

Access for All Program

Citizens' Advisory Council

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California Senate (SB) 1376

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 Goal: improving access to on-demand wheelchair-accessible transportation





Demonstrated Need

In 2019 (Q3 – Q4):

- 1. Average completion rates for WAV trips from TNCs was 33%
- 2. Vehicle supply would peak at 12 vehicles
 - Little-to-no supply during the12:00 4:00 AM hours
- 3. Non-WAV response times were 11 minutes faster than WAV response times in 2019





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Local Access for All Administrator (LAFA)





Select Access Providers to receive Access Fund monies



Obligate available Access Fund monies to selected Access Providers



Submit a Consolidated Quarterly Report to the CPUC



SFMTA – Local Access for All Administrator

SFMTA is the approved LAFA responsible for administering the Access for All program in San Francisco County.

FY 2023-24 Award:\$4,045,161 in Local Access Funds, including \$606,774 for administrative costs

FY 2024-25 Award:\$1,713,063 in Local Access Funds, including \$256,959 for administrative costs



LAFAs are responsible for:



Identifying local WAV Access Providers

Competitive solicitation process to distribute available Access funds



Gathering community input

Required to report quarterly on efforts to engage the disability community in the planning process



Developing a webpage for the program

Provide background information on SB 1376 and the application process for Access Providers



Working Group



Identifying service gaps and priorities in existing and future WAV programs



Providing feedback on fund allocation and contracting scenarios



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Reviewing application solicitation documents

CPUC Identified Priorities



- 1. Improve completion rates and response times for WAV service compared to the previous year;
- 2. Increase availability of WAVs within the City and County of San Francisco; and
- 3. Publicize and promote available WAV services to disability communities.
- Additional Local Priorities identified



RFP Issuance Process

- March 18, 2024: RFP was issued
- June 8, 2024: Notice of Intent to Negotiate and Award Grants were sent to selected Access Providers

SFMTA awarded the three top scoring proposers the following allocation amounts:

- Nomad Transit: \$1,828,576
- Tower WAV: \$1,496,106
- Green Cab: \$113,705





Green Cab

- Not yet launched
- Purchase and operate a ramp taxi providing WAV service
- Dispatched by Yellow Cab both on an ondemand and pre-arranged basis







- Launched 1/21!
- Operate a curb-to-curb service with 4 WAVs
- Operate between 6:00 AM – 10:00 PM every day
 - Pre-arranged trips from 10:00 PM 6:00 AM o
- Service outlying areas with focus on north and western portions of San Francisco

TIJ towerway Solutions on wheels



Nomad (Via)

- Not launched yet
- Operate a curb-to-curb service with 6 WAVs
- Hours to be determined
- Service outlying areas with focus on west and southern portions of San Francisco





Next Steps

- Since launch:
 - Uber response time improved by 3 min. (2019 – 2023)
 - Lyft response time improved by 8 min.
 (2019 – 2023)
- Oversee initial one-year contracts
- Develop RFP for next round solicitation
- Advocate for Access for All reauthorization

