

## **Bluefield Area Transit ADA Complaint Procedures**

If you have a complaint about the accessibility of our transit system or service, or believe you have been discriminated against because of your disability, you can file a complaint. Please provide all facts and circumstances surrounding your issue or complaint so we can fully investigate the incident.

### **How do you file a complaint?**

You can call us, download and use our ADA complaint form at [www.ridethebatbus.com](http://www.ridethebatbus.com), or request a copy of the form by writing or phoning:

Bluefield Area Transit  
PO Box 1838  
1642 Bluefield Avenue  
Bluefield, WV 24701  
304-327-8418

You may file a signed, dated and written complaint no more than 180 days from the date of the alleged incident. The complaint should include:

- Your name, address and telephone number. (See Question 1 of the complaint form.)
- How, why, and when you believe you were discriminated against. Include as much specific, detailed information as possible about the alleged acts of discrimination, and any other relevant information. (See Questions 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 of the complaint form.)
- The names of any persons, if known, whom the director could contact for clarity of your allegations. (See Question 11 of the complaint form.)

Please submit your complaint form to address listed below:

Patrick McKinney – Title VI Coordinator  
Bluefield Area Transit  
PO Box 1838  
Bluefield, WV 24701

### **Do you need complaint assistance?**

If you are unable to complete a written complaint due to a disability or if information is needed in another language we can assist you. Please contact us at 304-327-8418 or [info@ridethebatbus.com](mailto:info@ridethebatbus.com).

### **How will your complaint be handled?**

Bluefield Area Transit investigates complaints received no more than 180 days after the alleged incident. Bluefield Area Transit will process complaints that are complete. Once a completed

complaint is received, Bluefield Area Transit will review it to determine if Bluefield Area Transit has jurisdiction.

Bluefield Area Transit will generally complete an investigation within 90 days from receipt of a complaint. If more information is needed to resolve the case, Bluefield Area Transit may contact you. Unless a longer period is specified by Bluefield Area Transit, you will have ten (10) days from the date of the request to send the requested information. If the requested information is not received, Bluefield Area Transit may administratively close the case. A case may also be administratively closed if you no longer wish to pursue it.

After an investigation is complete, Bluefield Area Transit will send you a letter summarizing the results of the investigation, stating the findings and advising of any corrective action to be taken as a result of the investigation. If you disagree with Bluefield Area Transit determination, you may request reconsideration by submitting a request in writing to Bluefield Area Transit director within seven (7) days after the date of Bluefield Area Transit letter, stating with specificity the basis for the reconsideration. The director will notify you of the decision either to accept or reject the request for reconsideration within ten (10) days. In cases where reconsideration is granted, the director will issue a determination letter to the complainant upon completion of the reconsideration review.

### **Do I have other options for filing a complaint?**

We encourage that you file the complaint with us. However, you may file a complaint with the West Virginia Division of Public Transit or the Federal Transit Administration.

West Virginia Division of Public Transit  
Building 5, Room 650  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East  
Charleston, WV 25305  
(304) 558-0428  
DOTPublicTransit@wv.gov

Federal Transit Administration  
Office of Civil Rights  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590



**7. Date of alleged discrimination** (Month, Day, Year):

**8. Where did the alleged discrimination take place?**

**9. Explain as clearly as possible what happened and why you believe that you were discriminated against.** Describe all of the persons that were involved. Include the name and contact information of the person(s) who discriminated against you (if known). *Use the back of this form or separate pages if additional space is required.*

**10. Please list any and all witnesses' names and phone numbers/contact information.** *Use the back of this form or separate pages if additional space is required.*

**11. What type of corrective action would you like to see taken?**

**12. Have you filed a complaint with any other federal, state, or local agency, or with any federal or state court?**  Yes If yes, check all that apply.  No

- Federal Agency (List agency's name)
- Federal Court (Please provide location)
- State Court
- State Agency (Specify agency)
- County Court (Specify court and county)
- Local Agency (Specify agency)

