5th National RTAP Conference
Navigating the Tides of Change with Rural & Tribal Transit

Conference Agenda

Marriott Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC
December 3-6, 2023

Draft Agenda Subject to Change - Last Updated 10-26-23

START	END	EVENT	DESCRIPTION				
SUNDAY | DECEMBER 3, 2023							
8:00 AM	7:00 PM	Registration	Conference Registration Desk Open				
9:00 AM	4:00 or 5:00 PM	All Day Pre-Conference Training - *Registration required*	• Financial Management 101 – *Richard Garrity, RLS & Associates* • Rural and Tribal Transit System Design – *Kenneth Hosen, KFH Group* • State Oversight 101 – *Robbie Sarles, RLS & Associates* • Tribal Transit Assessment Manual Review – *DMP Group and Milligan & Company*				
9:00 AM	12:00 or 12:30 PM	Half Pre-Conference Training - *Registration required*	• Being Intentional: Inclusive and Equitable Initiatives In Transportation – *Carrie Diamond, Melissa Gray, Jane Mahoney, National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC); Joelle Kanter, Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA); Kathryn Carroll, Association on Aging in New York* • Grant Writing Workshop – *Carol Wright Kenderdine, Carol Wright Consulting* • GTFS Builder Workshop – *Marcy Jaffe, Trannsnovation*				
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch for Training Attendees	Lunch for Pre-Conference Attendees Only *(Registration required)*				
1:00 PM	4:00 or 5:00 PM	Half Pre-Conference Training - *Registration required*	• Active Shooter Training - *Scott Zadakis, National RTAP and Jay Smith, Coast RTA* • Intercity Service Development Workshop: Building Networks – *Stephanie Gonterman, Isaacs & Associates; Fred Fravel, KFH Group* • Marketing and Advocacy: Telling the Stories that Sell Transit Workshop – *Kristen Joyner, Georgia Transit Association* • Website Builder Workshop – *Frank Condon, DevObal Technologies*				
5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Reception	Welcome Reception with Student Poster Contest Session and Wall of Fame *Appetizers and Cash Bar*				
MONDAY | DECEMBER 4, 2023							
7:00 AM	7:00 PM	Registration	Conference Registration Desk Open				
7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Breakfast	Seating by FTA Region for breakfast buffet				
8:30 AM	10:15 AM	Plenary Session I	Welcome to South Carolina - Local VIPs and Keynote on Navigating Changing Trends in Ridership, Employment, Demographics, and Generations - *John Martin, Southeast Institute for Research (SIR)*				
10:15 AM	10:30 AM	Break	Break				
10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions I	Common Procurement Compliance Issues and Strategies - *Richard Garrity*	Rural Transit Innovations: Vanpools, MaaS, Fare Free Systems - *Natalie Villcok-Witte, Valerie Loefler, Brian Piascik, Bettye Scott*	Soft Skills for Conflict Resolution Workshop - *Ed Watt*	Developing and Sustaining Mobility Management Initiatives through Partnerships - *Donna Bailey, Machelle Kyles, Enjoli Dixon*	Cost Allocation Benefits, Uses, and Free Tools - *Todd Hansen,Tom Reinauer*
12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch & Plenary Session II	Luncheon and Keynote on Leadership and Strategic Planning to Navigate Change - *Donna Griggs, Propel Change Global*				
1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions II	New GTFS Requirement and the Benefits and Future of GTFS - *Marcy Jaffe, Al Benedict, Jonnie Kusek, Kevin Chambers, Thomas Craig*	Partnerships for Successful Pilot Projects - *Kendra McGeady, Charla Sloan, Laura Corff, Linda Mickle, Becky Powell-Moon*	Low/No Emission Options and Implementation Examples - *Jerry Kerns, Katie Collender, Tim Geibel, and Steve Whaley*	Driver Retention and Recruitment Strategies: Bus Roadeos and More - *Mark Szyperski, Don Strickland, Brad Lindsey*	Forecasting Operational, Capital, and Financial Needs for Planning (Part 1) - *Michael Walk*
3:00 PM	3:15 PM	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break				
3:15 PM	4:45 PM	Concurrent Sessions III	Understanding and Complying with Civil Rights Rules to Better Serve Your Community - *Dawn Sweet, Nicole Payne, Katherine Newman, Curtis Sims, Jr.*	Microtransit Lessons Learned: Where and How it Works in Rural Areas - *Kai Monast, Todd Hansen*	Cybersecurity: Where to Start and Resources to Utilize - *Scott Belcher, Justin Abraham, Jill Stedem*	Meeting Veterans Transportation Needs through VA Grants and Mobility Management - *Barb Cline, Ron Baumgart, Enjoli Dixon*	Forecasting Operational, Capital, and Financial Needs for Planning (Part 2) - *Michael Walk*

