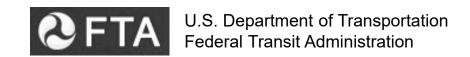


Marketing Workshop Series: Step 1-Build Awareness

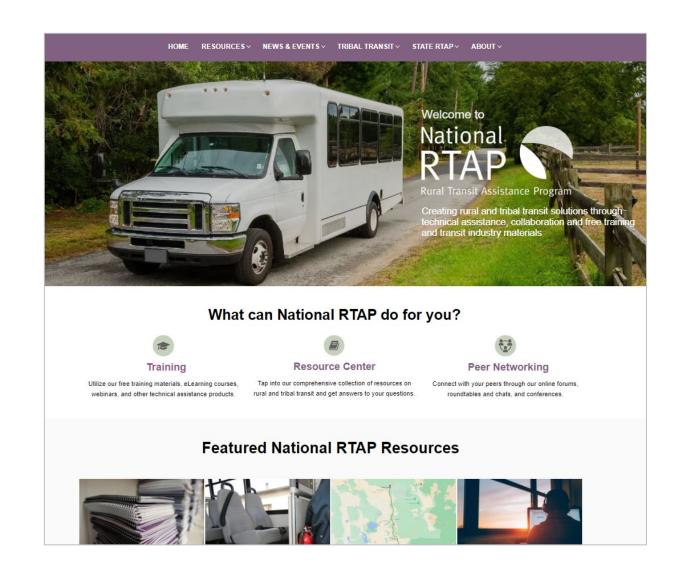
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National Rural Transit Assistance Program

- Technical assistance center funded by FTA through the Section 5311 Program
- Provides free training materials and technical assistance to rural and tribal transit providers and state RTAPs
- Review Board 14 state DOT and rural and tribal transit agency staff from across the country
 - Currently soliciting nominations for new members in 2022-2023. Visit our News page for details and the nomination form.
- Learn more at <u>nationalrtap.org</u>



Speaker Introduction



Selena Barlow

Owner, Transit Marketing LLC

- More than 25 years of experience marketing public transportation services throughout the U.S.
- Her areas of expertise include marketing plan development, market research, community outreach, and creation of marketing tools and campaigns.
- Over the past decade, her work has focused on rural and small urban communities where marketing can have the greatest impact on ridership.
- She holds an MBA, with focus on marketing, from the University of Arizona, and a BS in Advertising from the University of Florida.

Public Transit Marketing







Awareness Building



Six Class Series

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- Customer Focused Websites
- Passenger Guides and Signage
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- Transit Passenger Research

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Positive Image

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Motivation

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Awareness

Letting people know or reminding them that transit exists...and that it is a good thing.





Awareness Building

Focus

- Broad Visibility
- Frequent Impressions
- Positive Image

Tools

- Branding of Vehicles and Bus Stops
- Advertising with Broad Reach
- Earned Media
- Social Media







Branding is marketing at its most basic.

Awareness and image building start with branding.









Branding

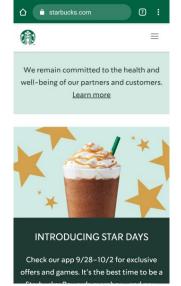
- How we identify a product, and everything associated with it.
- Recognition at a glance
- The focal point for our experiences with a product.











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 - Color Scheme
 - Packaging
 - Signage
- Consistency is the key to effective branding







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Transit Branding

- Vehicles and bus stops are seen by thousands of potential riders every day.
- They are an opportunity to communicate using your capital investments to create long-term marketing value.
- Branding of buses and bus stops is the most cost- effective way to build visibility.







