

## **MTA Sets December Hearing on ADA Paratransit Plan Update**

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The MTA will conduct a public hearing at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 1, in the Board room to receive public comment on the agency's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit Plan Update for 2000.

As a public transit operator, the MTA must ensure that ADA paratransit services are available for persons unable to use regular fixed-route transit service due to their disabilities. ADA paratransit service is provided by Access Services Incorporated (ASI).

In September, 1999, the MTA Board approved a \$43.9 million,

one-year funding agreement with ASI to administer the annual transport of 1.5 million people within a 1,500 square mile service area to provide transportation for persons with disabilities who cannot ride regular public transportation service.

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