

## **Topics of Discussion**

**Access Overview** 

- How to Apply
- Transportation
- Eligibility
- Program Changes
- Appeals
- Statistics



#### **Access Services**

#### **How To Apply**

- Request an Access Identification Number by calling Customer Service and an application will be mailed
- 2. Once the application is received, fill it out completely and submit it in the self enclosed pre-stamped envelope.
- 3. After mailing, wait 7 days and call to schedule your in-person appointment.

#### Or:

- 1. Go online to receive an Access Identification Number AND fill out the online application (beginning July 1, 2019).
- 2. Wait 3 business days and call to schedule your in-person appointment



## **Access Eligibility**

**Transportation** 

- Transportation to Eligibility Center
  - To and From trips (Free)
  - Applicant can also provide their own transportation





## **Access Eligibility**

Locations

- Commerce (Main Location)
  - Antelope Valley
  - Santa Clarita





## **Understanding Eligibility**Who is Eligible?

- Applicants with Functional Disabilities:
  - Cognitive
  - Visual & Auditory Impairment
  - Physical
  - Medical

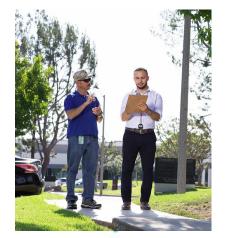




## **Understanding Eligibility**

Who is Eligible?

- Persons with disabilities who cannot independently:
  - Get to and from the bus
  - Boarding and alighting an accessible bus
  - Understand which bus to get on
  - Understand when to get off the bus







## Changes Introduced to Eligibility

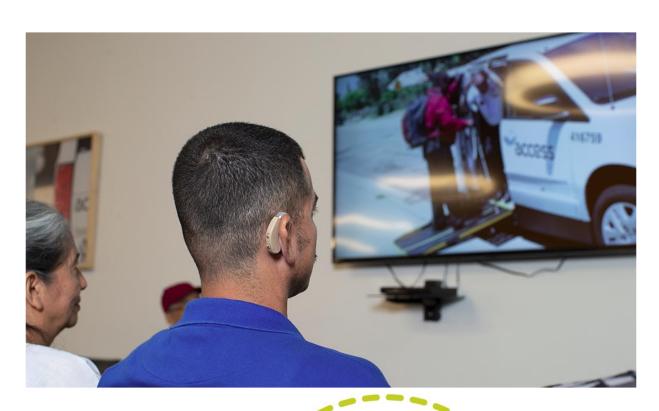
- Enhanced applications
- Professional medical verification
- Eligibility for mobility device users





## **Eligibility Process**

**Safety Orientation Video** 



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## **Eligibility Process**

Marketing/Tethering

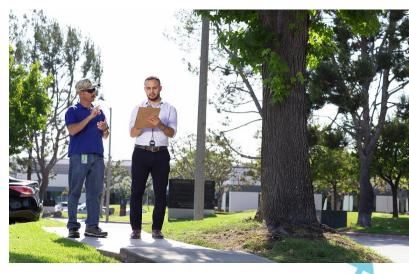




## **Eligibility Process**

Interview and Transit Walk - Indoor / Outdoor





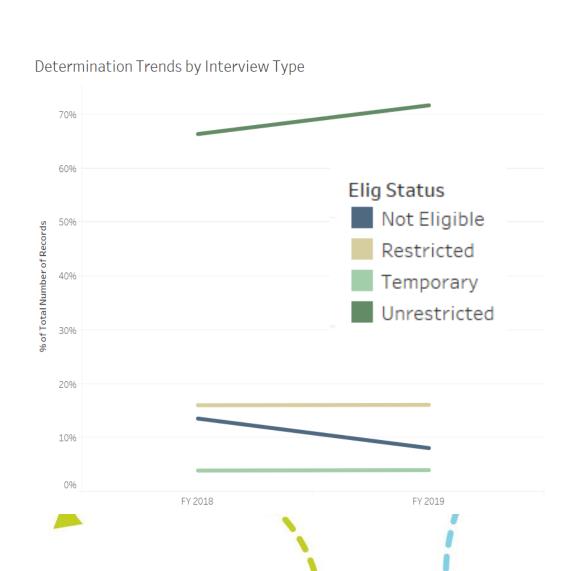
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## Access Services - Los Angeles, CA

