# Transportation Issues to Advocate For

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<td>Overall system not inclusive of people with disabilities</td>
<td>Create Disability/Accessibility Advisory Board</td>
<td>Transit Authority</td>
<td>WNYILC and NFB in Buffalo NY, Long Island Railroad (other contacts)</td>
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<td>Overall system not working for bus riders/ bus cuts</td>
<td>Put Bus riders on the Board of Commissioners of the Transit Authority</td>
<td>State Governor</td>
<td>Buffalo Transit Riders United</td>
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<td>Cuts to bus lines</td>
<td>More government funding for public transportation</td>
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<td>Paratransit Bus doesn’t go to my house because it is too far from a bus line</td>
<td>Change law to increase minimum distance from a bus line</td>
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<td>Drivers are rude or consistently late</td>
<td>Disability Awareness training</td>
<td>Transit Authority Transit Authority’s ADA Coordinator</td>
<td>SANYS Western office</td>
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<td>Paratransit requires 2 weeks’ notice to reserve ride. (not in compliance with the ADA)</td>
<td>Lawsuit because as a PUBLIC transportation authority, they are violating the law (this would not apply to a private transportation company)</td>
<td>Transit Authority ADA Lawyer</td>
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<td>Center for Disability Rights</td>
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<td>Ride-sharing not accessible</td>
<td>Require a portion of their profits go to purchase accessible vehicles for drivers</td>
<td>Mayor’s Office City or County Officials</td>
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<td>Get company to fix elevators.</td>
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<td>AHRC NYC</td>
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<td>No Transportation in my area</td>
<td>Advocate for funds to pay for gas for a ride from a friend or neighbor. Advocate for OPWDD services to include transportation.</td>
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<td>Jonathan Doherty and Sheriff Bower</td>
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<td>I need to learn how to take the bus</td>
<td>Make a plan with Community Hab, ACESS-VR, other support staff, family or friend.</td>
<td>Your IEP or Life Planning Meeting</td>
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