4:30 PM	7:00 PM	Expo & Bus Show	Vendor Expo and Bus Show Open				
5:00 PM	6:30 PM	Reception	Vendor Expo Reception *Appetizers and Cash Bar*				
5:30 PM	6:00 PM	Vendor Introductions	Rapid Fire Vendor Introductions *Each vendor has one slide and one minute to speak*				
TUESDAY | DECEMBER 5, 2023							
7:30 AM	5:30 PM	Registration	Conference Registration Desk Open				
8:00 AM	4:30 PM	TSI Training, Day 1 - *Registration required*	SMS Principles for Transit Training (Safety Management Systems) by the Transportation Safety Institute (TSI) - *December 5-7, 21 hours, $60 fee, register via NRTAP or at https://tsi-dot.csod.com/LMS/catalog/Welcome.aspx?tab_page_id=-67&tab_id=20000325*				
7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Breakfast	Breakfast Buffet				
7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Meet & Greet	Women in Transportation Networking Breakfast				
8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Expo & Bus Show	Vendor Expo Open and Prize Drawings				
10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Concurrent Sessions IV	The Current State of Intercity Bus and How States Can use 5311 Funds to Build Sustainable Service - *Nina Stocker, Stephanie Gonterman, Chris Pedde, Joseph Schwieterman*	Improving Rural NEMT through Partnerships and Cost Allocation - *Robbie Sarles, Richard Garrity*	Bridging Transit's Digital Divide: the Road to Effective Transit Technology for Even the Smallest Agencies - *Kevin Chambers*	Building and Improving Your Driver Training Program, Including ELDT - *Dion Knipp, Lenzy Williams, Mariah Kathan, Amy Hance*	Tribal Transit Assessment Overview - *DMP Group and Milligan & Company*
11:30 AM	1:15 PM	Lunch & Plenary Session III	Luncheon with Tribal Transit Award Presentation and Keynote and Panel on a Multimodal Future - *Veronica Vanterpool, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration (FTA)*				
1:15 PM	2:45 PM	Concurrent Sessions V	Vehicle Procurement and Maintenance Strategies to Navigate an Uncertain Market - *Deborah Bach, Dilip Mistry*	Coordination to Improve Access - *Carrie Diamond, Jeremy Johnson-Miller, Barb Cline, Bren Schweitzer*	Rural Microtransit Case Studies - *Tate Coleman, Kari Banta, Michael Holme, David Frazier*	Running to Catch Motive Power's Advances: Preparing Your Transit System for a Changing Fleet - *Halsey King*	Post-Accident and Random Drug & Alcohol Testing Requirements and Best Practices - *Sean Oswald*
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Virtual Roundtable *State DOTs Only*	2023 Virtual Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM) State Roundtable: Transportation Coordination Opportunities to Better Serve the Medicaid Population - *hosted by FTA and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). For State Departments of Transportation only.*				
2:45 PM	3:00 PM	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break				
3:00 PM	4:30 PM	Concurrent Sessions VI	Transit, Sustainable Tourism, and Rural Economic Development - *Robert Weber and Reyes Barboza*	Strategies to Improve Transportation to Healthcare - *Don Strickland, Brooke Ramsey, Rochelle Cotey*	Documentation Strategies Workshop - *Lenzy Williams*	Comprehensive Safety Planning Workshop - *Walt Diangson*	Capital Project Training or TrAMS for Tribes - *FTA Speaker TBD*
5:00 PM	9:00 PM	Big Night Out - *Ticket Required*	Nights of a Thousand Candles Event at Brookgreen Gardens *Dinner and drinks, admission to the gardens, transportation, and optional sweet grass braiding project and historical video. $35 cost.*				
WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 6, 2023							
7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Breakfast	Breakfast				
8:00 AM	4:30 PM	TSI Training, Day 2 - *Registration required*	SMS Principles for Transit Training by the Transportation Safety Institute (TSI) - *See Day 1 above for details.*				
8:30 AM	9:15 AM	Plenary Session IV	Human Trafficking: From Awareness into Action - *Jodi Godfrey, Center for Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR); Shauna Miller, Idaho Transportation Department; Kendra McGeady, Pelivan Transit; Amy Hill, Muscogee (Creek) Nation*				
9:15 AM	10:15 AM	Plenary Session V	Where Do We Go From Here? Action Plan Workshop - Carol Wright Kenderdine				
10:15 AM	10:30 AM	Morning Break	Morning Break				
10:30 AM	11:15 AM	Plenary Session V (Cont.)	Where Do We Go From Here? Action Plan Workshop (Cont.) - Carol Wright Kenderdine				
11:15 AM	12:30 PM	Roundtables and Town Hall	Roundtable Discussions and Reporting Out: *Transit Managers; Tribal Transit; Mobility Managers; State Programs; Intercity Bus*				
12:30 PM	1:00 AM	Lunch and Closing	Conference Wrap-Up and Boxed Lunches Available				

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 7, 2023			
8:30 AM	4:30 PM	NTI Training - *Separate registration*	Rural National Transit Database (NTD) Reporting - National Transit Institute. *Free but you MUST register with NTI at:* https://ce-catalog.rutgers.edu/coursedisplay.cfm?schID=90493
8:00 AM	12:00 PM	TSI Training, Day 3 - *Registration required*	SMS Principles for Transit Training by the Transportation Safety Institute (TSI) - *See Day 1 above for details.*