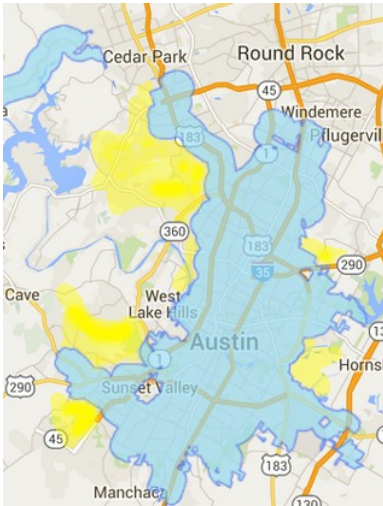




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ADA Service Denied to Capital Metro Tax Payers

DRAFT PROPOSAL - please edit for our discussion at meetings - add your thoughts and comments. We will need a second to discuss it – it doesn't mean you support it.



The **blue** areas are the ADA 10:00 am service areas. **Yellow** is the rest of Austin

<https://www.capmetro.org/ada-maps.aspx>

The first responsibility of a mobility system is to provide for those who cannot walk...

The ADA MetroAccess Service is available to individuals who, because of a disability, are unable to ride a fixed-route bus. For a nominal fee (about \$1+-), Capital Metro will provide at-home pickup. For the elderly who cannot drive, this is a wonderful service.

Austin is an evolving city. One percent of Austin sales tax revenue pays for Capital Metro, but the **BLUE** service area only covers part of Austin. As the city expands each taxpayer should be able to share equally in the amenities and services provided by the voters.

LAW: ADA Title II: State and Local Government Activities

Title II covers all activities of State and local governments regardless of the government entity's size or receipt of Federal funding. Title II requires that State and **local governments give people with disabilities an equal opportunity to benefit from all of their programs, services, and activities** (e.g. public education, employment, **transportation**, recreation, health care, social services, courts, voting and town meetings).

<http://www.ada.gov/cguide.htm - anchor66477>

PROPOSAL:

- Austin City Council requests that Capital Metro extend ADA service to all residents who pay the **Capital Metro Tax**.
- Perhaps, rewrite the definition for eligibility of ADA paratransit service along the lines of "people who cannot walk very far" instead of tying it to fixed bus routes. This would include everybody in Austin who are unable to walk and better serve the community who all pay the 1% sales tax to support cap-metro.