

Nominations Open for the 2026 Texas Transit Awards!



2025 Outstanding Metropolitan
Transit System: SunMetro

It's that time of year, where TTA shines a spotlight on excellence! Nominations are now open to submit nominees for the 2026 Texas Transit Awards! We need your help to recognize the individuals and organizations making a meaningful impact across our State.

Whether it's outstanding leadership, innovation, customer service, or community partnership, this is your opportunity to honor the people who help move Texas forward.

Deadline to Submit: December 15, 2025

Click here to nominate: [Award Nomination Link](#)

2026 Award Categories:

Outstanding Metropolitan Transit System • Outstanding Urban Transit System • Outstanding Rural Transit System • Outstanding Customer Service Employee • Outstanding Associate Member • Outstanding Public Transportation General Manager • Outstanding Public Transportation Coordinator • Outstanding Staff Member • Distinguished Service Award • Rising Star Award • Friend of Transit • Transit Innovation Award

TTA 2026 Conference, Expo & Rodeo Registration Now Open!

Registration is now open for TTA 2026 State Conference, Expo, and Rodeo to be held April 28-May 2, 2026 in Lubbock. Don't forget to ask for your member access code for the membership rate.

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.

Hosted By:



Don't Miss Out! Watch the [Lubbock Invitation Video](#) and be a part of the Excitement!

The Call for Abstracts is Now Open! Submit your abstract today: [Abstract Submission Link](#)

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

Showcase Your Brand at the 2026 TTA Conference, Expo, & Rodeo

The 2026 TTA Conference, Expo, and Rodeo in Lubbock will bring together agencies, innovators, and industry partners from every corner of Texas and we'd love to have you there as a sponsor.



A limited number of Expo Mini Golf Hole Sponsorships are Now Available!

Don't miss out on the limited number of Expo Mini Golf Hole Sponsorships and the many other Key Sponsorships available. Our Expo Hall consistently sells out and for good reason! Remember, this is chance to build relationships and grow your visibility.

Visit our website for all [2026 Sponsorship Opportunities](#).

Registration is now open!

Happy Thanksgiving from TTA

As we gather with friends, family, and colleagues this season, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of you who work each day to keep Texas moving. Your dedication, service, and commitment to your communities make a difference year-round.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful, safe, and restful Thanksgiving. We are grateful for each of you and the important work you do.

Happy Thanksgiving!



2026 Texas State Rodeo in Lubbock

The TTA State Rodeo is a proud tradition that honors the exceptional abilities of our transit operators and maintenance teams, the true heartbeat of our transit systems. This thrilling event brings together the best of the best to demonstrate precision driving, expert troubleshooting, and the highest commitment to passenger care.



Save the Date
2026 Texas State Rodeo
May 1-2, 2026
Lubbock, TX

Hosted By:



Competition Divisions Include:

- 40 ft Bus
- 35 ft Bus
- Paratransit/Van
- Maintenance Team (Heavy)
- Paratransit Maintenance Team

Rodeo Registration Now Open!

For the latest conference updates including schedules, hotel information, and more please visit our [TTA website](#).



Volunteers and Judges needed

You can participate in the Rodeo even if you aren't a driver! Please help us by volunteering for the various scoring elements around the competition site on Saturday, May 2nd. All judges and volunteers will need to attend the briefings on Friday, May 1st. Judges and volunteers will receive a T-shirt, breakfast and lunch during the Rodeo.

[2026 Rodeo Judges and Volunteers Sign up Here!](#)

Important Note: Anyone wishing to attend the Rodeo Award Banquet will need to purchase a ticket in advance. Tickets are \$75 each and will not be sold at the door.

Rodeo Awards Banquet

The Rodeo Awards Banquet is an evening dedicated to celebrating the incredible competitors and their achievements. Operators and Maintenance competitors receive a complimentary ticket to this special event.

Note: all guests and family members are required to purchase tickets in advance, and availability is limited.

Tickets are \$75 each and will sell out quickly!



McAllen Rodeo Awards Banquet, McAllen, TX.

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

Ride the Rio! New Public Transit for New Braunfels



Public transit for New Braunfels is Here!

Rio, New Braunfels' new on-demand micro-transit service, has officially launched, bringing flexible, affordable, and convenient transportation to residents and visitors across town.

Learn more: newbraunfels.gov/rio

Ride VIA Fare-Free

VIA Metropolitan Transit is proud to once again partner with the Raul Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner and H-E-B to provide complimentary transportation to and from the Raul Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 27 and the H-E-B Christmas Tree Lighting on Nov. 28

Guests can enjoy fare-free trips on bus, VIA Link or VIAtrans services.

The Raul Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 27 at the Henry B. González Convention Center (900 E. Market St.). The beloved annual tradition features a holiday meal, live entertainment and dancing, all prepared and served by volunteers on Thanksgiving Day.

The H-E-B Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration will be held on Nov. 28 at Travis Park (301 E. Travis St.). Festivities begin at 4 p.m., with the tree lighting scheduled for 6 p.m.

Customers can ride for free by informing the operator they are attending one of the two events. For route and schedule information, call (210) 362-2020 or visit viainfo.net.



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.



