routes have curb cuts or are otherwise accessible to persons with disabilities. Because of these efforts, persons with disabilities will have ready access both to Paratransit and to Fixed Route bus service, choosing whichever best meets their needs.

New ADA Complementary Paratransit Service

Description of Planned Complementary ADA Paratransit

Dodge City Public Transportation's Complementary ADA Paratransit service will meet all requirements under regulations 37.121 through 37.155. What follows is a description of how each element of the regulations is met.

- **Service Area** – Dodge City Public Transportation will operate complementary ADA Paratransit service in Dodge City in a ¾ mile corridor around Fixed Routes (see Figure 3).
- **No Trip Purpose Restrictions** – It is the policy of Dodge City Public Transportation that there will be no trip purpose restrictions on ADA Paratransit trips within the Dodge City Public Transportation sponsored services, both directly operated and those services that may be offered through a private contractor at some later date. Nor will there be any restrictions on the number of trips provided to an individual.
- **ADA Paratransit Days and Hours of Service** – The days and hours of service for ADA Paratransit will be identical to the days and hours of service for Fixed Route service. For

both Fixed Route and Paratransit, Dodge City Public Transportation will provide service from 6am to 6pm Monday through Friday.

- **Fare Structure** – The fare structure for ADA Paratransit Service will be the same as non-discounted fare for Fixed Route:

Single ride (one way) \$1.00

Free Children 5 and under ride free (with paying passenger over age 16)

Free Personal Care Attendants ride free (with paying passenger)

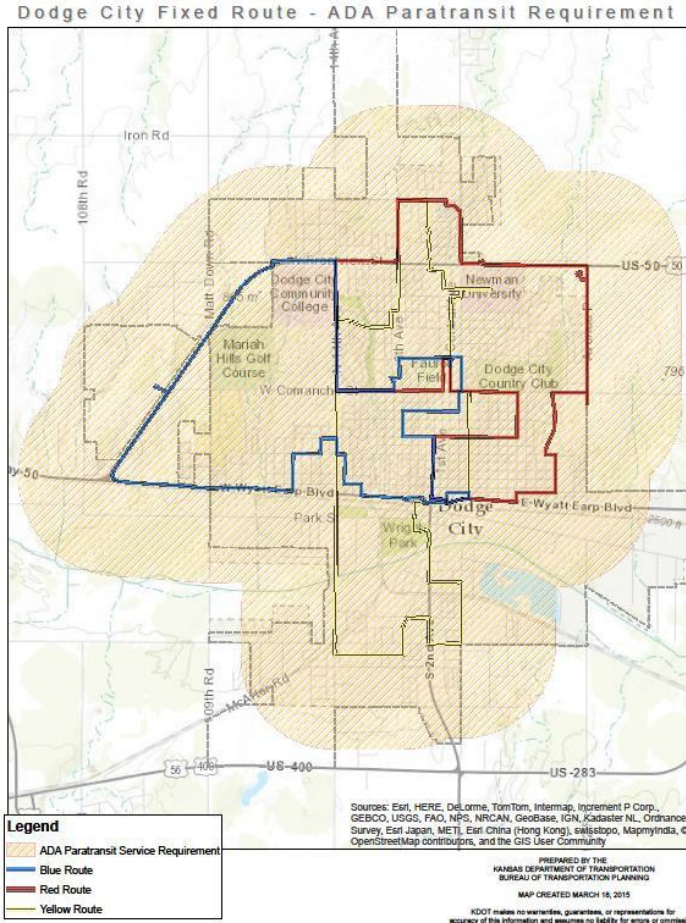
Free Transfers

Monthly Pass (unlimited rides) \$30

Half-Fare Program does not apply to premium door-to-door services provided by ADA Paratransit. Dodge City Public Transportation reserves the right to amend the fares for ADA Complementary Paratransit Service without benefit of an alteration to the Implementation Plan. All provisions of Law regarding notice and comments will be followed with regard to a proposed change.

- **Response Time** - Within the Paratransit Service area (see Figure 3) the response time will be one hour before or after the individual's desired departure time for reservations made before 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to when the trip is sought. Requests for trips made after 5:00 p.m. on the day before service is requested, or trips with an unknown return time will be accommodated on a space available basis. Dodge City Public Transportation may negotiate pick-up times with the passenger. However, the one-hour response time requirement will not be waived without consent of the passenger. Reservations may be taken up to 14 days prior to the date of service. Reservation hours will be 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Figure 3 – Dodge City Public Transportation
.75 Mile Paratransit Service Areas**



- **No Capacity Constraints** - Under current level of demand, Dodge City Public Transportation will not experience any constraints in the ability to provide service for the estimated demand for ADA Paratransit service. To assure continued compliance with ADA Paratransit regulations we have the following policies:
 - **Waiting Lists:** Neither Dodge City Public Transportation nor their contracted Dispatch service provider Finney County Transit will maintain waiting lists for the provision of ADA Paratransit service. Requests for Paratransit rides made 24 hours in advance shall be provided. Paratransit requests for same-day service will be provided on a first come-first served space available basis, as is allowed by the ADA regulations.
 - **Performance Measures:** The following will be considered performance measures for the determination of an operational pattern or practice of significantly limiting service to paratransit eligible passengers. It should be noted that operational problems beyond the control of Dodge City

