

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

Women in Transit: Connect, Grow, and Lead.



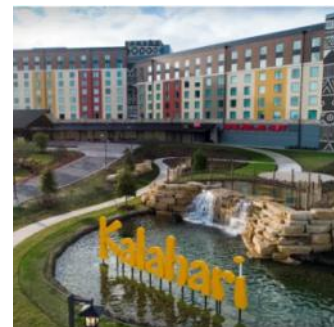
Registration is officially OPEN for the 2026 Women in Transit Workshop, and everyone is welcome!

Join us October 15–16, 2026, at Kalahari Resort in Round Rock, Texas, for a workshop dedicated to bringing the transit community together in a meaningful way. We're making room for real conversations, new connections, professional growth, and a little fun along the way. Whether you work behind the wheel, behind the scenes, or in a leadership role, this workshop is an opportunity to learn from one another, strengthen relationships, and celebrate the people who keep transit moving.

Workshop registration is limited, and we have secured a very limited room block at Kalahari Resort. Registered attendees will receive the hotel reservation link after completing their event registration.

REGISTER TODAY : [Women in Transit Workshop - Event Registration](#)

Reserve your spot today! Everyone is welcome!



Want to Support Women in Transit?

We'd love to have you on board! Sponsorship is a great way to connect with the transit community, show your support, and help us create an experience that brings people together to learn, grow, and build lasting connections.

Choose How You Want to Make an Impact

EMPOWER Sponsor — Model 1

Exclusive Sponsorship — Secured!

Help empower the workshop experience and support leadership development.



CONNECT Sponsor—Still Available

Be part of the networking and connections that bring our transit community together.

INSPIRE Sponsor—Still Available

Inspire conversations and fuel connections over breakfast or lunch.

ENCOURAGE Sponsor—Still Available

Encourage growth. Support success.

Ready to get involved? Visit the [sponsorship link](#) to view sponsorship details and secure your opportunity, or email us directly to learn more.

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Connect with TTA in Austin



Join us **September 28** at the **Stephen F. Austin Royal Sonesta** for an evening of networking, conversation, and catching up with transit colleagues from across Texas.

The reception is complimentary for TTA members and \$50 for non-members.

RSVP Today!

TTA 2027 Conference, Expo, & Rodeo

Save the Date: February 19-24, 2027

Great work is happening every day across Texas transit, and we want to celebrate it! **Nominations are now open for the Texas Transit Awards**, recognizing the individuals, agencies, and industry partners who go above and beyond.



Submit your nomination: [2027 Award Nominations](#)

Who May Nominate

Nominations may be submitted by transit agency employees and officials, TTA members, TxDOT employees working in public transportation, and local government officials and employees. Organizations may also self-nominate. You may nominate in more than one category.

Award Categories

- Outstanding Metro
- Outstanding Urban
- Outstanding Rural
- Outstanding Staff Member
- Outstanding Customer Service Employee
- Outstanding Associate Member
- Outstanding General Manager
- Outstanding PTC
- Distinguished Service Award
- Rising Star Award
- Friend of Transit
- Transit Innovation
- Outstanding Safety & Security Award

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: [2027 Abstract Submission](#)

Transit Funding Helps Texans Stay Connected Across the State

Across Texas, public transit is often more than a way to get from one place to another. For many residents, it is the connection to a doctor's appointment, a job, a classroom, a grocery store or a visit with family. That connection will continue to grow with more than \$154 million in combined state and federal funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission during its June and July 2026 meetings. The funding will support public transit agencies and nonprofit organizations serving rural and urban communities statewide. "Public transit is an essential part of connecting Texans to the people, places and opportunities that matter most," Texas Transportation Commission Acting Chair Alvin New said. "Whether it's a ride to work, school, a medical appointment or the grocery store, these services help provide safe, reliable options that give more Texans the freedom to get where they need to go."

Administered by the Texas Department of Transportation, the awards will help agencies expand mobility options, improve service for seniors and people with disabilities, modernize infrastructure and strengthen existing public transit programs.

The funding will reach 77 public transit and nonprofit agencies, each working to meet mobility needs that look different from one community to the next.

In the rural communities served by Rolling Plains Management Corporation, those needs can stretch across long distances. The North Texas agency provides demand-response transportation across a nine-county region near the Texas Panhandle and Red River, helping residents in remote areas reach health care, groceries, jobs and other essentials. The agency is also investing in accessible vehicles with safety features such as on-board cameras. "In our rural communities, transportation is more than a ride—it's a lifeline that keeps people connected to healthcare, family and community. For many residents, Rolling Plains helps ensure distance is not a barrier to essential services or quality of life" said Lisa Newell, director of transportation.

The same theme is reflected in projects across the state, where agencies are tailoring transit solutions to local needs.

In Southeast Texas, **Meals on Wheels Montgomery County** is using 5310 funding to expand beyond meal delivery and provide countywide curb-to-curb transit for seniors and people with disabilities. Accessible vans help riders get to medical appointments and social activities, supporting independence while reducing isolation. For one rider in hospice, the caring drivers and staff made a "monumental" difference, helping her maintain independence and friendships during a difficult time.

In Northeast Texas, **Senior Center Resources and Public Transit, Inc.** will implement an artificial intelligence voice self-service system to provide 24/7 phone support for rural transit riders. The system will allow riders to check, change or cancel trips through a conversational phone experience while reducing call volumes and easing dispatcher workload.