Branding: A Case Study

- Lack of branding or inconsistent branding can make transit "invisible"
- Bad or out-dated branding can create the wrong image or misconceptions
- LIFT identify had no connection to Durango character and was not consistently implemented















Rebranding Approach

- Branding Objectives:
 - Relate to Historic Downtown and Durango's Railroad History
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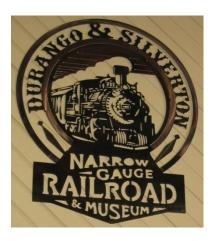






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Rebranding: Bus Stops & Trolley







Rebranding: Cutaway Vehicles





Original Brand









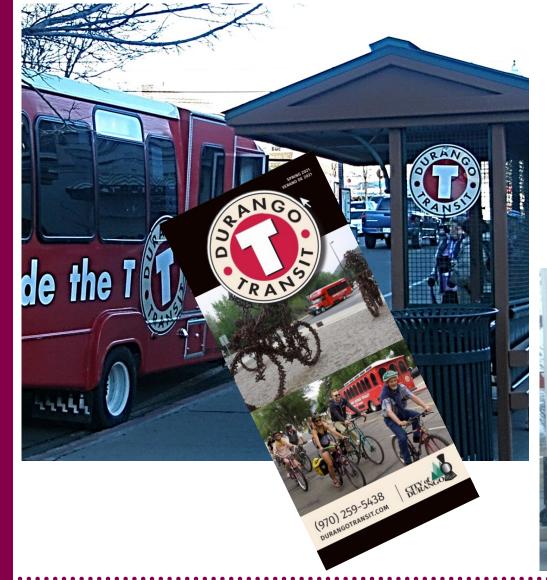








New Consistent Brand









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Brand Examples

Using Vehicles to Build Awareness and Image



The Difference Branded Vehicles Can Make







The Difference Branded Vehicles Can Make









Family of Brands











































Calaveras County, CA

















Branding is the most cost effective way to build visibility.

- \$10,000 for a bus wrap
- Seen by 5,000 people per day
- On road 5 days per week 250 days/year
- Service life for cutaway 5 years
- 6,250,000 exposures
- ■\$.0016 per exposure
- And it is paid for with capital dollars!







Awareness

Beyond Basic Branding





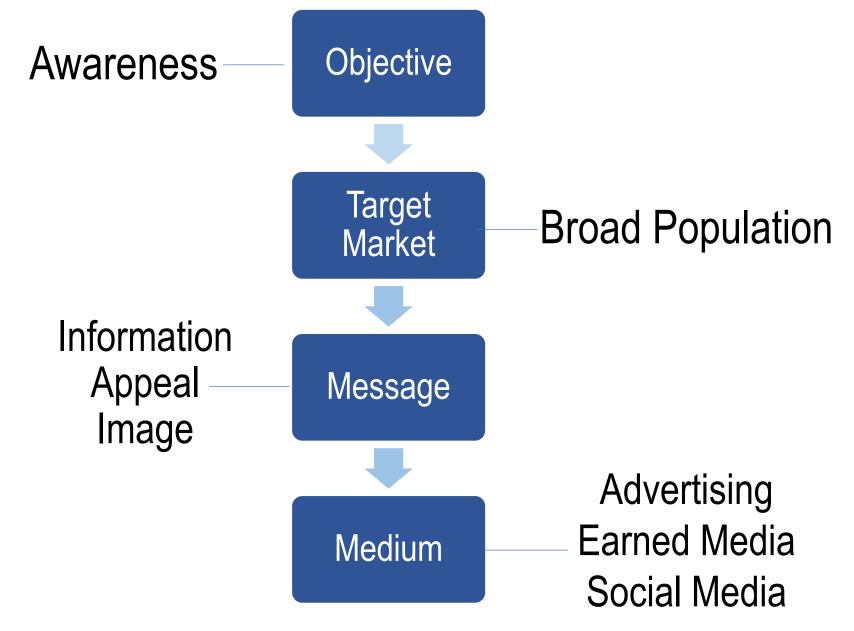


















Messaging







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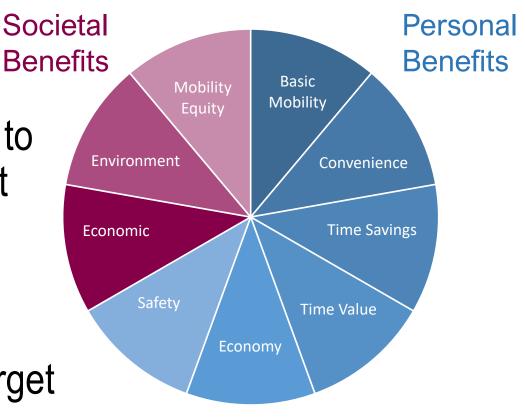
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- Trip planning tools

