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Older Adults Access Rides With Amblicab's New Mobile and Online Apps

(COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.) [Amblicab](http://www.amblicab.org), a nonprofit organization providing specialized transportation in Colorado Springs, today launched the next generation of specialized transportation technology.

In April 2018 the nonprofit unveiled new mobile and online applications for scheduling and managing rides. Riders now have the freedom to request rides via their smartphone or computer, receive confirmations, and view all the rides they have scheduled.

Amblicab, which provides rides to older adults, low-income individuals, and those with disabilities, is one of the first agencies in the nation to offer this technology for specialized transportation, developed by its transit software partner, [RouteMatch](http://www.route-match.com).

One of the first riders to test Amblicab's new technology is Agnes Fatora, a 93-year-old Colorado Springs resident. She took to the online application quickly and without questions. "It was easy," she said after requesting her first two rides from her computer. JoAnn Bogart, a 76-year-old rider, had a similar response when she used the mobile app on her phone. "This is a lifesaver," she said. The staff at Amblicab is thrilled with how riders are embracing the technology. "We need to dispel the myth that older adults don't use or are afraid of technology," said Amblicab's Executive Director Gail Nehls.

"The agency is particularly excited about what this new technology means for older riders. Through a grant from [NextFifty Initiative](http://www.nextfiftyinitiative.org) in Denver, Amblicab is training older adults to access ride scheduling on their computers or mobile phones," said Nehls. "Typically when riders call to schedule rides, they write down the appointment on a piece of paper and have to keep track of it. This new technology means they can check online or on their phone whenever they want to see their scheduled rides. It provides them the reassurance they need."

Riders and others interested in downloading the application or receiving more information should contact Amblicab at 719-633-4601.

About Amblicab

Disability Services Inc., dba Amblicab, has been providing specialized transportation in the Colorado Springs area for more than 47 years and in-home support services for nearly three years. Its purpose is to promote access and support independent living with dignity. In 2017 the agency provided more than 22,000 rides to older adults, low-income individuals, and those with disabilities with its fleet of 10 specialized vehicles. It also provided in-home support services to nearly 70 individuals.

About NextFifty Initiative

NextFifty Initiative is an independent, Colorado-based, nonprofit organization. The organization was formed to create brighter, longer and healthier futures that unlock the potential of communities through an advanced grant making

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approach. Through this work, communities are positioned to fully benefit from the wisdom and diverse experiences of a thriving aging population. Our approach applies a multitude of lenses in funding high-yield aging solutions that benefit people age 50 and older. NextFifty Initiative focuses on both proactive and responsive grant making designed to support concepts, projects and innovations that will benefit generations for years to come.

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