

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

Registration is now open for TTA's 2026 Conference, Expo, & Rodeo!



Don't Miss Out! Watch the **Lubbock Invitation Video** and be a part of the Excitement!

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We're thrilled to announce that **Registration** is now open for TTA's highly anticipated 2026 State Conference, Expo, and Rodeo to be held April 28-May 2, 2026 in Lubbock. For the latest conference updates including schedules, hotel information, and more please visit our **TTA website**. That's where you'll always find the most current details as we get closer to the event. Reminder to use your Member Access Code to save.

Highlights include:

- Texas State Rodeo Competition
- New Paratransit Maintenance Competition
- Multiple General Sessions & Breakout sessions
- TTA's Annual Awards Presentation
- Full Expo featuring Vendors, Vehicles, & Mini Golf Classic
- Multiple Networking Opportunities, including a Welcome Reception and Big Night Out!

Now Accepting Award Nominations and Abstract Submissions

TTA is now accepting nominations for the **2026 Texas Transit Awards**! This is your chance to recognize outstanding individuals or agencies that have demonstrated excellence in public transportation across the state. Whether it's an exceptional leader, agency, or an innovative program making a difference, we want to hear about it. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate their achievements!

Submit your nomination: [Award Nomination Link](#)

The Call for Abstracts is Now Open! Do you have a story to tell, a project to showcase, or a solution that's moving the industry forward? We want to hear from you!

Submit your abstract today: [Abstract Submission Link](#)

Deadline to submit nominations and abstract presentations is December 15, 2025

Congratulations to Oscar Gomez, LIT Member of the Year

TTA proudly congratulates **Mr. Oscar Gomez**, Marketing and Communications Manager at El Metro Transit, for being named the **Latinos In Transit (LIT) Member of the Year!**

Oscar received this prestigious honor during the **LIT Leadership Summit** held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where transit professionals and advocates from across the country gathered to celebrate leadership, innovation, and community impact within the industry.



This award recognized Oscar's exceptional leadership, creativity, and unwavering dedication to advancing public transit not only in Laredo, but throughout Texas and beyond. His efforts to strengthen community engagement, elevate public awareness of transit initiatives, and champion diversity and inclusion in the industry exemplify the very best of what Latinos In Transit stands for.



At El Metro Transit, Oscar has played an instrumental role in shaping effective communication strategies and promoting meaningful connections between the agency and the community it serves. His work highlights the power of storytelling and outreach in making public transportation more visible, accessible, and valued by all.

TTA commends Oscar for his outstanding contributions and for representing the Texas transit community with pride and professionalism on a national stage.

Congratulations, Oscar, on this well-deserved recognition! Your passion and dedication continue to inspire all of us in the transit industry.



Laura Herrera, TTA, Oscar Gomez, El Metro Transit System, Mike Rendon, CCRTA and Allen Hunter, TTA.

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.



DART Celebrates the Opening of the Silver Line

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) invited the public to join a full day of community celebrations on Saturday, October 25, 2025, marking the opening of the new Silver Line Regional Rail with festivities at all 10 stations from Plano to DFW Airport. The entire DART system will be fare free for all riders on Saturday, with the Silver Line continuing to be fare free for two weeks through November 8.



The celebrations began with two invitation-only events: a ribbon cutting at UT Dallas on October 23 and an official opening ceremony for their partners, government officials and dignitaries on October 24, leading into Saturday's region-wide community celebrations, which are open to the public.

Each Silver Line station hosted its own community celebration from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., showcasing the spirit of the cities along the line: Plano, Richardson, Addison, Carrollton, Dallas, Coppell, and Grapevine.



Plan your trip in the GoPass app or visit DART.org/SilverLine to view the full schedule!

REAL Transportation Parade Day Magic



REAL Transportation rolled through Jim Wells County Fair Parade and had an absolute blast! This event is one of the biggest and brightest in their community and it was fantastic for them to be a part of the celebration. There's nothing like seeing their town come alive with energy, pride, and good vibes.