Trends Jan 2018 - May 2019

- 70% (55,312)
   Unrestricted
- 16% (12,756) Restricted
- 4% (3,165)
   Temporary
- 10% (7,964)
   Not Eligible

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## Access Services – Los Angeles, CA

#### **How To Appeal**

	ACCESS SERVICES APPEAL FORM	
	ou can request an appeal within 60 days from the date on your etermination letter. Please print clearly and provide the following information below.	
ID Number:		
Full Name:		
City:	State: Zip:	
	_( ) Alternative #: _( ) -	
	vice? □Yes If yes, what type:	
	our disability: (please write on reverse if needed)	
Explain why	you think the transit evaluation decision is incorrect. (Optional)	
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Signature:	Date:  Person Completing Form (other than appellant)  Relationship:	
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## Access Services – Los Angeles, CA

**Applicant Who Appealed** 

Appellants whose							
	eligibility		Appellan	its whose			
	improved		eligibility did	d not change			
FY 2017	45%	1,508	55%	1837			
FY 2018	45%	632	55%	770			
FY 2019	37%	584	63%	995			



## Access Services – Los Angeles, CA

Post Eligibility Evaluation Follow Up Calls

- Follow up Calls to those who completed the evaluation process
  - Inquire with applicant how their eligibility experience was.
  - Can offer other transportation services







Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities

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## **Project Introduction**

#### What is Online Reservations?

- > Book a trip to/from a previously visited address, edit an existing trip or cancel your trips online
- > View and manage your upcoming trips
- > Available via smartphone, computer or tablet





## **Project Timeline**

Date	Milestone
Aug-2018	Internal Staff Testing
Sep-2018	Beta Group – 12 Eastern and West Central Region Customers
Jan-2019	Beta Group – 21 Southern Region Customers
Apr-2019	Implemented Branding and Design
May-2019	Launch To All Eastern, West Central and Southern Region Customers
Oct-2019	Launch to Northern and Santa Clarita Region Customers
Dec-2019	Launch to Antelope Valley Region Customers



## **Current Progress**

- > 515 users to date
  - > 105 with self reported visual impairment
  - > 409 with self reported physical impairment
  - > 98 with self reported cognitive impairment
  - > 16 with self reported hearing impairment
- > Rate of repeat users: 84%
- > 226 trips booked per day on average







## **Future Enhancements**

- > Allow customers to book to a new address
- Combine Online Reservations with our existing ETA app, Where's My Ride





## **How to Register**

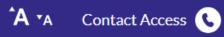
- > Register for a Rider360 account on the Access website, if you do not already have one: www.accessla.org
- > Select the Online Reservations option
- > For questions and support, email onlinereservations@accessla.org or call our support line at 213-270-6185





Sign Out

#### **Online Reservations**



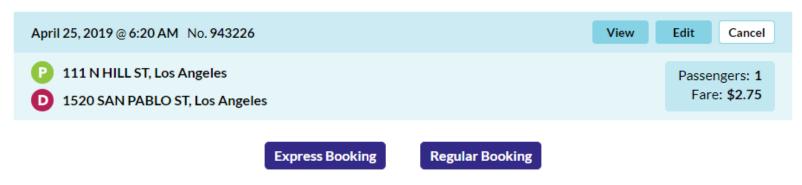
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You have 1 scheduled trip in the Eastern, West Central, and Southern regions.

Schedule a new trip with Express Booking, Regular Booking, or call 1.800.883.1295 or TDD 1.800.826.7280 if you have questions.

