

Access for All

FY 25-26 Funding Cycle

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TNC Access for All Act

California Senate Bill (SB) 1376

• Purpose:

 Establish a program that improves access and delivery of ondemand wheelchair-accessible transportation services

Parties Involved:

- California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) oversees the statewide program and <u>Access for All website</u>
- Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) in the state collect a \$0.10 fee on each TNC trip to deposit into the statewide "Access Fund" or offset those costs my meeting benchmarks established by the CPUC
- Local Access for All Administrators (LAFAs) in each county distribute the funds in proportional amounts to the total fees generated in that region

On-demand WAV service

Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAV)

• A vehicle that has been specially designed or modified to accommodate passengers who use wheelchairs

On-demand service

- No fixed schedule
- Riders choose pickup/dropoff time & location
- 1. Request → 2. Dispatch → 3. Pickup → 4. Dropoff









SFMTA's Role

Local Access for All Administrator (LAFA)

 Designated to administer the Access for All funds collected by the CPUC within San Francisco County

Role

- 1. Approved by CPUC to award the Access Fund monies in San Francisco
- 2. Receives Access for All funds from the CPUC each fiscal cycle
- 3. Consults with community stakeholders and puts out a request for proposals based on CPUC guidelines and local priorities
- 4. Selects Access Provider(s) through a competitive process to provide on-demand wheelchair accessible services within the city
- 5. Meets with other LAFAs and the CPUC, reports program performance, and updates the <u>SFMTA Access for All webpage</u>

Local Priorities

From working group conversations, we heard:

- 1. Increase availability of WAV services during off-peak hours (weekends and late night hours)
- 2. Increase availability of WAV services to/from outlying areas of San Francisco
- 3. Mandate **comprehensive driver training protocols** on disability sensitivity, passenger assistance, and wheelchair securement
- 4. Encourage a **centralized mobile application and/or phone numbers** that is accessible and does not impose a fee for use
- 5. Promote on-demand services to **short-term visitors and tourists** coming to San Francisco

FY 23-24 Solicitation Process

July 2024 – awarded \$4.1M in funding from the CPUC

August 2024 – began conversations with "Working Groups" to identify local priorities

March 2024 – SFMTA incorporated local priorities into the request for proposals (RFP) and published it for applications

Winter 2024/2025 – SFMTA awarded three Access Providers to provide services for one year

FY 23-24 Access Providers

Fog City Access (operating now)

- Awarded \$1.8M to operate for one year
- Operating a service with 6 WAVs between 6:00 AM 10:00 PM seven days a week.
- Fog City Access service landing page

GreenCab (launching soon)

Awarded \$113k to acquire, own, and operate a ramp taxi

Tower Mobility (discontinued)

- Awarded \$1.4M to operate for one year
- Operated a service with 4 WAVs between 6:00 AM 10:00 PM seven days a week.
- Anticipate ~\$730,000 remaining that will be available for other awardees

Access for All Performance

Fog City Access (operating now)

Trip requests completed Q1 2025: 0 (WAV) and 95 (non-WAV)

Trip requests completed Q2 2025: 404 (WAV) and 3,345 (non-WAV)

Tower Mobility (discontinued)

Trip requests completed Q1 2025: 15 (WAV) and 6 (non-WAV)

Trip requests completed Q2 2025: 134 (WAV) and 98 (non-WAV)

TNCs

Trips completed Q1 2024: 3,219

Trips completed Q2 2024: 4,031

Fog City Access

Hours of Operation

6:00 am - 10:00 pm

7 days/week

Service Area

City of San Francisco

Payment

- Debit/Credit Card
- Cash (exact fare)

Pricing

Distance-based pricing model:

- 0-3 miles \$5
- 3-5 miles \$10
- 5-7 miles \$15

Discounted rides for riders with disabilities:

- 0-3 miles \$3
- 3-5 miles \$5
- 5-7 miles \$10

7-day pass now available!

For \$10 you can take up to 4 rides per day for 7 days

How to Use

Fog City Access App

Download the Fog City Access app on your smartphone.

Phone Booking

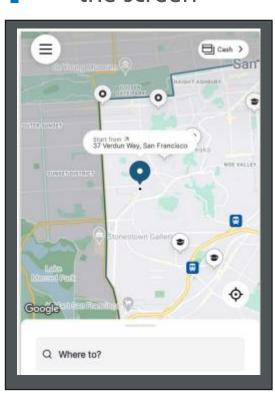
Call Fog City Access Customer Support (628-265-5192) to be assisted by an agent.

Scan to download

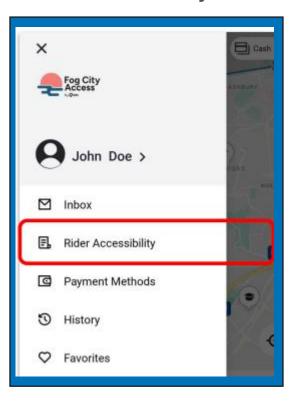


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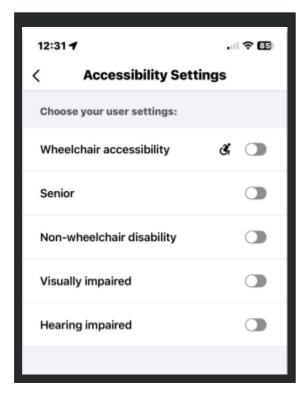
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Tap on rider accessibility



Tap on the user feature that applies to you



First year observations

- Investing in marketing and outreach is critical for driving ridership growth.
- Collecting metrics beyond the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) reporting requirements would enable more meaningful comparisons across services.
- Tailoring performance metrics to each access provider's proposed service model could strengthen our ability to monitor and evaluate outcomes.
- New providers have been generally well received by riders, highlighting the importance of ongoing public input to guide future program development.
- Given the fluctuations in Access Fund allocations, strategies are needed to support the long-term sustainability of service.

FY 25-26 Solicitation Process

July 2025 – awarded \$1.8M in funding from the CPUC **September/October 2025** – facilitating conversations with community stakeholders to identify local priorities **Fall 2025** – incorporate local priorities into the request for proposal (RFP) and publish it **Winter/Spring 2026** – SFMTA award contracts to Access

Provider(s)

Thank you!

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