

## ADA Regulations – Guidance Update and Resulting Proposed Changes

Metro Paratransit’s proposed elimination of ‘Common Wheelchair’ to be updated in public materials because of new federal guidance. See strikes and additions below.

### 1. From Paratransit Application, Page 9

“Service Delivery:

1. Do you use a wheelchair or scooter\*:  Yes  No

How wide is it? \_\_\_\_\_ inches      How long is it? \_\_\_\_\_ Inches

How heavy is it when occupied (total weight)? \_\_\_\_\_ pounds

\*This information is not used to determine paratransit eligibility. It is the applicant’s responsibility to know the dimensions of their mobility device and whether it exceeds the ~~definition of a common wheelchair~~ minimum standards specified in the ADA.”

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ~~defines a common wheelchair as no more than~~ requires that lift accommodate a mobility device that is at a minimum of 30 inches wide, 48 inches long, and a design load of 600 pounds when occupied.

If your mobility device exceeds these dimensions, the ADA does not guarantee paratransit service.

### 2. From MyMetroBus.com Website: How to Ride Paratransit

“OVERSIZED MOBILITY DEVICES

Metro does not guarantee service to riders using a mobility device that exceeds the minimum dimensions ~~of common wheelchairs as defined~~ required by the ADA.

- 30” in width – 48” in length
- ~~does not exceed~~ a minimum design load of 600 pounds when occupied”

### 3. From Paratransit Information Sheet: Useful Info

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