

## REQUESTING SERVICE

*You may schedule a ride by calling 735-0160. Rides can be scheduled up to seven days in advance between 8am and 5pm seven days a week. Please note Sunday reservation calls are received by an answering service.*

*Reservations for next day rides may be subject to negotiations. Per ADA guidelines, Public Transits are authorized to negotiate rides one hour before and one hour after the customer's requested time.*

*Pick-up windows are scheduled based on distance for time-specific trips. The call taker will let you know your pick-up time when you schedule your ride. You will be asked to schedule a return time.*

*Dial-A-Ride is a shared ride transportation service, which means, you may share the bus with others traveling in the same general direction. The bus may make several stops along the way before reaching your destination. In most cases, the trip will be longer than if you were riding alone.*

## PASSENGER CARRY ON ITEMS POLICY

*Dial-A-Ride drivers will assist all eligible paratransit passengers with their carry-on items. Out of consideration for safety, space, and time, passengers and their companions cannot bring more than four (4) bags or packages on the bus per trip. These items should weigh no more than ten (10) pounds each and should not exceed forty (40) pounds combined. Oversize items such as large bags of pet food, home appliances, or furniture are not allowed on the bus. A Personal Care Attendant (PCA) is not allowed to bring on additional bags or packages.*

### Fares

The service is \$1.50 each way for eligible riders that live within  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from the regular bus route. If an eligible rider lives or travels to an area more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles from the regular bus routes, they live or are traveling to a 'premium' area. The premium fare is \$3.00 each way. Money saving monthly passes as well as 10 ride tickets are available. Monthly passes are \$25. (\$50 for the premium area) and the 10 ride ticket strips are \$12/ea. Fare is required upon boarding the vehicle **every time you board the bus.** Passes must be shown each time you ride the bus.

## Travel Training

Travel training is a free program to promote safe and independent fixed route bus travel for seniors and people with disabilities. Travel Training assists people in getting to and from work, appointments, and shopping.

Please call **(509)735-5100**

or visit us on-line at

**<https://www.bft.org/travel-training/>**  
to schedule an appointment today!

## NO SHOW POLICY

*A no-show is a trip that has not been canceled prior to the scheduled pick-up time, including Cancellation at the door. If a rider is not ready to go within five (5) minutes of the arrival of the vehicle, as long as the driver arrives within the pick-up window, the rider will be charged with a no-show. In any thirty (30) day continuous period, if a rider who has scheduled trips and exhibits a pattern or practice of no-shows and/or late cancellations for at least 10% of those trips and has six (6) or more no-show and/or late cancellations points, the rider will receive written Notice of Suspension of the violation, citing which trips were no-shows and/or late cancellations and the proposed date of suspension of service.*

## WHAT IS DIAL-A-RIDE?

*Dial-A-Ride (DAR) is a door-to-door/curb-to-curb transportation service provided within the service boundaries of Ben Franklin Transit. The program is designed to serve disabled citizens who are unable to use the regular bus service. Wheelchair lifts are available on all DAR vehicles. Wheelchairs and scooters cannot exceed 30"x48" as well as the combined weight of the rider and chair cannot exceed 800lbs.*

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

*Dial-A-Ride (DAR) is a service for people who are physically or mentally unable to use the fixed route bus system. Eligibility is determined following review of a written application. Applications are available at the offices of Ben Franklin Transit, the transit website, or will be mailed upon request. The application will be processed and a determination of eligibility will be made within 21 calendar days. In most instances an in-person assessment may be required.*

## Hours of Operation

DAR service is available:

- Weekdays: 6 am - 10 pm
- Saturday: 7 am - 10 pm
- Sunday: 8 am - 6:30 pm

There is **no service** on the following holidays:

New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Service will be ending at 7 pm on Christmas Eve.



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## BEN FRANKLIN TRANSIT'S MISSION STATEMENT

*Providing exceptional and cost-effective transportation services that consistently exceed customer expectations while promoting the principles and practices of livable communities and sustainable development*