



2026 TTA State Conference, Expo, and Rodeo Post-Conference Workshops Friday, May 1, 2026

AI Workshop: The Smarter Way to Deploy

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Presenter: Stephen Kuban

Registration Link: [AI Workshop: The Smarter Way to Deploy Transit Tech - Event Registration](#)

Description: Building on the teaser session, this interactive workshop provides hands-on experience with AI tools applied to an important challenge facing rural transit agencies: effective technology procurement. Participants will learn how to use AI to research software vendors, evaluate through scenarios, and make better technology decisions faster. What Participants Will Learn:

- How to use AI to research and compare transit technology vendors objectively.
 - Building scenario-based evaluation criteria that expose what matters most.
 - Drafting RFP sections and evaluation rubrics using AI acceleration.
 - Strategies for aligning internal stakeholders before procurement begins.
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Civil Rights, Title VI, LEP, ADA, Diversity, and Inclusion

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Presenter: Carol Kenderdine, Carol Wright Consulting

Registration Link: [Civil Rights, Title VI, LEP, ADA, Diversity, and Inclusion - Event Registration](#)

Description: As a transit agency, you are required to adhere to many rules and regulations—often learning and interpreting them “on the fly” as you operate your system day to day. This workshop will guide participants through the critical responsibilities related to Civil Rights, Title VI, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), Diversity, Inclusion, and ADA requirements, with specific attention to recent updates and executive orders that impact Title VI and related compliance expectations. The session will provide up-to-date guidance on current federal requirements and practical strategies for implementation, while offering opportunities for participants to assess their own agency’s practices, identify gaps, and explore best practices for effective and sustainable policy development.

Cost Allocation: What, Why, and How?

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Presenter: Michael Walk and Carrie Diamond, TTI

Registration Link: [Cost Allocation: What, Why, and How? - Event Registration](#)

Description: Public transit agencies need to understand and report on their fully allocated costs by mode and service to comply with federal rules, set sponsored service rates, and establish budgets. This can be complicated, especially for transit agencies with multiple modes, service types, and jurisdictions. National RTAP's Two-Variable Cost Allocation Calculator can help transit agencies make the process of cost allocation a little less daunting. This workshop will introduce attendees to critical cost allocation concepts, best practices, and National RTAP's Cost Allocation Calculator. The workshop will include group discussions, demonstrations of how to use the Calculator, and time for Q&A.



2026 TTA State Conference, Expo, and Roadeo Maintenance Workshop Thursday, April 30, 2026 & Friday, May 1, 2026

Maintenance Technician Workshop

Registration Link: [Maintenance Technician Workshop - Event Registration](#)

Troubleshooting Common Issues on Transit Bus Electrical Systems, Doors, and Interlock Systems – RM: 106

Date: Thursday, April 30, 2026

Time: 1:30 -3:30 pm (2 Hours)

Presenter: Simmon Johnson

Description: This hands-on maintenance session will focus on diagnosing and resolving common defects related to transit bus electrical systems, entry doors, and interlock systems. Participants will review common failure points, learn practical troubleshooting techniques, and discuss defects that can affect vehicle safety and reliability. Designed for technicians and maintenance supervisors, this workshop will provide real-world tips to help keep vehicles in service and minimize downtime.

Frontline Maintenance: Keeping Buses Safe, Accessible & Operational– RM: 106

Date: Friday, May 1, 2026

Time: 8:30 - 12 pm (3.5 Hours)

Description: Join technicians and maintenance staff for a practical workshop focused on inspection, troubleshooting, and preventive maintenance for transit accessibility and mobility equipment. Led by industry experts from **Wabtec Bus Solutions**, and **Thermo King**, this session will cover common maintenance issues, best practices, and service tips to help keep critical bus systems safe, reliable, and road ready.