Serving Persons with Disabilities

All vehicles are wheelchair accessible. For qualifying persons with disabilities NCRTD also provides an ADA paratransit service within the City of Española and the Town of Taos. For all other routes outside those areas, the fixed route bus will “flex” up to ¾ of a mile on paved and/or graveled roads for qualifying persons with disabilities. These are "origin to destination" transportation services for persons with disabilities who cannot use the fixed bus service.

Individuals who wish to be considered for this service will need to complete an application, have the information verified by a medical professional, and be certified by the NCRTD as ADA paratransit eligible. There is no cost for this service. For more information please call (866) 206-0754 or visit our website at RidetheBlueBus.com

The bus operator will assist an individual to get on or off the bus, but will not load or unload the individual’s personal belongings or carry-on items. If an individual needs assistance beyond this, The District recommends that he/she be accompanied by a personal care attendant or companion. A personal care attendant may ride with the eligible individual at no cost. The personal care attendant must board and alight at the same stops as the passenger.

Title VI

The North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) is committed to compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 49 CFR, part 2, and all related regulations and directives. NCRTD assures that no person shall be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity under any NCRTD program, activity or service.

The NCRTD will not discriminate on the basis of race, color or national origin in the delivery of service. To obtain more information on our nondiscrimination obligations or to file a Title VI complaint, contact us at: NCRTD, Executive Director, 1327 N Riverside Dr., Española, NM 87532

El NCRTD no discrimina sobre la base de raza, color u origen nacional en la prestación del servicio. Para obtener más información acerca de nuestras obligaciones de no discriminación o para presentar una queja del Título VI, póngase en contacto con nosotros en: NCRTD, Director Ejecutivo, 1327 N Riverside Dr., Española, NM 87532

ENHANCING YOUR RIDING EXPERIENCE

The NCRTD “Blue Bus” is committed to providing a safe and comfortable experience. We kindly ask that for your benefit and that of your fellow passengers you respect the guidelines and rules outlined below so you can continue to enjoy the service.

FOR EVERYONE’S SAFETY:

- Vehicles are equipped with video and audio surveillance
- Please remain seated while the vehicle is in motion
- Drivers will assist passengers with visual or mental impairments, find the right bus at stops served by multiple routes
- Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult or guardian
- We can carry only 2 bikes—bike racks are “first come, first served”

OUT OF COURTESY FOR EACH OTHER:

- Please avoid playing music that can be heard by others
- Please avoid talking loudly on your cell phone
- Appropriate clothing must be worn (shirt, pants/bottoms and shoes)
- Animals are allowed on buses under one of the following exceptions:
  - Service animals necessary for travel by passengers with disabilities
  - Animals that can be safely transported in a carrier

WE TAKE PRIDE IN KEEPING OUR BUSES CLEAN FOR YOU! TO HELP US:

- Food in a sealed container is okay, but eating is not permitted on the bus
- Only non-alcoholic beverages in a sealed hard container can be consumed
- Please don’t put your feet on your seat or back of the seat in front of you
- Please use trash receptacles on the bus and at the bus stops

DRIVERS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO REFUSE SERVICE WHEN THEY SEE:

- Smoking on the bus
- Open alcoholic beverages
- Illegal drugs
- Offensive or threatening language
- Belligerent behavior
- Weapons

LOST ITEMS?

- While the NCRTD is not responsible for lost or stolen items, we encourage you to notify the RTD at 866-206-0754 to see if it’s been recovered
- Lost and found items are only kept for 30 days

For more information, please call: 866-206-0754
RidetheBlueBus.com
**PARATRANSIT**

Two types of ADA complementary paratransit service are available: Subscription and Reservation.

**Reservation service** will be available to all for any trip. Requests for reservation service may be made at least one (1) day prior and up to four (4) days in advance. However, single trip reservations may be made up to one (1) hour in advance on the same day where space is available. NCRTD will be taking reservations from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Reservations for service on Monday or the day after a holiday, shall be received on the NCRTD’s voice messaging service. Whenever possible, a return trip will be scheduled.

**Subscription service** will be offered for any trip that occurs every week, originates and terminates at the same scheduled location, at the same hour each day. Requests for subscription service must be made at least one (1) day prior and up to four (4) days in advance.

**Fares for ADA Paratransit:**
RTD 370 Chile Ride route provides service Monday through Friday and is fare-free, to all who have completed the pre-approval application process.

**DEMAND**

It is the goal of the NCRTD to provide mobility options for those residents of the Town of Taos that don't have a fixed route readily available to them.

**Fares for Demand:**
The fare for demand response service is $1.00 one-way for curb-to-curb service. The fare for approved door-to-door service is $1.00 one-way. Payment for the fare must be in cash and in the exact amount. Payment is due at the time of boarding.

**Service Boundaries:**
The RTD Chile Ride provides service within a 3/4 boundary on either side of the Chile Line Red route. Please call 866-206-0754 or 505-629-4725 to schedule in advance -- by at least the day prior.

**Your Pick-Up:**
Passengers should be ready to go fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled pick-up time. NCRTD will make every effort to arrive as close to the scheduled pick-up time as possible. However, NCRTD may arrive up to fifteen (15) minutes before or fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled pick-up time. If a passenger knows that he/she will be detained during a medical appointment, the passenger should call NCRTD at (866) 206-0754 as soon as possible.

**Holidays:**
There will be no service on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving and Day Following, Christmas Eve, Christmas.

The bus is equipped with a bike rack (first come, first served) and is ADA accessible.

**Inclement Weather:**
In the unlikely event of service cancellation due to inclement weather, NCRTD personnel will attempt to contact all scheduled passengers at the telephone numbers provided when the reservation was made.