

*Supporting the needs of Texas' public transportation systems through statewide advocacy and education.*

**It's Official! TTA 2026 Annual Conference, Expo, and Roadeo**

We are thrilled to announce the highly anticipated TTA 2026 Annual Conference, Expo, and Roadeo will be hosted by Citibus in Lubbock, Texas from April 28– May 2, 2026!



**Conference & Expo:** April 28—April 30, 2026  
**State Bus Roadeo:** May 1—May 2, 2026

**Hosted By:**



This event has become one of the most requested and celebrated gatherings in the Texas Transit community—and for good reasons. Whether you're a returning attendee or considering joining us for the first time, our Conference, Expo, and Roadeo offers valuable opportunities to connect, learn, and grow with transit professionals from across the State.

We're raising the bar once again with engaging presentations, workshops, and powerful networking that make TTA stand out.

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for updates on hotel information, sponsorship opportunities, registration, and more. Planning is already underway, we can't wait to see you in Lubbock!

**Call for Presentation Abstracts**

**Have something to share?** The Conference Planning Committee is now accepting presentation abstracts! If you have an innovative session topic, a success story, or expertise that can benefit others in transit industry, we want to hear from you. This is your chance to inspire, educate, and contribute to a dynamic lineup of conference content.

[Link to submits abstract](#)

## A Fun Night at the Punch Bowl Social

We had a fantastic time at our Evening Reception on July 8 at the Punch Bowl Social! It was a great opportunity for attendees to relax, connect, and enjoy some well-deserved fun after a full day of learning and networking.



This memorable evening wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors, **HTG and A-Z Bus Sales.**



Thank you for helping us create a lively and welcoming atmosphere for our guests!



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### TTA's No-Show / Late Cancellation Fee Notice

To better serve our members and ensure the most efficient use of resources, the Texas Transit Association (TTA) will implement a No-Show/Late Cancellation Fee for all Statewide training courses, effective **September 1, 2025**.

While TTA continues to offer these high-quality training opportunities **at no cost to participants**, there are real costs associated with hosting each course—such as printed materials, venue arrangements, and instructor fees. When individuals fail to attend or cancel at the last minute, it can result in unused seats, wasted resources, and missed opportunities for others who would have liked to participate.

To address this challenge and promote greater accountability, TTA will begin enforcing a **\$150 No-Show/Late Cancellation Fee** under the following conditions:

- **No-Show:** The participant registers but does not attend the course without providing advance notice (see Cancellation Policy).
- **Late Cancellation:** The participant cancels **less than 72 hours** before the scheduled start of the course.

We understand that emergencies happen. Participants who must cancel due to unexpected circumstances may request a fee waiver by contacting TTA directly.

This policy is not intended to penalize, but rather to improve our ability to plan, reduce unnecessary costs, and **maximize participation** in these valuable training sessions. With your help, we can ensure that every available seat is filled.

For questions or to request a cancellation or waiver, please contact:

[Laura Herrera](#) or [Allen Hunter](#).

Thank you for your continued support and participation in TTA's training programs. We appreciate your understanding.



## TTA's Paratransit Maintenance Training—San Antonio, TX

September 23-24, 2025 | Hosted by VIA Metropolitan Transit



This hands-on Paratransit Maintenance Training will provide participants with practical knowledge and skills to perform effective preventive maintenance and identify common defects in paratransit vehicles.

The training will emphasize best practices in vehicle care, system troubleshooting, and maintenance documentation. Attendees will work through real-world maintenance scenarios and receive take-home digital resources to support ongoing learning.

Designed for paratransit maintenance technicians, this session is focused on enhancing operational efficiency, minimizing vehicle downtime, and promoting the long-term safety and reliability of transit fleets.

**Location:** VIA Metropolitan Transit, San Antonio, TX

**Date:** September 23-24, 2025

**Time:** 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Day 1

8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Day 2

**Registration Link:**



### [Paratransit Maintenance Technician Workshop - Texas Transit Association](#)

Don't miss this opportunity to gain targeted training and network with peers in the industry.

## NEMT Workshop Brings Transit Partners Together for Solutions

The NEMT Workshop, held on July 8, brought together transit agencies and representatives from SafeRide and MTM for a much needed dialogue on the challenges surrounding Medicaid transportation. This workshop was designed to foster open conversation and problem solving between all key stakeholders. Thank you to everyone who participated.



### Clean Energy Project Turns Trash into Renewable Natural Gas

VIA Metropolitan Transit celebrated the third year of a partnership providing sustainable solutions for public buses alongside key local project stakeholders – Republic Services, EDL and CPS Energy – at EDL’s state-of-the-art Tessman Road Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) facility on July 1, 2025.



Since inception of operations in 2022, the partners have worked together to support San Antonio’s transition to a low-carbon future – transforming methane-rich landfill gas into home-grown RNG for Texans and helping power VIA’s fleet of compressed natural gas (CNG) buses.

Republic Services Tessman Road Landfill, which employs close to 50 people, sends 5,700 standard cubic feet per minute (SCFM) of gas to the RNG facility, captured from a network of 265 gas recovery wells.