FTA Administrator Joined the House Committee on Transportation

FTA Administrator Marc Molinaro joined the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for a roundtable on restoring public trust in transit. Their discussion focused on:

- Working with our federal partners to improve security
- Holding transit agencies accountable for safety
- Preparing transit systems for the 2026 FIFA World Cup
- Protecting frontline transit workers from assaults



Upcoming National Events: Halloween and Daylight Saving Time



Friday, October 31, 2025

Sunday, November 2, 2025
Daylight Saving Time
Set Your Clocks Back One Hour



National Survey on CDL Licensing, Training, and Testing



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The Transportation Research Board is seeking input from staff who recruit, train, or work with transit operators, or those who are otherwise knowledgeable of the Commercial Driver Licensing (CDL). Provide your feedback on



Strengths of current successful CDL programs



Barriers and Improvement Opportunities that transit agencies and operators face in the CDL process



Take the Survey
surveymonkey.com/r/F34-CDL



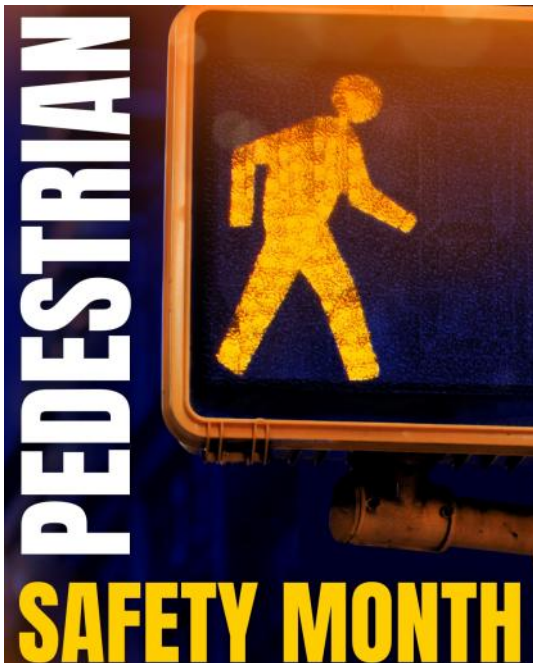
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The survey will be open until November 7, 2025 and can be accessed by visiting:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F34-Listserv>.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: Pedestrian Safety

8 Safety Tips for Drivers



1. Slow down. Speeding endangers not only the life of the speeder, but everyone on the road around them, including pedestrians.
2. Look out for pedestrians everywhere and minimize blind spots. Learn how to maximize visibility with enhanced mirror settings.
3. Exercise extra caution at nighttime or in bad weather, since pedestrians can be harder to see and may appear suddenly.
4. Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop well back from the cross walk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the pedestrians so they can stop too.
5. Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.
6. Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing where you can't see.
7. Follow the speed limit, especially around people on the street, in school zones and in neighborhoods where children are present.
8. Be extra cautious when backing up and look for pedestrians.

6th National RTAP Conference in Austin, TX



Wrangling Access and Mobility in Rural and Tribal Transit

December 7-10, 2025 in Austin Texas

The National Rural Transit Assistance Program (National RTAP) invites you to participate in the 6th National RTAP Conference, Wrangling Access and Mobility in Rural and Tribal Transit, to be held December 7-10, 2025, in Austin, TX at the Hyatt Regency Austin, 208 Barton Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78704. The Transportation Research Board (TRB) is the conference co-sponsor.

Registration information and related materials can be found at <https://www.nationalrtap.org/News/Conference/2025-Austin>.

The National RTAP conference in Austin will provide targeted rural and Tribal training and technical assistance; attendance is an eligible State RTAP expense. The National RTAP conference includes training to build compliance and program implementation capacity in State program staff and rural and Tribal transit agencies.