Appeals

 Benefits relevant to the specific target group

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Call to Action

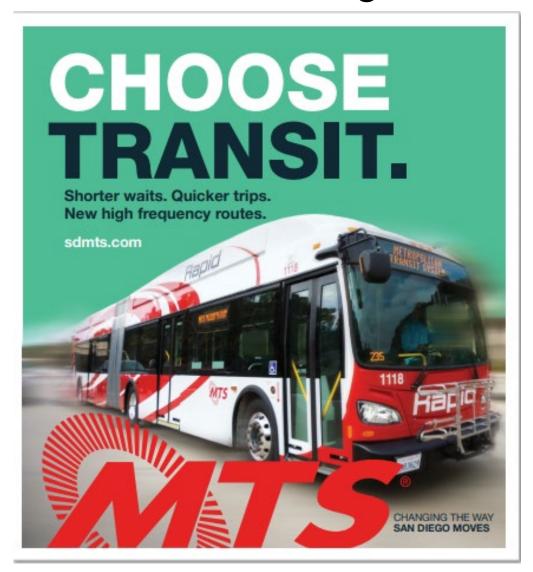
- Remember that they have a transit option
- Visit website
- Take a trial ride
- Register for demand response
- Promote transit use among constituents
- Support transit funding







Awareness/Image Messaging

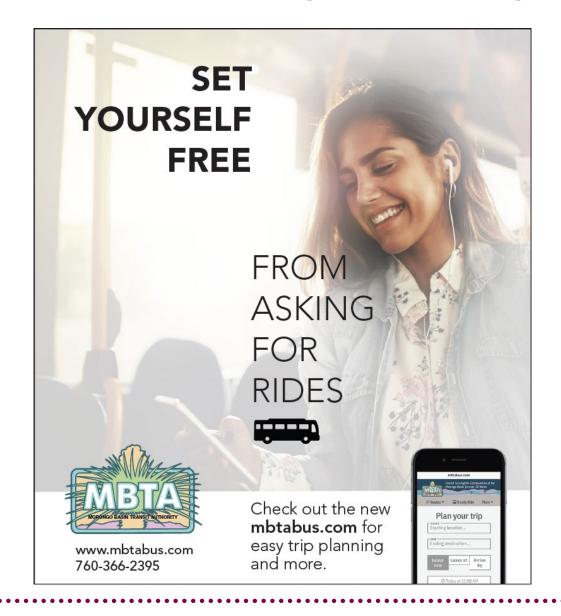






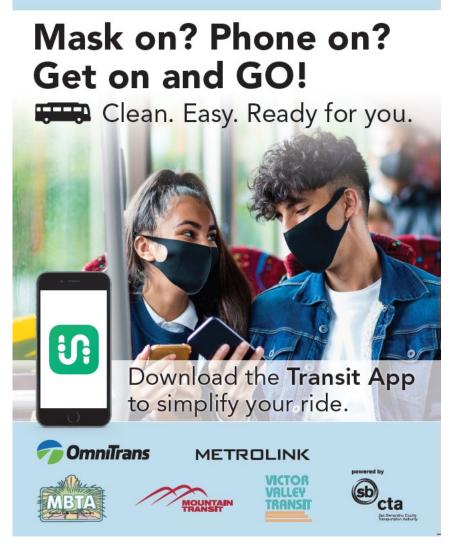


Awareness/Image Messaging





Consistency — key to building awareness and a way to maximize your efforts









Media



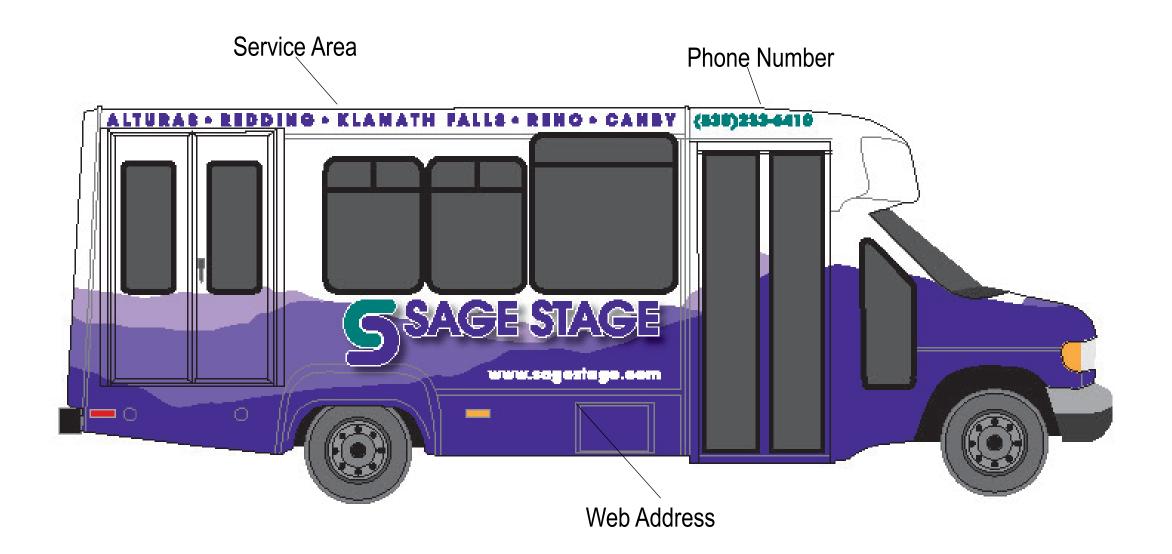




Buses and Bus Shelters

Can communicate more than the brand