Public Transportation (including, but not limited to, weather, traffic conditions and/or equipment breakdowns) will not be the basis for determining that such a pattern or practice exists. The performance measures are:

- **Travel Time:** The trip travel time between pick-up and drop-off of Paratransit passengers shall not be more than forty-five (45) minutes.
- **Missed Trips:** Dodge City Public Transportation will not cancel or schedule trips too late for a rider to meet an appointment more than a maximum of ten percent (10%) of the scheduled paratransit trips per day.
- **On-time Performance:** A minimum of 80% of all paratransit trips will be on time within 15 minutes of the scheduled pick-up time.

- **Paratransit Policies for Visitors** - Consistent with ADA Paratransit Regulations 37.127, Dodge City Public Transportation will treat as eligible all visitors who present documentation they are ADA paratransit eligible. We may require documentation of individual's place of residence and disability. We will provide Paratransit service to the visitor for any combination of 21 days in a 365 day period. In no case will we require a visitor to apply or receive eligibility certifications before receiving the service.

- **Timetable for Implementing Complementary Paratransit Service**

Paratransit service as it is described in this plan will be implemented on **May 11, 2015**, the same day as the new Fixed Route service will be launched. The Paratransit service will be fully operational and in full compliance with ADA regulations. There will be no need to phase in any portions of the Paratransit Plan.

- **5 Year Projected Budgets for Complementary Paratransit**

Attachment A – 5 Year Projected Paratransit Budgets – shows budgets for each fiscal year, including Operating, Administrative and Capital budgets. During this five year period, Dodge City Public Transportation has sufficiently budgeted to assure that ADA Paratransit Service can be fully implemented and resourced.

The Capital budgets show the following purchases of 20 passenger buses and Ramp Minivans:

SFY 2016 – One (1) 20 Passenger Lift Equipped Bus
One (1) Ramp Accessible Minivan

SFY 2017 - One (1) 20 Passenger Lift Equipped Bus

SFY 2018 - One (1) 20 Passenger Lift Equipped Bus

SFY 2019 - One (1) 20 Passenger Lift Equipped Bus

SFY 2020 - One (1) 20 Passenger Lift Equipped Bus

It is projected that each of the three vehicles used for Paratransit service will travel approximately 36,000 miles per year and will reach the 100,000 mile replacement point

in about three years. Two vehicles were purchased in SFY 2016 (Year One), and it is projected that one vehicle will be replaced each subsequent year.

- **Paratransit Application, Certification and Appeals Procedures**

The following documents constitute the Paratransit Application, the procedures for certifying Paratransit eligibility, the Paratransit Ridership Policies, including the Appeals procedures. All documents are consistent with the FTA Complementary Paratransit Regulations found in 37.121 through 34.155.

Attachment B Paratransit Application Part A (Individual) and Part B (Health Professional)

Attachment C This describes the procedures used to process the Paratransit Applications and to certify an applicant as qualified

Attachment D – These Paratransit Ridership Policies describe the application and appeal procedures, as well as policies for Paratransit customers once they are certified.

- **Public Participation Process for Paratransit Implementation Plan**

In the process of designing the routes and stops for the fixed route system – *as well as designing the Complementary ADA Paratransit service* - we systematically sought input from persons with disabilities and those who provide services to persons with disabilities, including:

- **Arrowhead West** – This agency manages multiple group homes throughout Dodge City for clients with developmental disabilities. They also operate two sheltered workshops and supervise clients who work at jobs throughout the community. The locations of these group homes, sheltered workshops and places of employment were taken into consideration when determining the routes and stops on the Fixed Route system. We are now working with them to help train their clients to use the Fixed Route buses, with the objective of providing these individuals with greater independence.
- **Affordable Housing Communities** – We sought input from residents and staff at affordable housing communities so that our fixed routes would provide accessible transportation to meet their needs. Many persons with disabilities live in these communities and we expect they will be using the fixed route service to meet their transportation needs. The housing communities included the North High Rise, South High Rise, and Park Plaza Towers.
- **Senior Center** – We conducted several meetings at the Dodge City Senior Center to present information about the Fixed Route service we were designing, and to gather input from senior citizens and staff of the Senior Center to make the service both accessible and useful for them.

