

Policies regarding Procuring Mobility Devices used for Training

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The Question: How do you procure mobility devices used for training? Do you use a procurement process to purchase?

Asotin Transit says...We don't have a procedure at this time, because I use a contractor to provide my services we have needed to purchase things of this type.

Ben Franklin Transit says...Ben Franklin Transit, over the years has acquired a few used mobility devices (wheel chairs) used for training that were either donated by an employee's family, or from a citizen of our community. At times, we have even rented certain types of mobility devices (i.e. electric scooters) on a short term basis to be used for training operators & para-transit drivers, but so far, we have not purchased any.

Clallam Transit says...We use an old chair that was donated to us, however, I am really interested in how other agencies procure mobility aids for training purposes.

Columbia County Public Transportation says... All of our mobility devices used for training have been donated to us. We have not procured any.

Community Transit says...We have had a great deal of success in purchasing them for an amount of money small enough as to not require a full procurement process. We have bought most of ours from a local business that sells and service mobility devices, all of the devices had been rental units or trade-ins and were sold to us at nearly cost.

CUBS says...CUBS uses the City of Longview procurement process to purchase any large ticket items. At CUBS we were lucky enough to have a wheelchair donated to us. The three wheeled cart, we actually have a disabled person come in and train with us when needed.

Everett Transit says...We have a couple of old wheelchairs but have not bought anything in maybe forever.

Grays Harbor Transit says... I've never had to buy any mobility device for training. We have wheelchairs and walkers that were donated by the local hospital.

Intercity Transit says....I've heard that some transit agencies will rent a modern mobility device for use in a class, but I haven't done that myself.

Island Transit says...We use our buses for training. We don't have the luxury to have a classroom setting with models set up in the room, so we go out to individual buses and go from there. It is a better way anyway. We also just received a free training DVD from WSTIP & Kitsap Transit.

Jefferson Transit says....Great question. We have only one manual wheelchair that we've had here for years. For training, I either borrow wheelchairs from our local hospital or ask for assistance from one or more of our Dial-A-Ride clients who have electric models. Both work for us because we're small, but wouldn't for a larger agency.

Kitsap Transit says...We actually haven't gotten any new devices for a while but in the past we have used a procurement process with one of the local medical supply companies (e.g Farrell's).

Link Transit says...Due to the cost of the mobility devices our procurement policies allow us to solicit 3 written quotes and we may purchase from the vendor submitting the lowest price meeting specs.

Pacific Transit says...We do not have any mobility devices that are used for training.

Pierce Transit says...No procurement process, simply part of our M&O budget.

Pullman Transit says...The wheel chair we use in the training program has been here since before 1992. From this one 'manual' wheel chair we teach them to use the lifts, tie downs and describe to the trainees how to secure other types of devices. All of our drivers are trained in the PASS training. I purchased a manual wheelchair to show the proper load/unloading, securement and correct way to push or pull the chair with a passenger in it. When I purchased the chair, it was (and still is) also used as a back up mobility device for our passengers that may occasionally need the extra assistance. When I purchased the chair, there was only one local medical supply store, it made the purchase very simple. I also have regular maintenance done on the chair every year or so to keep it in good working condition.

Skagit Transit says....We have not purchased much in the way of mobility devices for a long time. We have two old wheel chairs we use for training. We purchased some additional tie downs with Dial-a-Ride Small Equipment funds. We have a full-time trainer and he has a small budget for training items. That has primarily been used for manuals, CPR equipment and videos for training.

Twin Transit says...We have a spare manual wheelchair we use for securement training. The training consists of watching a Q'Straint video, then practicing on each type of bus. It would be

nice to have one each of the various types of mobility devices encountered on route to practice with, but we don't have that kind of money to spend.

Valley Transit says...Most of our equipment was donated except for an electric three wheeled scooter we purchased used. We compared prices locally and got the best deal.

Yakima Transit says...We have been using the same wheelchair for a long time. But to purchase equipment, we go through procurement process for anything more than \$2500.