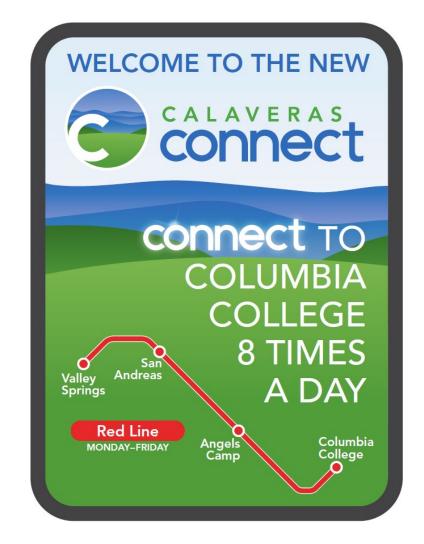




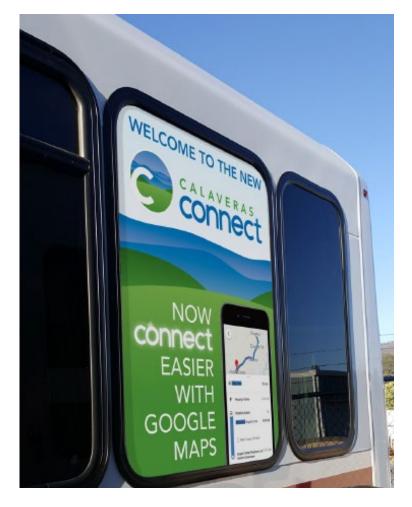




Window Clings













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Bus Wraps



Bus Shelter Ads











Bus Shelter Ads











Advertising







Advertising Media

Awareness Building - Broad

- Outdoor Billboards/Transit
- Newspaper Print and Digital
- Posters & Displays
- Radio
- Television
 - Broadcast
 - Cable
 - Community (free)

Awareness - Targeted

- Targeted Publications
- Geographically Targeted Direct Mail
 - Every Door Direct Mail
- Social Media Advertising
 - Facebook
 - Instagram

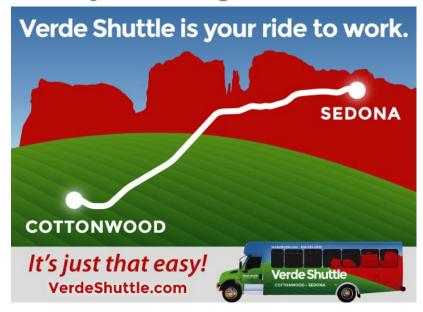






Newspaper – Print/Digital

They're hiring in Sedona.