#### Scheduled Trips





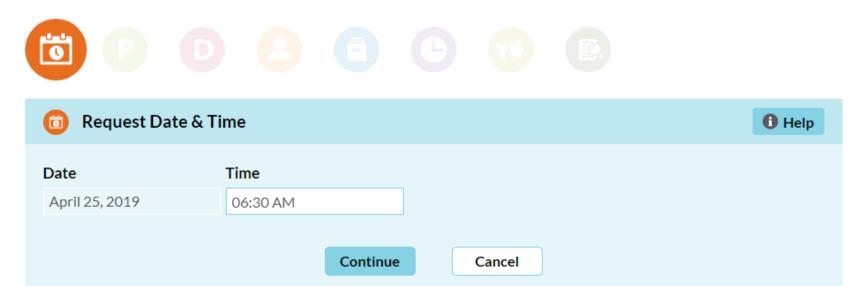




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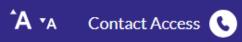






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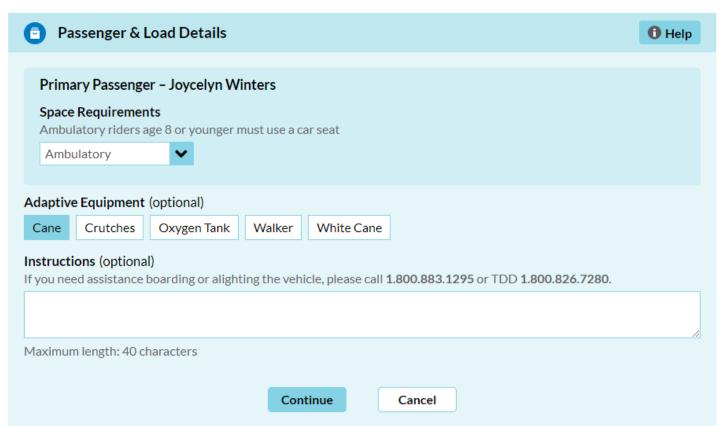


































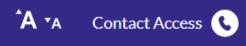


















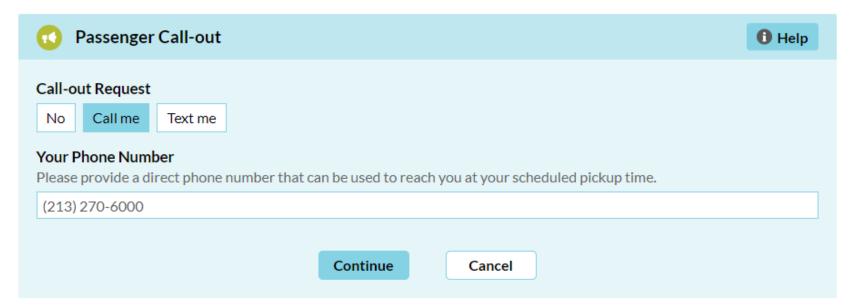




























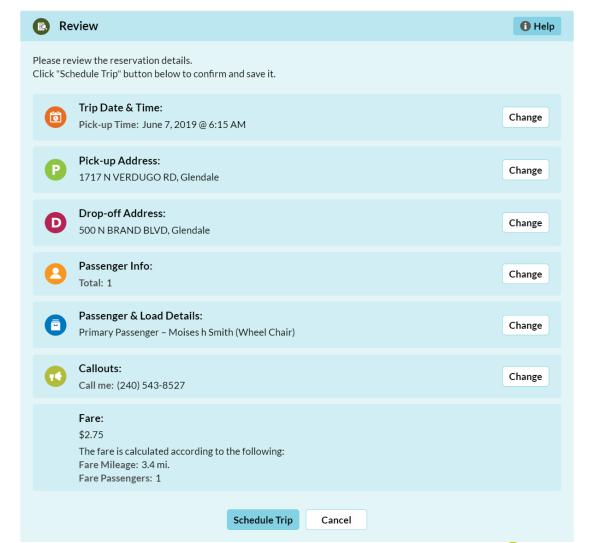














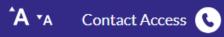


Booking Confirmed							
Thank you! Your trip h	Print Detai	ls					
Finish	Book Return Trip	Book Another Trip					



