

APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HART PARATRANSIT ORIGIN-TO-DESTINATION DRIVER ASSISTANCE

HART paratransit is generally a curb-to-curb transportation program that will pick up and drop off eligible riders between any two curbside points in the Town of Huntington. HART drivers providing basic curb-to-curb service will help individuals with disabilities who need assistance between the bus and curb (or pavement edge), with wheelchair lifts and ramps, and with the use of securement devices.

Use this form to apply for supplemental origin-to-destination driver assistance at a particular location, which would allow HART drivers to also accompany and assist the passenger along the entire accessible path of travel between the bus and the building's closest exterior door that is usable by the passenger. Supplemental origin-to-destination service or operating a bus on private property will be considered at the Town of Huntington's sole discretion.

HART drivers will not:

- Go beyond the doorway into any building, except to reach in as necessary to open or close the door
- Lock or unlock any door
- Assist a passenger using a wheelchair up or down steps or curbs
- Wait with passengers at their destination
- Handle a service animal

Customer name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Location at which additional, origin-to-destination driver assistance is requested:

To receive supplemental driver assistance at this location, ALL of these conditions must be met:

- The building entrance must be no more than 150 feet from the bus.
- The driver must be able to maintain sight of the bus at all times.
- There must be a safe and accessible path of travel from the bus to the building entrance.
- There must be a safe place to park on a public roadway or public parking lot.
- The parked bus must not block or impede traffic.

If any of the above conditions are not met, the location is considered non-serviceable for supplemental origin-to-destination driver assistance, and the driver will render basic curb-to-curb service at the location.

What supplemental driver assistance is requested at this location? (be specific)

Why is the supplemental driver assistance requested above needed?

Additional personal assistance:

HART bus drivers are not personal Care Attendants (PCAs) and are not permitted to provide assistance beyond what is outlined in this application. Passengers are responsible for making their own arrangements for any additional assistance needed. Pre-qualified passengers may ride with their PCA (at no additional charge) to provide that extra help.

All guidelines and restrictions outlined in the current Town of Huntington Paratransit User's Guide that are not addressed in this application will be applicable to this supplemental origin-to-destination service.

This application will be evaluated for safety as well as compliance with relevant policies before a determination is made regarding whether or not supplemental origin-to-destination driver assistance will be provided.

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete. I agree to hold the Town of Huntington harmless for property damage and/or personal injury that may arise from operating a bus on my property if applicable.

Applicant's signature

Date

Return this application to:

HART, 144 E 2nd Street, Huntington Station, NY 11746 or HartBus@HuntingtonNY.gov

For more information, call HART between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday at (631) 427-8287, email HartBus@HuntingtonNY.gov, or write HART, 144 E 2nd Street, Huntington Station, NY 11746.

===== THIS SECTION FOR HART USE ONLY =====

- Yes No Pathway from bus to nearest usable entrance is no more than 150 feet?
- Yes No Bus would be within sight at all times?
If no, explain: _____
- Yes No Pathway is safe? (Check surface, intrusions, structural integrity, etc.)
If no, explain: _____
- Yes No Pathway is accessible? (Check stairs, curbing, and degree of any inclines)
If no, explain: _____
- Yes No Safe parking space available where bus will not block or impede traffic?
Where: _____
If no, explain: _____
- Yes No Bus can be brought onto private property? (no backing onto roadway, clearance, etc.)
If no, explain: _____
- Yes No Driver assistance requested is within scope of program?
If no, explain: _____
- Yes No Applicant's statement supports the need for supplemental driver assistance?
If no, explain: _____