

Mobility Initiatives For An Aging Population: A Scan of Current Practices, 2011



Overview:



Mobility Initiatives For An Aging Population: A Scan of Current Practices sets out to identify current mobility issues of older adults and examines innovative solutions in transportation, mobility and accessibility for an aging population. A total of 17 current practices or case studies are examined, eleven of which are in the United States. The case studies are divided into the following categories: Driving, Public Transportation and Taxis, Pedestrian Improvements, Planning Tools, and Innovative Technologies and Educational Programs. They address safety, accessibility and transportation choice to enhance mobility.

This study also provides demographic information and trends, and contains data supporting the phenomenal projected growth of the 65 and over population both citywide and by borough. According to citywide demographic projections, the older population is expected to increase 44.2 percent between the year 2000 and 2030.

Recently a number of important studies on the subject of aging have been released in response to the changing demographics of older adults. *Age-Friendly NYC* was issued by the Office of the Mayor in collaboration with the City Council and the New York Academy of Medicine in August of 2009, and identified 59 issues and initiatives relating to older adults. One of those initiatives was to "Conduct a study to better address the mobility needs of older New Yorkers." *Mobility Initiatives For An Aging Population* addresses that initiative. Thirteen of the 17 case studies in this document echo an issue or initiative that is included in *Age-Friendly NYC*. Both projects aim to make New York City a more livable city for its growing senior population by identifying practical applications to address the challenges that older New Yorkers face.



Case studies of innovative mobility solutions.


[View a larger image.](#)

Report:

The study is available as a [complete document](#) (20.1 mb) or by sections in PDF format:

- [Cover and Table of Contents](#) 1.9 MB)
- [01 - Executive Summary](#) 1.6 MB)
- [02 - Introduction](#) 12.5 MB)
- [03 - Case Studies](#) 1.8 MB)
- [04 - Driving - Roadway Improvements and Licensing Policy Changes](#) 4.7 MB)
- [05 - Public Transportation: Taxis and For-Hire](#) 2.6 MB)
- [06 - Pedestrian Improvements: Signage and Crosswalk](#) 1.6 MB)
- [07 - Planning Tools: Smart Growth and Street Design](#) 3.7 MB)
- [08 - Innovative Technologies and Educational Programs: Training and Technology Assistance](#) 1.8 MB)
- [09 - Driving - Roadway Improvements and Licensing Policy Changes](#) 0.6 MB)
- [10 - Recent Initiatives](#) 1.6 MB)
- [11 - Conclusion](#) 1.0 MB)
- [12 - Glossary](#) 0.2 MB)
- [13 - Literature Review](#) 0.6 MB)
- [14 - References](#) 0.5 MB)
- [15 - Credits](#) 2.1 MB)

Related Notes

-  Items accompanied by this symbol require the [free Adobe Acrobat Reader](#).