



Notice of Paratransit Public Hearing Workshops

Delaware Transit Corporation will conduct Public Hearing Workshops to obtain comments on proposed changes to DART First State Paratransit Service to become effective July 1, 2010.

Sussex County: Monday, March 22, 2010 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Easter Seals – 2nd Floor Conference Room, 22317 DuPont Hwy, Georgetown

New Castle County: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
DART First State Admin Office – Cafeteria, 119 Lower Beech St, Wilmington

Kent County: Thursday, March 25, 2010 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
DeIDOT Admin Bldg – Farmington/Felton Room, 800 Bay Rd (US 113), Dover

Summary of Proposed Changes

DART First State will identify services required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) from other transportation services provided in Delaware. Paratransit services will still be provided statewide with only minor modifications.

ADA Service

- Trip origin and destination must be within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of a fixed route.
- Available during all days/hours that fixed route service is operating and/or standard operating hours within each county.
- Travel time will be comparable to same trip on fixed route, taking into consideration walk times and transfer times (excluding express routes).

Non-ADA Service

- Trip origin and/or destination is outside $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of a fixed route area.
- Available during standard operating hours within each county. Trips will be grouped in order to achieve maximum efficiencies. Alternative travel times may be offered in order to accommodate trip requests.
- Travel times will be dependent on travel distance.

Door-to-Door for the Aging

- Certification based on age only (without a disability) will change from age 60 to age 65 to be consistent with all other DART programs. Individuals currently certified based on age only will continue to receive services.
- Trips will continue to be provided on a space available basis.

Beginning March 1, 2010 details of this proposal will be available for public review at most libraries, state service centers and at the reception desks of DART First State offices and the DeIDOT Administration Building in Dover, and online at www.DartFirstState.com. The documents available for review are in large print.

At the hearing, a hearing reporter will officially transcribe comments intended for the record by the public. People unable to attend may send their comments to:

DART First State Public Hearing
900 Public Safety Blvd
Dover, DE 19901

Comments can be also be emailed through DART's website at www.DartFirstState.com/publichearing. All written and e-mailed comments must be received by April 2, 2010.

Persons having hearing disabilities who need interpreters at the public hearing workshops should contact the Delaware Transit Corporation in writing or by telephone no later than March 8, 2010 at the address previously provided for public hearing comments or by calling Belinda Strickland at 1-800-652-3278, Option 3.

The Delaware Transit Corporation has the legal authority in Delaware for initiating public transit service changes as defined in Title 2 Chapter 13 section 1309 of the Delaware Code.