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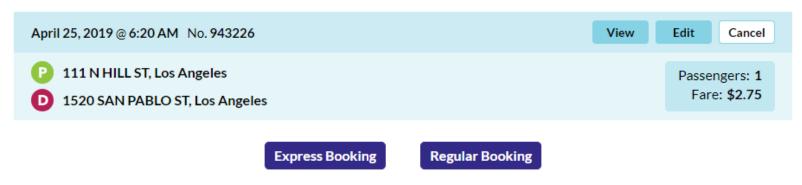
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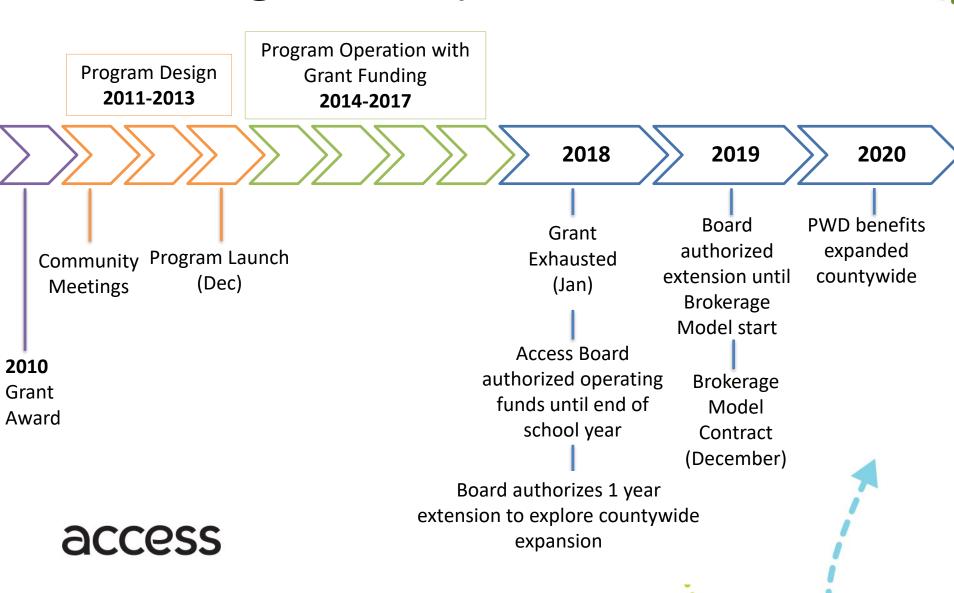






# **Parents with Disabilities Program Update** Los Angeles County **Commission on Disabilities**

## PWD Program History



## Program Features

- Paratransit with modifications for child-care transportation:
  - Linked or Connected Trips
  - Reduced Fare
  - Limited Same Day Trips
  - Trips Scheduled to Arrival
  - Extended Dwell Times (10 minutes / 20 minutes)
  - Non Share Ride service
  - Beyond the Curb service
- Available in the Northern Region
- Gives parents the opportunity to ensure their childrens' education, health, and social needs



## Current Status / Program Findings

- Monthly trip average: 511 trips
- School trips make up 54% of total PWD trips
- Linked trips improve school drop-offs and pick-ups
- Significantly improved school attendance
- Same day trips in instances of non-emergency health issues (4%) of total trips
- Provides convenient means of transportation to hospital appointments



## Program Update

- Customer Meetings
  - Meetings monthly since July 2018
  - Gathered testimonials and video interviews from PWD customers
  - Reservation Line survey: (213) 270-6180





## Potential Partnerships

Los Angeles Unified School District

With Board and Executive Levels

Able to convey the benefits of an Access-LAUSD partnership

Lead benefit: To increase student attendance & school funds

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## Next Steps

- Service extension Goal: Extend PWD Benefits across L.A. County
- Operate in current form until brokerage model launch & program expansion
  - Brokerage Model:
    - Contractor for Access to coordinate transportation with multiple services (i.e. NEMT, taxi, TNC)
    - Opportunity to expand transport options.
    - April 2019 RFP Released
    - July 2019 Proposals due
    - September 2019 Contract Award
    - December 2019 Program Start
- Efforts to develop PWD partnerships to ongoing