“Our vision is to partner with customers to create a more sustainable world now and for future generations,” said Republic Services General Manager Bill Rich. “Through partnerships like these, we are converting the community’s waste into a lower-carbon fuel source that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and brings us closer to our goal of beneficially reusing 50 percent more of our biogas by 2030.” [Read Full Article Here](#)

### Roll Out with Island Metro



Island Metro is up with the sun and ready to roll...

They are serving South Padre Island, Port Isabel, and Laguna Heights with free public transportation every day.

Service Hours:  
Monday—Sunday | 7 AM—9 PM

### Share Your Transit Story!

Have a powerful, funny, or heartwarming story about public transportation? We’d love to hear it! Help us shine a light on the real people and moments that keep our communities moving.

Email your story to Laura at [laura@txtransit.org](mailto:laura@txtransit.org).



## SWART Moves the Needle in Rural Mobility Management

The Southwest Area Regional Transit District continues to lead the way in rural mobility management through innovation, collaboration, and a commitment to improving rider experience across the Middle Rio Grande Region. As one of Texas' trailblazers in public transportation, SWART has not only enhanced its service delivery but has also contributed meaningfully to the evolving field of mobility management. In partnership with Shah Software, SWART developed an innovative software platform—Mobility Connect—tailored specifically for mobility management operations. This powerful and affordable tool is designed to help mobility managers track case management activities, manage referrals, facilitate outreach, and streamline coordination with community partners, all while integrating with various scheduling systems.

At the core of Mobility Connect is SWART's Southwest Initiative for Mobility (SWIM) program, which began in December 2019. SWIM has evolved into a robust and vital service, addressing rider barriers to transit use through comprehensive support. The platform supports mobility managers in maintaining detailed case files, recording communication with clients and partners, logging travel training and education efforts, and automating calendar tasks—integrating seamlessly with Google and Outlook calendars. Mobility Connect also features built-in communication tools that allow mobility managers to email resource partners directly from the system, improving collaboration and response times. The platform includes document management capabilities, enabling staff to upload and store forms, client documentation, and even sign-in sheets from community events—creating a centralized, organized, and easily accessible case management record.

Designed with mobility in mind, the platform works across all devices—including computers, tablets, and smartphones—allowing mobility managers to enter data in real time while conducting outreach or making home visits. “It makes it easy for the mobility managers to data enter information in real time while providing outreach or home visits for case management,” states Sarah Hidalgo-Cook, SWART General Manager. “Our goal was to find a platform that supported our specific needs in mobility management. After polling other professionals across the country, we discovered most were still relying on Excel spreadsheets to track their work,” Hidalgo-Cook explains. “We knew we needed more—a tool that could track our dynamic case management, outreach, and travel training efforts while also linking with transit scheduling systems. When we couldn't find one, we developed it.”

Mobility Connect interfaces not only with Shah Software's Transit Manager scheduling and optimization system, but it is also designed to connect with any scheduling platform. This flexibility allows mobility managers to directly schedule rides, track service utilization, and calculate the economic impact of their services—providing transit agencies with real, actionable data. Through an intuitive dashboard, the platform offers a suite of robust reports covering daily activity, Title VI outreach, resource utilization, and more. It enables providers to analyze the role mobility management plays in supporting public transit and building community partnerships. Support for SWIM and the development of Mobility Connect has come through diverse funding sources, including Section 5310 funds, the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), AARP, and the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health. Additionally, SWART launched its nonprofit arm, Partners In Transit, Inc., in 2023, which officially began operations as a 501(c)(3) in May 2024. This entity has helped secure funding and expand the reach and impact of mobility management initiatives in the region.

Mobility Connect made its national debut at the National Mobility Management Association's (NMMA) Annual Conference in April 2025, held in Edmond, Oklahoma. SWART and Shah Software are scheduled to present the platform again at the RTAP National Conference in December in Austin. “Some riders need more assistance than others. Mobility Connect allows our team to collaborate with partners to ensure those needs are met efficiently and compassionately,” adds Hidalgo-Cook. “It's about helping individuals achieve mobility self-sufficiency and making rural transit more accessible for all.” Mobility Connect stands out as a cost-effective and scalable solution for transit providers and mobility management organizations across the country, offering an opportunity to transform how services are tracked, analyzed, and delivered.

For more information about SWART's mobility management services or the Mobility Connect platform, contact Sarah Hidalgo-Cook at 830-900-9929 or [scCook@paseoswart.org](mailto:scCook@paseoswart.org). So see a preview of the Mobility Connect Platform, please see the following link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eMNF6kYVYY7yrV18S46QOziHkMjmSwd/view>

## CCRTA unveils new look for its fleet of buses

CCRTA unveils new bus fleet and marks an important investment in modern, accessible, and environmentally responsible transportation for their region. These new compressed natural gas-operated buses will be hitting area roads soon. These buses represent progress, not only in infrastructure, but in the daily lives of the people who rely on public transit.

