

ADA COMPLIANCE

What is Fixed-Route Service?

- Any service that runs on a set schedule that is open to the public (this may include casino runs, commuter service, etc.)

The ADA Rules!

- As of now, all companies (charter, tour, fixed-route, large or small, etc.) must provide service, if requested, on a lift accessible coach, if given 48-hour notice.
- If you are a large, fixed-route company with more than \$7.6 million in revenue (for your company's entire operation), then by 2006, 50% of your fixed-route fleet must be lift accessible.
- If you are a large, fixed-route company with more than \$7.6 million in revenue (for your entire operation), then 100% of the fixed-route portion of your fleet must be lift accessible by 2012.
- If you are a large, fixed-route company with more than \$7.6 million in revenue (for your entire operation), then all new purchased or leased coaches must be lift accessible for the fixed-route portion of your fleet.
- If you are a small, fixed-route company with less than \$7.6 million in revenue, then there is no fleet requirement, but the 48-hour rule does apply.

An Exception!

- If you are a small, mixed service operator, defined as being under \$7.6 million in gross annual operating revenue with 25% or less of your fleet involved in fixed-route service, then you can provide accessible service in a van or other lift equipped vehicle (not necessarily a motorcoach).

If Your Lift Equipped Coach is Booked and Unavailable?

- You will have to get another one, at your own expense (either rent or subcontract).
- You may not charge more on the booking.
- You may not provide accessible service in a van or other lift-equipped vehicle.
- The trip must be completed in an accessible motorcoach.

What Can I do?

- Under the direction of the Federal Transit Administration, the government has funded the over-the-road bus accessibility (ADA grant) program to lessen the burden on operators attempting to comply with the ADA requirements. Because of SAFETEA-LU, FTA will award \$6.9 million (2005), \$7.5 million (2006), \$7.6 million (2007), \$8.3 million (2008), and \$8.8 million (2009) totaling \$39.1 million in grant money.
- The ADA grant applications are generally available in the spring and grants are awarded following a 6-month review period.
- File your annual ADA usage and acquisition reports. The Department of Transportation will conduct a review of the provisions of the ADA rule's sometime between 2005 and 2007.