

Like all Americans, individuals with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) rely on transportation for all aspects of their lives, from accessing healthcare, education, and employment to fully participating in and contributing to their communities. However, accessibility across all modes of transportation remains a significant barrier for individuals with disabilities, who are much more likely to face inadequate transportation than individuals without disabilities. Transportation inequity among people with disabilities negatively impacts all aspects of their lives.

CURE SMA TRANSPORTATION PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES:

Cure SMA is committed to expanding accessible and equitable transportation options for individuals with SMA and their families. SMA community principles and priorities include:



Promote Accessible Air Travel for Individuals with SMA: All individuals with SMA should have the right to travel by air with dignity and respect, including being able to roll onto the aircraft with their own power wheelchair for those who utilize a mobility device. *Cure SMA will support efforts to achieve fully accessible air travel for individuals with SMA and other disabilities.*



Preserve Access to Non-Emergency Medical Transportation: Reliable, affordable, and accessible community transportation options must be available for individuals with SMA who do not drive and who rely on public transportation options for activities of daily living, including everything from school and work to medical appointments and social events. *Cure SMA will support efforts to preserve and expand non-emergency medical transportation options for individuals with SMA.*



Enhancing the Mobility of Individuals with SMA in Public Transportation: Reliable, affordable, and accessible community transportation options must be available for individuals with SMA who do not drive and who rely on public transportation options for activities of daily living, including everything from school and work to medical appointments and social events. *Cure SMA will support efforts to improve and expand accessible public transportation options, including disability-focused training and technical assistance, to enhance the mobility of individuals with SMA and other disabilities.*



Mandate Accessible Design and Prevent Discrimination in Innovative Transportation Options: Accessible transportation standards must be included in all new and future transportation technologies and advancements (e.g., autonomous vehicles) to promote mobility and prevent discriminate against individuals with SMA. *Cure SMA will support efforts to incentivize and standardize accessibility in the design and deployment of new transportation-related technologies and innovations that could improve transportation for individuals with SMA.*