



Public Workshop on THE RIDE's In-Person Assessment Initiative

October 3, 2011 3:30-6:00 p.m.

at

Ten Park Plaza – 2nd Floor Conference Rooms 1,2&3
State Transportation Building, Boston

All are invited to learn about the MBTA's proposed eligibility certification process. We look forward to your participation and comments. You may also email your comments to theride@mbta.com or write to THE RIDE, Ten Park Plaza, Room 5750, Boston, MA 02110.

Why is the MBTA proposing in-person assessments?

- In-person assessments are used across the country and match people to the transportation mode that is most appropriate to their functional abilities; they are more accurate at determining if some customers can use buses/trains/trolleys for some or all of their trips.
- The MBTA has made extensive investments in transit accessibility, and this process can introduce some customers to the flexibility that buses, trains, and trolleys provide.
- If individuals have a disability that prevents using transit, they will continue to be RIDE eligible. The federal ADA intends for paratransit programs to be a 'safety net' for persons with disabilities who are unable to use public transit for some or all of their trips; they are not intended to be a service for all persons with disabilities.
- THE RIDE program costs the MBTA over \$100M yearly and is growing faster than other revenues can support. Measures, such as in-person assessments, will help sustain and preserve the program for those who need it most.

An RSVP is encouraged by 9/30/11. This location is accessible to persons with disabilities and by public transit. ASL, CART, and listening devices will be available. For accommodation requests or to RSVP, please call 617-222-2405, 617-222-5415 TTY or email theride@mbta.com. A picture ID is required for building entry.