- **Public Hearing Notice published** in Dodge City *Globe* and *La Estrella* – advertised in Spanish and English with bilingual staff facilitating public hearing
- **Public Hearing Announcements on Radio** To be distributed to the following radio stations:
 - _____
 - _____

Thirty Second Announcement (now about 20 seconds): “On Wednesday, February 10, 2016, Dodge City Public Transportation will hold a public meeting inviting your comments about the implementation of Paratransit bus service in Dodge City. Paratransit buses serve those who have any disability which prevents them from using fixed route buses, and can accommodate wheelchairs and motorized scooters. This public meeting will be held from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at City Hall at 806 North Second in the Municipal Court Room. The plan can be found on our website at dodgecity.org/publictransportation
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- **Outreach Inviting Participation in Public Hearing** Where possible, email contacts and attach the Paratransit Plan; or send Letter inviting participation in Public Hearing. Invitation include:
 - Arrowhead West
 - Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging
 - Ford County Council on Aging
 - Dodge City High School – Contacts for teachers of visually impaired students
 - Jim Lawler
 - Penny Stewart
 - Deb Dana
 - Catholic Social Services
 - SRS
 - Methodist Mexican American Ministries
 - Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
 - Dialysis Center
 - North High Rise
 - South High Rise
 - Park Plaza
 - Dodge City Senior Center
 - Fort Dodge Veterans Administration Services

- **Public Hearing to be held on February 10, 2016**

- **Summary of significant issues** raised during public comment, along with a response
- **Efforts to coordinate service with other entities** subject to the complementary paratransit requirements
 - Arrowhead West – We worked closely with Arrowhead West in order to place Fixed Route bus stops near locations of group homes where many of their clients live. We also discussed Paratransit service and how it might be utilized by their clients in order to enhance their independence. We also discussed the possibility of service contracts which would have Dodge City Public Transportation providing daily trips to and from places of employment for their clients, which would allow Arrowhead West to focus more of their resources on enhancing services to their clients rather than on providing transportation.

- **Coordination with other Social Service Agencies**

Throughout the development of our plans for Fixed Route and Paratransit services, we have met with the following local agencies to determine their transportation needs and/or their ability to coordinate with us in meeting transportation needs of their clients who live in our service area. These included meetings and discussions with:

- Arrowhead West
- Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging
- Ford County Council on Aging
- Catholic Social Services
- SRS
- Methodist Mexican American Ministries
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
- Dialysis Center
- Good Samaritan Nursing Home
- Senior Centers throughout Ford County
- Fort Dodge Veterans Administration Services

These organizations are not only actively involved in fulfilling the transportation needs of a segment of people with disabilities through the ancillary paratransit services that they provide, but many also provided comment and review on the development of the Implementation Plan.

CERTIFICATION AUTHORIZING THE PLAN UPDATE

This is to certify that the Commissioners of Dodge City, Kansas, approved and adopted the ADA Paratransit Implementation Plan which is attached. All Attachments are made an integral part of this Plan and are incorporated wholly as a part of the Plan for purposes of determining the policies and standards of the City.

Adopted in regular session this _____ day of _____, 2016

City of Dodge City COMMISSIONERS

Joyce Warshaw, Mayor

Rick Sowers, Vice-Mayor

Brian Delzeit, Commissioner

Jan Scoggins, Commissioner

Kent Smoll, Commissioner

Attest:

Nannette Pogue
City Clerk and Finance Director

Date

Approved as to form and legality,

Brad Ralph, City Attorney

INCLUDED SERVICE CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that service provided by other entities but included in this ADA Paratransit Implementation Plan update submitted by Board of Commissioners of the City of Dodge City meet the requirements of 49 CFR part 37 subpart F providing that ADA eligible individuals have access to the service; the service is provided in the manner represented; and, that efforts will be made to coordinate the provision of paratransit service offered by other providers.

Paul Lewis, Director
Parks and Recreation, City of Dodge City

Date

EXISTING PARATRANSIT SERVICE SURVEY

This is to certify that the City of Dodge City Public Transportation Program has conducted a survey of existing paratransit services as required by 49 CFR 37.137 (a).

Paul Lewis, Director
Dodge City Public Transportation Program

Date

Public Service Announcement For Notice of Public Hearing

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING**

**Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit Bus Service
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

Community Meeting/Public Hearing Date
February 10, 2016

Please be advised of a community meeting/public hearing to be held by the City of Dodge City Public Transportation Program to discuss the ADA Paratransit Bus Service Implementation Plan at City Hall, Municipal Court Room, 806 N. 2nd Ave, Dodge City, KS 67801 4:00pm - 5:00pm. The meeting will be held in both English and Spanish. If you require any other communication accommodation, please notify the Mobility Manager by 5:00 p.m. 2 days before the scheduled meeting.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this plan, please make an effort to attend the Public Hearing. Or you may submit written questions or comments by February 10, 2016 to:

Ernestor De La Rosa, Mobility Manager
City of Dodge
P.O. Box 880
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Dodge City, KS 67801

The Plan can be found at our website: www.dodgecity.org/publictransportation. Copies of the plan are available upon request. We encourage you to pass along this information to any group or organization you believe would be interested.

LISTING OF NEWSPAPERS

The notice above was published in the following newspapers of general circulation:

The Dodge City Daily Globe

La Estrella