In the **City of Lubbock**, Citibus will advance engineering, design and environmental work for an administrative and maintenance facility, a downtown transfer facility and community mobility hubs. The projects are intended to support future construction, downtown redevelopment and improved coordination with SPARTAN Public Transportation, the rural transit district serving neighboring counties.

For travelers in West Texas, **All Aboard America** will provide intercity bus service along two corridors serving communities across the region. The service will connect West Texas travelers to the broader national intercity bus network and expand options for safe, reliable travel throughout Texas and beyond.

Together, the projects show how transit services strengthen communities in ways that are both practical and personal—helping Texans remain connected to work, health care, family and opportunities.

SWART Host's Transit Operations Management: Strategies for Effective System Oversight workshop in Uvalde

As part of TTA's Statewide Training Initiative, transit professionals gathered in Eagle Pass on August 19–20 for a two-day **Transit Operations Management: Strategies for Effective System Oversight** workshop.

Led by Carol Wright Kenderdine, the training provided participants with practical strategies for managing day-to-day transit operations while maintaining reliable and consistent service. Discussions covered performance monitoring, communication, policies and procedures, responding to service disruptions, and using data to strengthen operations and support continuous improvement.



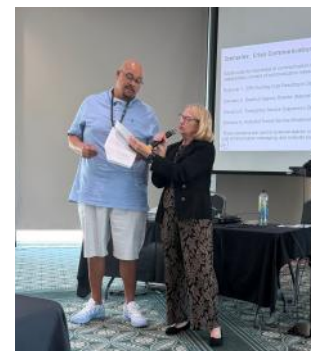
A special thank you to **SWART** for serving as our host agency and opening their doors to help make this training possible. We also thank Carol for sharing her knowledge and experience and everyone who participated in two productive days of learning and collaboration.



Bring TTA Training to Your Agency!

Our Statewide Training Initiative is designed to bring valuable learning opportunities to transit professionals across Texas and we are always looking for agencies interested in hosting a training at their facility.

Interested in bringing a future training to your area? Contact [Laura](#) for more information on becoming a host agency.



CCRTA Host Third Annual Combating Human Trafficking Summit

CCRTA kicked off its Third Annual Combating Human Trafficking Summit, bringing together law enforcement, elected officials, transit professionals, and community partners for an important conversation centered on protecting our communities. The summit highlights the power of collaboration and the important role public transportation can play in recognizing the signs of human trafficking, raising awareness, and helping keep our communities safe.



CCRTA Celebrates Major Transportation Milestones

CCRTA recently joined U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy for a roundtable discussion at the Port of Corpus Christi focused on transportation and safety. The visit also highlighted two significant milestones for CCRTA. The agency received a \$46.28 million grant—the largest in its history—to support a new maintenance facility.

In addition, CCRTA Security Administrator Gilbert Casas was appointed to the Policies and Partnerships Subcommittee of USDOT's Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking, where he will contribute to efforts focused on strengthening human trafficking prevention and response throughout the transportation industry.



VIA Express Makes the Downtown Commute Easier

VIA is making it easier for commuters to leave the traffic and parking headaches behind with VIA EXPRESS service to downtown San Antonio. Riders traveling from Brooks, Stone Oak, Randolph, Kel-Lac, and Crossroads can enjoy direct service downtown during the morning and afternoon rush, along with a comfortable ride and free high-speed Wi-Fi.



It's another convenient option from VIA that gives commuters a simpler way to get where they need to go. Find the EXPRESS option closest to you at [VIAinfo.net/express-service/](https://viainfo.net/express-service/)

CapMetro Helps Avance-Austin Take Its Mission on the Road

A new AVANCE-Austin bus wrap is hitting the streets thanks to CapMetro, helping bring greater visibility to the organization's mission throughout the Austin community. The eye-catching wrap will help connect more families with information about resources, education, and opportunities available through AVANCE-Austin. A great example of how transit can do more than move people—it can also help connect communities to valuable resources and services.



REAL Transit Puts Safety Into Practice

REAL Transit recently gave a behind-the-scenes look at the hands-on training that helps prepare drivers to safely serve passengers who use mobility devices.

A Safety Specialist and driver trainee practiced the proper procedures for loading, securing, and unloading a rider using a manual wheelchair, including the safe use of lifts, ramps, and securement equipment.

Training like this reinforces the importance of safety, confidence, and care when serving every passenger. Great job to Tino, Rosie, and the REAL Transit team for keeping rider safety at the forefront!



Celebrating 22 Years at Waco Transit

Congratulations to John Miles on his retirement after an incredible 22 years of dedicated service with Waco Transit System!

John's commitment and hard work have made a lasting impact on Waco Transit and the community it serves. We join the Waco Transit team in thanking him for more than two decades of service and wish him all the best as he begins this well-deserved next chapter.

Congratulations on your retirement, John!



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.

September

Recruiting, Hiring, and Retaining Today's Transit Workforce

September 10, 2026

Webinar

10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

[Register Here](#)

September

Grant Management and Transit Reporting

September 12, 2026

In-person

Morning: 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

Afternoon: 1:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

September

Practical De-escalation Strategies for Transit

September 17, 2026

In-person

9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

[Register Here](#)

September

Advanced Transit Management

September 22-23, 2026

In-person

8:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. each day

[Register Here](#)

[Click here for Training Calendar](#)

Please review the [No-Show/Late Cancellation Fee Policy](#) prior to registering for one of the State-wide training courses. Everyone is encouraged to review the full policy on TTA's website to ensure you're aware of the updated guidelines.



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.





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