

This year the BCRTA Social Concerns Committee is focusing on driving and transportation issues for our members.

There are two government programs that affect seniors and driving. One is a medical assessment required at age 80, the other is a fitness to drive assessment that can be required at any age but usually applies to seniors.

Each senior at the age of 80, whether accident free or not, is required to get a doctor's assessment of their ability to continue to drive. This costs them money and often considerable stress. While some receive a positive (you're fine) report, others may be referred for further assessment and/or a road test.

Under the fitness to drive program, a report from the police or health care provider may trigger an assessment that may include a DriveABLE test. (a cognitive fitness to drive test – not a road test).

For our members who would be forced to rely on public transportation if they lost their driver's license, we want to know if the community is furnished with accessible public transport - busses, HandyDart etc?

Please take a few minutes to note (point form is fine) the concerns around these or other transportation and driving issues that have come to your attention and suggestions for action if you have any.

We would particularly like to know about members who have had experiences with the DriveABLE program: why they took the test and any problems they experienced.

The committee would appreciate a return of this survey by January 10, 2012. (We will accept and appreciate any input on this topic at any time.)

Thank you

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Survey

1. Problems around the doctors report
2. Problems around the DriveABLE assessment
3. Problems around public transportation
4. Other