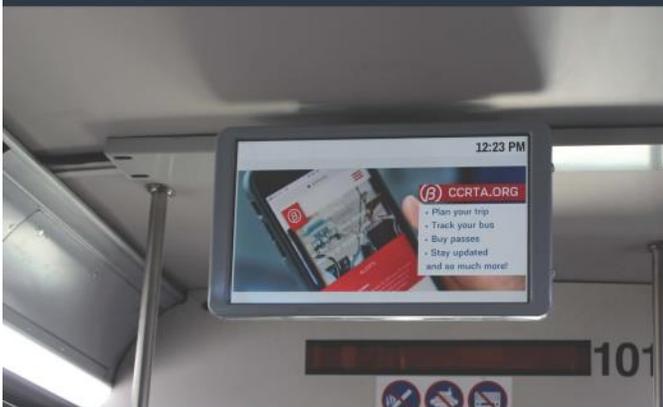


### CAD/AVL SYSTEM

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## TTA Statewide Training Initiative

These courses are offered at **no cost**, but space is limited, so make sure that you and your staff don't miss out. This training opportunity is made possible with a grant through TxDOT.

### August

#### Understanding Cost Allocation

August 5, 2025

Webinar

10:00 a.m.—11:30 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

### August

#### Understanding Transit Asset Management

August 12-13, 2025

In-person

8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Day 1

8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Day 2

[Register Here](#)

### August

#### CARES Transit Fleet Management and Maintenance

August 26-28, 2025

In-person

8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Each Day

[Register Here](#)

### September

#### Introduction to Travel Training

September 8-9, 2025

In-person

8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Each Day

[Register Here](#)

### September

#### Paratransit Maintenance Technician Workshop

September 23-24, 2025

In-person

8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Day 1

8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Day 2

[Register Here](#)

### September

#### CARES Advanced Transit Management

September 30-Oct 1, 2025

In-Person

8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Each Day

[Register Here](#)

**Please note:** We've introduced a new [No-Show/Late Cancellation Fee Policy](#). We encourage you to review the full policy on our website or on [page 5](#) of this document to ensure you're aware of the updated guidelines.

[Click here for Training Calendar](#)

## Newsletter Sponsorship

Sponsoring the TTA newsletter, by purchasing ad space, can be a powerful way to reach decision makers at member agencies across the state. It will also help to increase exposure in a receptive environment (your customers inbox) and can subtly promote your brand whilst gaining goodwill throughout the entire association. TTA newsletters are a particularly useful tool for communicating with customers, building engagement, and directing customers to key content.



### TTA Member Price

Full Page Ad single issue	\$500
Full Page One Year	\$2,000
Half Page Ad single issue	\$250
Half Page One Year	\$1,000
Business card Ad single issue	\$100
Business card One Year	\$500

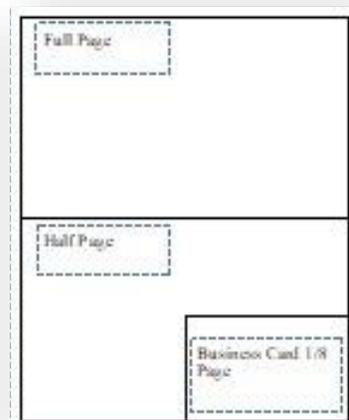
### Non-Member Price

Full Page Ad single issue	\$750
Full Page One Year	\$3,000
Half Page Ad single issue	\$400
Half Page One Year	\$2,000
Business card Ad single issue	\$200
Business card One Year	\$1,000

There are sponsorship levels available for any budget. You are able to sponsor a single issue or the entire year. For more information or to start your ad please contact:

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## Time for Membership Renewal

As we move forward with our commitment to advancing public transportation in Texas, we invite all members to renew their membership for another impactful year. Together, we are shaping the future of transit and ensuring communities across Texas benefit from safe, efficient, and sustainable transportation options. Renewing your TTA membership means staying connected, informed, and engaged in the collective work we are all doing to support Texas transit.

### Why Renew Your Membership?

Here's a glance at what your membership offers:

Not a Member?  
Join Today!  
Contact us (512) 900-0550  
[laura@txtransit.org](mailto:laura@txtransit.org) or [allen@txtransit.org](mailto:allen@txtransit.org)

- Networking Opportunities**  
Connect with other transit professionals, leaders, and industry advocates across Texas. Share ideas, discuss solutions, and collaborate on projects that matter to you and your community.
- Discounts on Event Registration**  
Enjoy member-only rates for TTA's major events, including our annual State Conference, Expo, and Rodeo. This year's event, took place in McAllen from March 7-12, 2025, it was packed with insights, innovations, and networking opportunities!
- Advocacy and Legislative Updates**  
TTA represents your voice in State discussions, advocating for policies that support public transportation in Texas. Stay informed and involved in these crucial efforts to make positive changes for our communities.

**Renew your membership for the term September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026**

## Upcoming Dates of Interest:

**AUG** August 5, 2025  
Understanding Cost Allocation

**SEP** September 23-24, 2025  
Paratransit Maintenance Technician

**AUG** August 12-13, 2025  
Understanding Transit Asset Mangement

**SEP** September 14-17, 2025  
APTA TRANSform Conference

**AUG** August 26-28, 2025  
CARES Transit Fleet Mng & Maint

**OCT** October 2-4, 2025  
Latino's in Transit Leadership Summit