\$2 Billion Investment in Modernizing America's Transit Bus Infrastructure

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy announced investing \$2 billion in 165 transit projects in 45 states and Washington, D.C. The funds will deliver 2,400 buses built with American parts and labor—a proud example of President Trump's America First agenda.

Funding from the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) [Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program](#) and the [Low or No Emission Grant Program](#) will help modernize America's bus infrastructure, reduce traffic congestion, and help people travel more efficiently and affordably. These competitive grants will also create good-paying jobs in both rural and urban communities across the country.

Read FTA's full article [here](#).



Derrick Majchszak, CEO, CCRTA & Marc Molinaro, FTA Administrator.

Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA) has been awarded \$46,280,000 for funding to replace its aging maintenance facility.

The new facility will provide modern working bays for fleet maintenance and repairs, spaces for parts and receiving, electronics work, and facilities upkeep. The facility will also support workforce through safe, climate-controlled environments and training areas. “This investment will streamline our operations, provide a safe working environment for our maintenance employees, and bolster the reliability of our transportation network,” said Derrick Majchszak, CCRTA Chief Executive Officer.

This significant investment strengthens Brazos Transit District's commitment to safe, sustainable mobility for the communities they proudly serve. They thank their local, state, and federal partners for recognizing the importance of regional mobility and the role BTD plays in supporting economic opportunity, education, healthcare access, and community growth throughout the College Station-Bryan urbanized area.



A full breakdown of the project selections is available [here](#).

Two Important Surveys Now Open

As we continue strengthening the voice of Texas transit, your feedback plays a key role in shaping our priorities. TTA is currently conducting two important surveys, and we are asking all agencies to take a moment to participate.

Legislative Priorities Survey

As we prepare for the upcoming legislative session, we want to ensure that our advocacy efforts align with the issues that matter most to you. This survey allows agencies to identify challenges, opportunities, and policy priorities that should shape TTA's legislative agenda. Your input helps us speak with a unified voice at the Capitol.

Survey Link: [Legislative Priorities Survey](#)

Wage & Compensation Survey (Last Call)

Understanding compensation trends across the State is essential as we work to support workforce development and help agencies stay competitive. This survey collects information on wages, benefits, and staffing structures so we can build a clear picture of industry benchmarks. Your participation helps us develop resources and guidance that reflect the real needs of our transit workforce.

Survey Link: [TTA Wage Survey](#)

Both surveys are brief, but the value of your responses is significant. When transit agencies share their perspectives, we gain the insight needed to better represent and support systems of every size across Texas.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to participate in these important surveys. Your feedback truly guides the direction of our association..



TxDOT's News: Veterans Day Story

Throughout November, in observance of Veterans Day, we recognize and express our gratitude to all of our military veterans for their dedication, sacrifices, and invaluable service to our nation.

One of our veteran heroes is Ms. Carol McCoy, a retired Lieutenant Commander with 23 years of Navy service, who has always valued her independence. Yet when she found herself unable to drive more than ten miles from home, she discovered how essential the Gulf Coast Transit District Veteran's Service was for her well-being. The veteran transport buses became her life-

line, providing reliable access to medical and psychological appointments at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Hospital in Houston. Whenever Ms. McCoy boarded the Gulf Coast VA Bus, she felt a sense of camaraderie among her fellow veterans. Conversations flowed easily, laughter echoed down the aisles, and sometimes, the group would break into song. These moments transformed routine trips into treasured experiences, reinforcing the bonds they shared. For veterans who use wheelchairs or face other mobility challenges, the bus service is irreplaceable.

One of the drivers that transports Ms. McCoy to her medical appointments is Mr. Warren Jackson. Mr. Jackson has served as a dedicated driver with Gulf Coast Transit District for two and a half years, providing transportation services for veterans from Galveston County to the Michael E. DeBakey VA Hospital in Houston, Texas. When asked what he finds rewarding about driving veterans to their appointments at the VA hospital, Mr. Jackson expressed that he is honored to serve individuals who have risked their lives for others and to be able to transport them to their medical appointments brings him great joy!



Lt. Commander Navy Carol McCoy
(veteran)



Warren Jackson, driver for Gulf Coast Transit District

Executive Director Ted Ross conveyed his understanding of the importance of supporting veterans in need, citing his personal experience as the father of four sons who served in the military. He also expressed his appreciation and honor to serve veterans everyday by providing transportation services.

For Ms. McCoy and countless others, this transportation benefit is not for just convenience, but also connection, support, and comradery.

GoBus Celebrates their Brand-new GoBus Facility



GoBus could hardly believe that their brand-new GoBus facility is up and running! It's been YEARS in the making, and with it completed, they look forward to providing East Texas with even safer, more reliable, and friendlier transit services!



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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.



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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.

December

Effective Communication and Disability Etiquette

December 9, 2025

Webinar

10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

[Register Here](#)

December

How Passengers with Disabilities Travel

December 11, 2025

Webinar

10:00 a.m.—11:300 a.m.

[Register Here](#)

December

GM & Transit Director Interactive Roundtable on Challenges in Transit

December 16, 2025

Webinar

9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

[Register Here](#)

[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) implemented 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

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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Membership Announcement

November 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

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[2026 SWTA Conference & Expo](#)

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