



What is a WAV?

WAV – Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle



WAV Types:

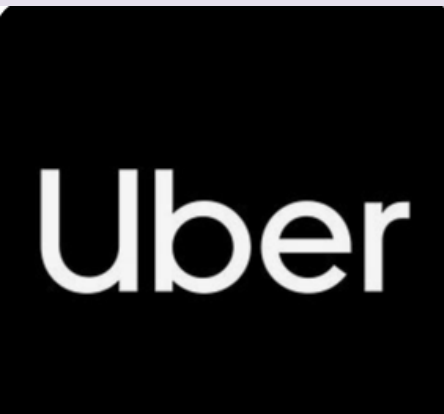
- Rear Ramp deployment
- Side Ramp deployment



OUR ASK...

On-Demand WAV

Taxi company, Uber, or Lyft to have a wheelchair accessible vehicle



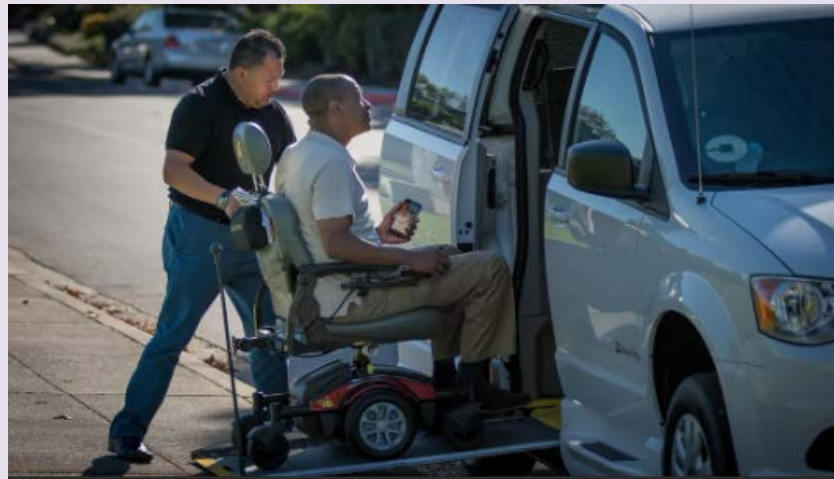
Uber WAV

Rides in wheelchair-accessible vehicles

Enter location

Enter destination

See prices



What we know...

- There are no wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAV) among taxi, Uber or Lyft providers in Flagstaff.
- Major transportation gap as nearly 8,000 people in Flagstaff or 4% of the population have ambulatory difficulties.
- Based on a 2023 survey conducted with social service agencies in Flagstaff, 73% reported unreliable on-demand WAV access in Flagstaff and 42% reported the need for wheelchair accessible transportation often or all the time.

Excerpts from Letters of Support

- As an individual with Cerebral Palsy who uses crutches and a manual wheelchair for mobility assistance and does not drive a vehicle, I see on demand wheelchair service as a game changer to reimagine equitable relief. - Jamie M.
- I doubt anyone would disagree that Flagstaff needs to care for all its citizens. Dedicated wheelchair accessible support for those in need is a critical service we need in our community. It is my hope that as a community we can come together and create a solution. - Ann H.
- We are looking for either a taxi company or another business that would maintain the vehicles and either lease them to drivers or possibly hire the drivers and assume all liabilities themselves. - Rachael S.

Progress...

- WAV subcommittee formed to brainstorm solutions - includes Mountain Line staff and community members
- Conducted a “needs survey” to understand the WAV need in Flagstaff
- Developed WAV Flyer and distributed to 55 locations in Flagstaff
- Research on WAV cost and availability
- Research on most accommodating user-friendly models of WAVs
- Research on other cities WAV service models
- Research on grants and funding opportunities for WAV
- Developed a donation package
- Developed a list of potential financial donors
- Met with National Mobility Equipment Dealers

Obstacles to overcome...

- A new WAV can cost \$100,000 and used vehicles can range from \$30,000 - \$50,000.
- There is a lack of interest among taxi providers in Flagstaff to purchase a WAV.
- Difficult to find a responsible and reliable taxi company and Uber/Lyft driver in a small urban community.

Thank you! Questions?