Five Topical Conference Tracks, plus preconference/conference workshops

- Administration and Compliance
- Coordination and Planning
- Operations and Technology
- Training and Guidance
- Innovations and Research
- Workshops
 - Grant Writing
 - Financial Management
 - Planning
 - Others

Waco Transit System Inspiring Future Transit Riders



Waco Transit System was excited to welcome a local Pre-K class for a behind-the-scenes look at how they keep their community moving. It's never too early to inspire future transit riders!

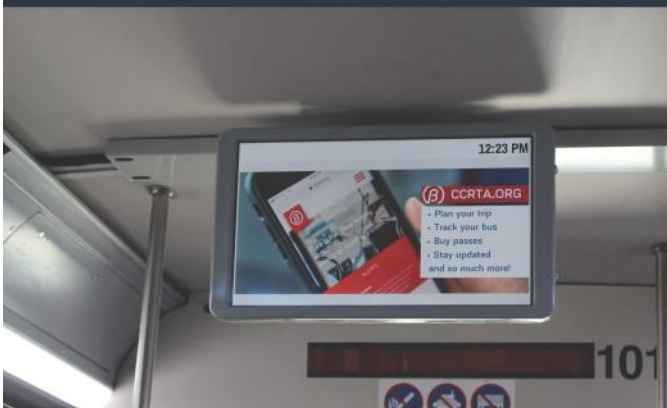


CAD/AVL SYSTEM

WORK SMARTER WITH NAVINEO: THE POWER OF CAD/AVL REINVENTED

EQUANS **redefines public transit operations** and **support improvement of service reliability** with **real-time CAD/AVL functionality**.

EQUANS is proud to support CCRTA, in Corpus Christi, TX, to upgrade their Fixed route, CAD/AVL, APC and Intelligent Transportation System.



CONTACT US

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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.

November

Promising Practices for Conflict Resolution, Harassment Prevention, and Dealing with Workplace Violence

November 4-5, 2025

In-person (Austin, TX)

8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. each day

[Register Here](#)

November

Bringing Your Coordinated Plan to Life: Making Your Plan a Reality

November 6, 2025

In-person (Austin, TX)

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

November

Considerations for Microtransit as a Part of an Integrated Transit System

November 13, 2025

Webinar

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

November

Best Practices in Public Engagement and Meeting Facilitation

November 18, 2025

Webinar

10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

[Register Here](#)

Upcoming Training:

- Effective Communication and Disability Etiquette
- How Passengers with Disabilities Travel
- GM & Transit Director Interactive Roundtable on Challenges in Transit

[Click here for Training Calendar](#)

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 the next page of this document to ensure you're aware of the updated guidelines.

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.



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.

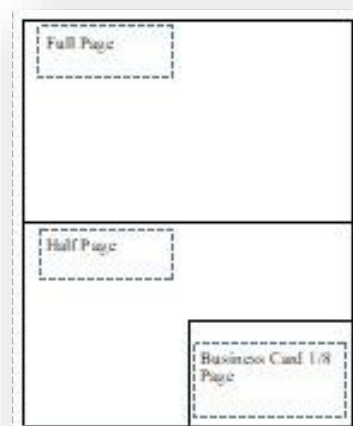


TTA Member Price		Non-Member Price	
Full Page Ad single issue	\$500	Full Page Ad single issue	\$750
Full Page One Year	\$2,000	Full Page One Year	\$3,000
Half Page Ad single issue	\$250	Half Page Ad single issue	\$400
Half Page One Year	\$1,000	Half Page One Year	\$2,000
Business card Ad single issue	\$100	Business card Ad single issue	\$200
Business card One Year	\$500	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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Membership Announcement

October 2025

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:

- **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 Roadeo. Next year's event will take place in Lubbock from April 28 - May 2, 2026, it will be 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.

Not a Member?

Join Today!

Contact us (512) 900-0550

laura@txtransit.org or allen@txtransit.org

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

Upcoming Dates of Interest:

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December 7-10, 2025
National RTAP Conference

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December 7-10, 2025
APTA Safety and Risk Management

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March 30—April 2, 2026
2026 SWTA Conference & Expo

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April 28—May 2, 2026
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