

New Tacoma Program Expands Affordable Travel Options for Seniors at \$96 Flat Rate

New \$96 Program Offers Unlimited Wheelchair Rides for Tacoma Seniors, Supporting Greater Freedom and Mobility

TACOMA, WA, UNITED STATES, April 26, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A new transportation initiative in Tacoma is making it easier for elderly residents particularly those who use wheelchairs or live in [assisted living facilities](#) to travel freely within the city without mileage restrictions. The program introduces a fixed-rate model, offering unlimited-mile wheelchair-accessible rides for \$96 per trip, with a focus on expanding accessibility and preserving dignity for senior citizens.

In Tacoma, where more than 13% of residents are over the age of 65, accessible and [affordable wheelchair transportation](#) remains a pressing need. Many families face ongoing challenges in helping aging parents remain mobile, socially connected, and independent, especially when physical mobility is compromised. Transportation barriers can compound feelings of isolation, which, according to the National Institute on Aging, can significantly increase health risks such as premature death, comparable to smoking or obesity.

Impact of Mobility on Well-Being

Mobility is not only critical for attending medical appointments or errands but also for maintaining emotional and mental health. For seniors, the ability to travel freely within their community is closely tied to their sense of independence and self-worth. Without reliable transportation, even short trips to a community center, a place of worship, or a family gathering can become difficult or impossible.



Wheelchair Ride Tacoma

Families often report that finding dependable, accessible transportation options for elderly parents is complicated by unpredictable pricing structures and limited services. Per-mile billing models can make longer trips financially burdensome, leading to difficult choices between necessary medical visits and opportunities for social connection.

New Approach to Senior Transportation

The new program addresses these challenges directly by eliminating per-mile costs. For a flat \$96 fee, seniors can travel anywhere within Tacoma city limits without worrying about how far they go or how long the trip takes. This approach removes common stressors related to budgeting and trip planning, allowing families to support their loved ones' mobility more consistently.

Features of the program include:

Fixed pricing with no per-mile charges

Unlimited mileage within Tacoma city limits

Professional drivers trained in assisting elderly and wheelchair-using passengers

Ease for Families and Seniors Alike

Adult children balancing work, caregiving, and other responsibilities often face emotional and logistical strain when coordinating transportation for aging parents. This initiative provides a practical solution, offering predictable costs and ensuring that rides are



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handled with care and professionalism.

For seniors, the program offers a renewed sense of freedom. Activities that were once difficult—such as visiting friends, attending religious services, or enjoying a leisurely outing—can now be pursued without concern about cost or accessibility limitations.

The Importance of Unlimited Miles in a City Like Tacoma

Tacoma's geography, spanning neighborhoods from Proctor District to South End, means that even short errands can involve significant travel distances. Without the stress of accumulating charges, seniors and their families can plan outings and appointments without hesitation.

This citywide approach to accessibility allows for greater participation in community life and promotes the well-being of elderly residents across diverse areas of Tacoma.

A Community Response to Mobility Challenges

While formal evaluations of the program are ongoing, early community feedback highlights the impact of accessible and affordable transportation. Families have expressed relief at the ease of planning trips without needing to calculate variable rates, and seniors report feeling a renewed sense of independence.

Accessible transportation programs such as this not only meet practical needs but also contribute to broader public health goals by reducing isolation, enhancing mental health, and supporting overall quality of life for older residents.

A Step Toward Inclusive Mobility

Accessible mobility solutions are essential to creating age-friendly communities. By offering fixed-rate, [unlimited-mile wheelchair rides](#) within Tacoma, this initiative addresses critical gaps in senior transportation and offers a model that other cities may look to replicate.

For families and seniors alike, access to affordable, respectful, and reliable transportation is not just about getting from one place to another—it is about reclaiming freedom, connection, and dignity.

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