



TITLE II ADA POLICY

The Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT) complies with Title II regulations of the ADA, which covers programs, activities, and services of public entities of the Department of Justice and Department of Transportation.

The purpose is intended to protect qualified individuals with disabilities from discrimination on the basis of disability in the services, programs, or activities of all State and local governments. It additionally extends the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of disability established by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, to all activities of State and local governments, including those that do not receive Federal financial assistance. By law, the Department of Justice's Title II regulation adopts the general prohibitions of discrimination established under Section 504, and incorporates specific prohibitions of discrimination from the ADA.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) stipulates that under Section 504 for public transportation entities that receive Federal financial assistance extends coverage to all public entities that provide public transportation, whether or not they receive Federal financial assistance. It establishes detailed and complex standards for the operation of public transit systems, including commuter and intercity rail (AMTRAK). DOT defines a public entity of the Title II regulation as:

- 1) Any State or Local government;
- 2) Any department, agency, special purpose district, or other instrumentality of a State or local government; or
- 3) Certain commuter authorities as well as AMTRAK.

As defined, the term "public entity" does not include the Federal Government. Title II, therefore, does not apply to the Federal Government, which is covered by sections 501 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.