

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

1 Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, in keeping with its
2 longstanding commitment to social welfare, is very concerned about the essential
3 transportation needs of America's senior citizen population.

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5 Because the majority of American seniors live in suburban and rural areas, they depend
6 on automobiles for mobility and independence. But with seniors now outliving their
7 ability to drive by an average of six to ten years, there is an urgent need to develop and
8 expand alternative transportation services so seniors can meet their basic needs and
9 maintain their independence and quality of life.

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11 Hadassah calls upon the federal, state and local governments to address the unique
12 transportation needs of seniors by:

- 13 • significantly increasing funding for senior transportation;
14 • allocating funds for innovative local programs;
15 • providing central coordination for all transportation programs;
16 • allowing more flexibility in the use of funds; and
17 • addressing the essential needs of seniors in future transportation planning and
18 decision-making.