

# **City of West Plains Transit System**

## **ADA Complaint Procedures**

If you have a complaint about the accessibility of our Transit system or service or believe you have been discriminated against because of your disability, you can file a complaint addressed to **Brian Mitchell, Transportation Director**. Please provide all facts and circumstances surrounding your issue or complaint so we can fully investigate the incident.

### **How do you file a complaint?**

You can call us, download and use our ADA complaint form at [westplains.gov](http://westplains.gov), or request a copy of the form by writing or phoning City of West Plains – Transit, PO Box 710, West Plains, MO 65775 (417)256-7176.

You may file a signed, dated and written complaint no more than 180 days from the date of the alleged incident. The complaint should include:

- Your name, address and telephone number. (See Question 1 of the complaint form.)
- How, why, and when you believe you were discriminated against. Include as much specific, detailed information as possible about the alleged acts of discrimination, and any other relevant information. (See Questions 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 of the complaint form.)
- The names of any persons, if known, whom the Transportation Director could contact for clarity of your allegations. (See Question 10 of the complaint form.)

Please submit your complaint form to address listed below:

City of West Plains – Transportation Director Brian Mitchell  
PO Box 710  
West Plains, MO 65775

### **Do you need complaint assistance?**

If you are unable to complete a written complaint due to a disability or if information is needed in another language we can assist you. Please contact us at (417) 256-1241 or ([mike.falwell@westplains.gov](mailto:mike.falwell@westplains.gov)).

### **How will your complaint be handled?**

The City of West Plains – Transit System Transportation Director investigates complaints received no more than 180 days after the alleged incident. The City of West Plains – Transit System will process complaints that are complete. Once a completed complaint is received, The

City of West Plains – Transit System will review it to determine if The City of West Plains – Transit System has jurisdiction.

The City of West Plains – Transit System will generally complete an investigation within 90 days from receipt of a complaint. If more information is needed to resolve the case, The City of West Plains – Transit System may contact you. Unless a longer period is specified by The City of West Plains – Transit System, you will have ten (10) days from the date of the request to send the requested information. If the requested information is not received, The City of West Plains – Transit System may administratively close the case. A case may also be administratively closed if you no longer wish to pursue it.

After an investigation is complete, The City of West Plains – Transit System will send you a letter summarizing the results of the investigation, stating the findings and advising of any corrective action to be taken as a result of the investigation. If you disagree with The City of West Plains – Transit System’s determination, you may request reconsideration by submitting a request in writing to The City of West Plains – Transit System Director within seven (7) days after the date of The City of West Plains – Transit System’s letter, stating with specificity the basis for the reconsideration. The director will notify you of the decision either to accept or reject the request for reconsideration within ten (10) days. In cases where reconsideration is granted, the Transportation director will issue a determination letter to the complainant upon completion of the reconsideration review.

## **Do I have other options for filing a complaint?**

We encourage that you file the complaint with us. However, you may file a complaint with the Missouri Department of Transportation or the Federal Transit Administration.

Missouri Department of Transportation  
External Civil Rights Division Title VI Coordinator  
1617 Missouri Blvd P.O. Box 270  
Jefferson City, Mo 65102-0270

Federal Transit Administration  
Office of Civil Rights  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**The City of West Plains – Transit System  
ADA COMPLAINT FORM**

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Please mail or return this form to:

The City of West Plains – Transit System  
PO Box 710  
West Plains, MO 65775  
Email [brian.mitchell@westplains.gov](mailto:brian.mitchell@westplains.gov) Phone (417) 256-7176

**1. Complainant's name:**

Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Daytime telephone: ( )

E-mail address:

Do you prefer to be contacted via e-mail?  Yes  No

**2. Are you filing this complaint on your own behalf?**

Yes If YES, please go to question 6.  No If NO, please go to question 3.

**3. Please provide your name and address.**

Name of person filing complaint:

Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Daytime telephone: ( )

E-mail address:

Do you prefer to be contacted via e-mail?  Yes  No

**4. What is your relationship to the person for whom you are filing the complaint?**

**5. Please confirm that you have obtained the permission of the aggrieved party to file a complaint on their behalf.**

Yes, I have permission.  No, I do not have permission

**6. I believe that the discrimination I experienced was based on** (check all that apply)

Accessibility issue  Discrimination based on disability  Other

7. Date of alleged discrimination (Month, Day, Year):

8. Where did the alleged discrimination take place?

9. Explain as clearly as possible what happened and why you believe that you were discriminated against. Describe all of the persons that were involved. Include the name and contact information of the person(s) who discriminated against you (if known). Use the back of this form or separate pages if additional space is required.

10. Please list any and all witnesses' names and phone numbers/contact information. Use the back of this form or separate pages if additional space is required.

11. What type of corrective action would you like to see taken?

12. Have you filed a complaint with any other federal, state, or local agency, or with any federal or state court?  Yes If yes, check all that apply.  No

- Federal Agency (List agency's name)
- Federal Court (Please provide location)
- State Court
- State Agency (Specify agency)
- County Court (Specify court and county)
- Local Agency (Specify agency)

**13. Please provide information about a contact person at the agency/court where the complaint was filed.**

Name: Title:

Agency: Telephone: ( )

Address

City: State: Zip Code:

You may attach any written materials or other information that you think is relevant to your complaint.

Signature and date is required:

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If you completed Questions 3, 4 and 5, your signature and date is required

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Signature

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Date