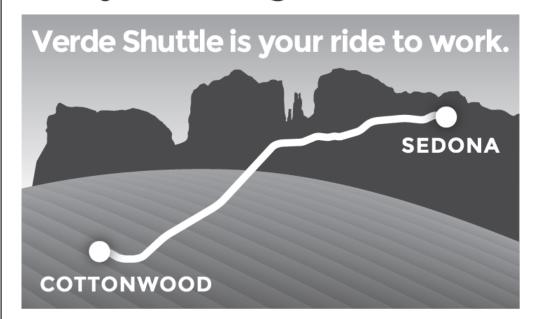
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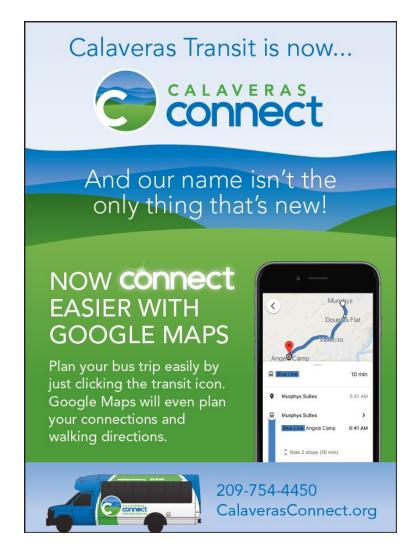




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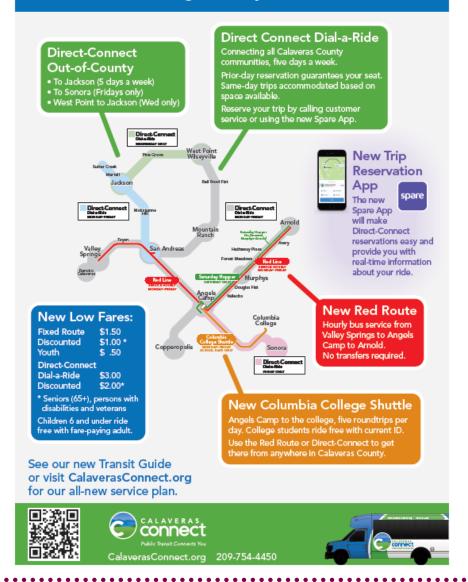






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then click the transit icon.



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Not valid on Palm Springs Route or Ready Ride.

¡Eres libre de Viajar!



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Displays





TV & Radio

Awareness Building

- Radio
- Television
 - Broadcast
 - Cable
 - Community (free)

Broadcast Television and Radio are effective options only if you are in a unique media market.

To view an example of a TV ad shown during the webinar, view the recording on the National RTAP YouTube channel. Contact info@nationalrtap.org if you need assistance.

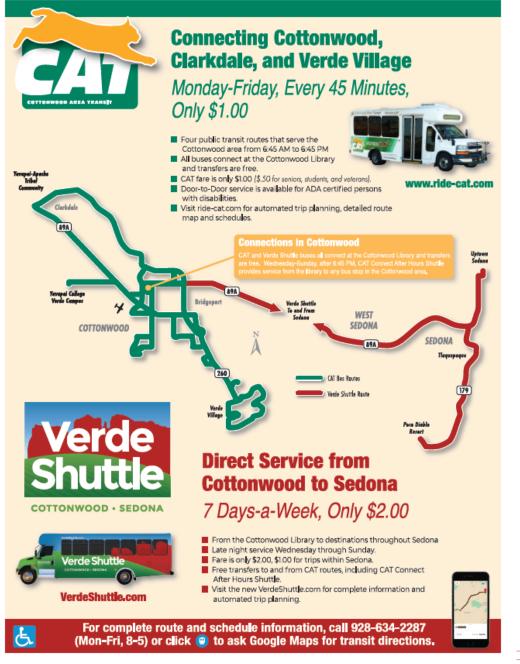




Targeted Publications

- Newcomer Packets
- Tourism Magazines
- Event Programs

Focus on publications with broad reach or long-term value



Direct Mail

Every Door Direct Mail Postcard, targeted by service area

Need a ride to Pine Grove or Jackson?



Introducing new **Direct-Connect** dial-a-rice for residents of West Point and Wilse

We'll pick you up at your home and Connect you to shopping, m or wherever you need to go in West Point, Jackson and Pi

Where can I go with Direct-Connect?

We'll pick you up at your home and take you where you need to go, anywhere within the service area shown on the map.



The West Point Direct-Connect dial-a-ride runs every Wednesday, with two trips in each direction, at approximately these times:

Westbound trips to Jackson			
	AM	PM	
Wilseyville	8:40	12:40	
West Point	8:55	12:55	
Pine Grove	9:20	1:20	
Jackson	♥ 9:35	1:35	

Eastbound trips to Wilseyville			
	AM	PM	
Jackson	11:30	3:35	
Pine Grove	11:45	3:50	
West Point	12:10	4:15	
Wilseyville	12:25	4:30	

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Postal Customer

How to plan a trip:

- The service runs every Wednesday.
 Call us no later than 3 pm on Tuesday, or up to 7 days in advance to reserve your seat.
- Provide the dispatcher with the address you wish to be picked up at and where you want to go. The dispatcher will let you know what pickup times are available for your trip and your return.
- 3. The bus will pick you up right at your home (or as close at it safely can).
- The bus will drop you at your destination in West Point, Jackson or Pine Grove and then return to pick you up as scheduled.

Ride FREE during this introductory period.



How Calaveras Connect is keeping you safe



Increased cleaning and sanitation of vehicles Limited number of riders to allow for social distancing Requirement that all passengers wear face coverings

209-754-4450 CalaverasConnect.org

Direct Mail (with free ride offer)



Every Door Direct Mail

Mapping Tool

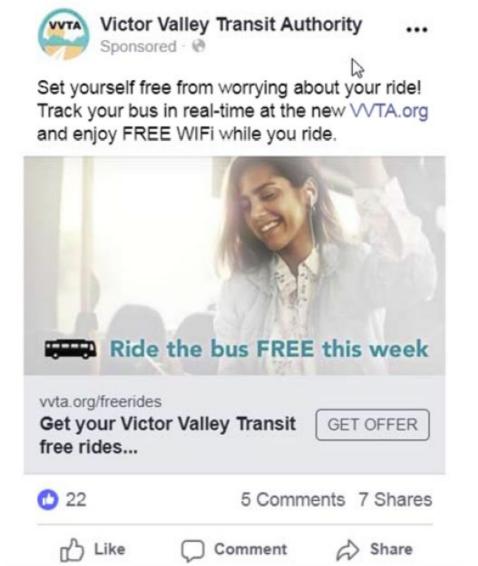






Social Media Advertising

- Target by community, demographics, interests
- Link to website, potentially to targeted landing page
- Offer free rides or other incentive
- Track response in <u>Facebook Ad</u> <u>Manager</u> and on website (using Google Analytics)









Social Media Advertising

NWConnector (Coastal Oregon)

- Targeting:
 - Live in Origin City: Portland, Salem, Corvalis
 - Interests: Oregon Coast and Public Transit
- Messaging:
 - Availability of direct transit service
 - Images of Coastal Destinations
 - Call to Action: NWConnector.org









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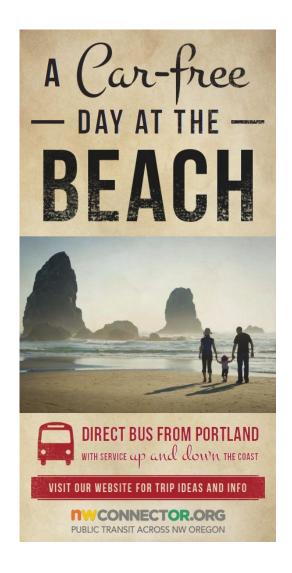


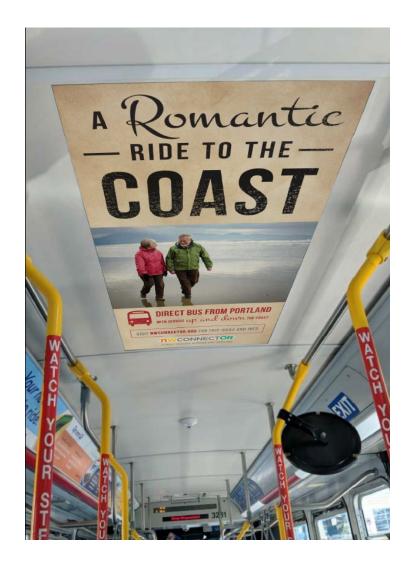


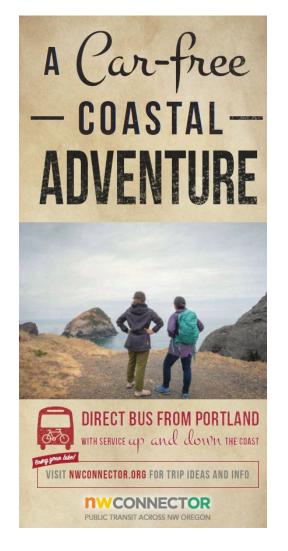




Coordinated On-Transit Campaign in Origin Cities













Earned Media







Earned Media

- Proactive relationship with local news media
 - Make their job easier by providing timely, well written news releases*
- News Release Calendar
- Suggest Feature Stories
- Be Responsive









^{*}Guidelines for writing news releases available my emailing me

News Releases

Topics

- New or Changing Services
- New Vehicles or Facilities
- New Website or Other Passenger Info Tool
- Special Events
- Free Fare Day
- Milestones

Write like a reporter

- Lead Paragraph who, what, when, where, why
- Organize the information from most important to least important
- Use short sentences and clear language.
- Write in a facts oriented, educational fashion. Do not try to "sell."
- Include opinions or interpretations as quotes from an agency representative.







Social Media

Primarily a tool for engaging with riders.

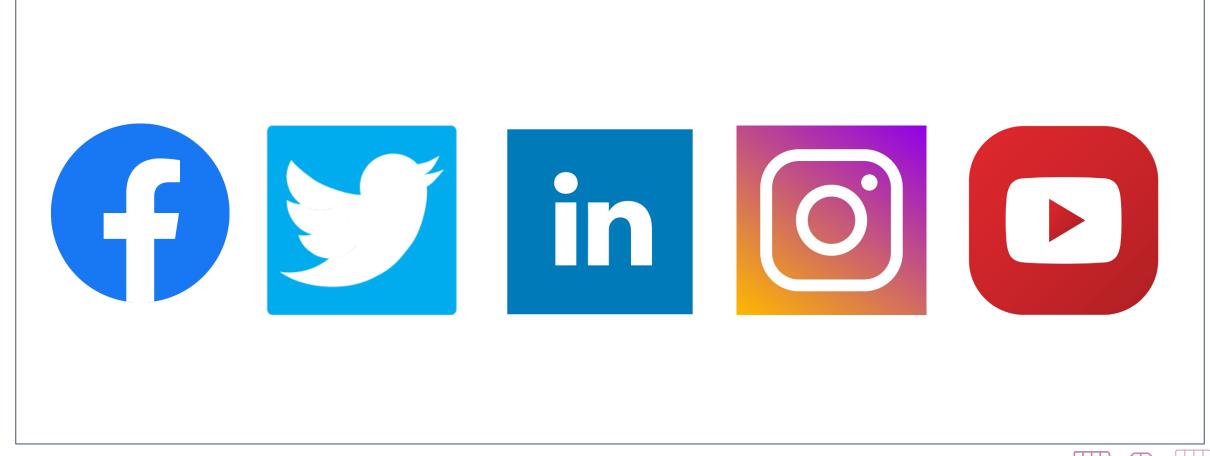
However, it can be leveraged to build visibility.







Social Media Platforms



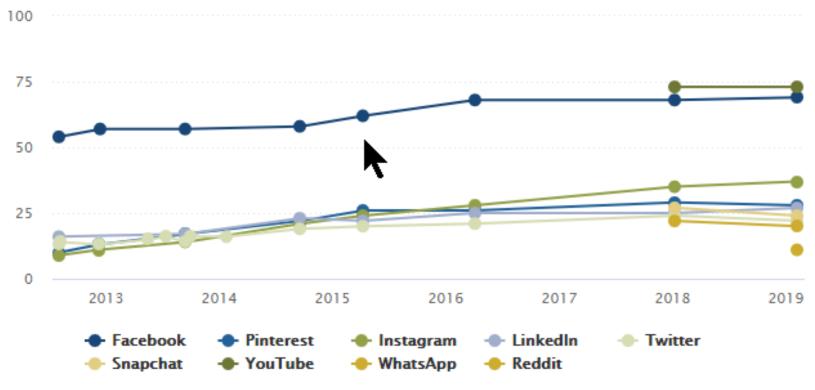






Social Media Platforms





YouTube and Facebook are the most-widely used online platforms, with user bases most broadly representative of the population as a whole.

Source: Surveys conducted 2012-2019.



Social Media Activities

Engage with Followers

- Regular communication with riders
- Convey news
- Post alerts of general interest
- Promote events
- Promote specific services or programs
- Respond to messages.

Build Awareness

- Post items that followers will want to repost; encourage them to share.
- Engage with stakeholders and community organizations.
 - Follow relevant organizations and ask them to follow you.
 - Repost items from community organizations and ask them to share your posts.





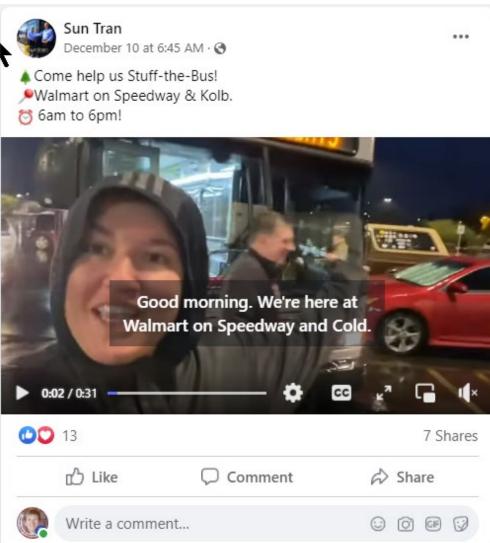


Posts that followers will share



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Pictures or videos that followers will share



Join us at 7 p.m. for the Keizer Holiday Lights Parade! We haven't been able to show off the craftsmanship of our talented Maintenance Department since 2019 and we're excited to be back. (Traffic all over Keizer will be affected, so check out www.Cherriots.org/alerts for detours.)











Encourage followers to share









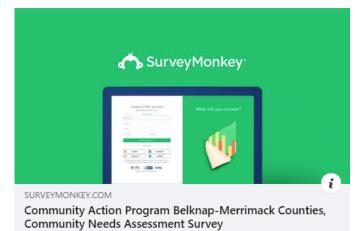
Posts that Stakeholders will share



With a few clicks, you can have a chance to win one of two \$50 gift cards.

Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties is conducting its 2021 Community Needs Assessment and would like you to participate in this important project. By taking a short survey you can really help.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CAPBMCNeeds



4 Shares



San Bernardino County Transportation Authority - SBCTA 🔮

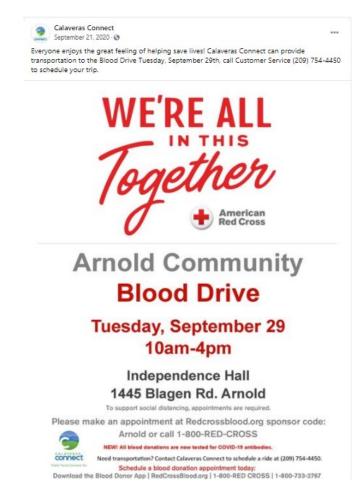




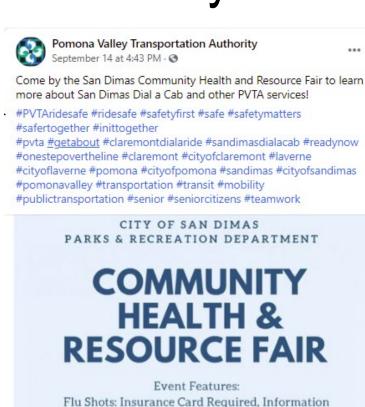




Engage with Other Organizations & Community Events







Tables, Community & Health Resources, Light

Refreshments (while supplies last)

WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

10 AM TO 1 PM

AT COMMUNITY BUILDING 245 E. BONITA AVE, SAN DIMAS

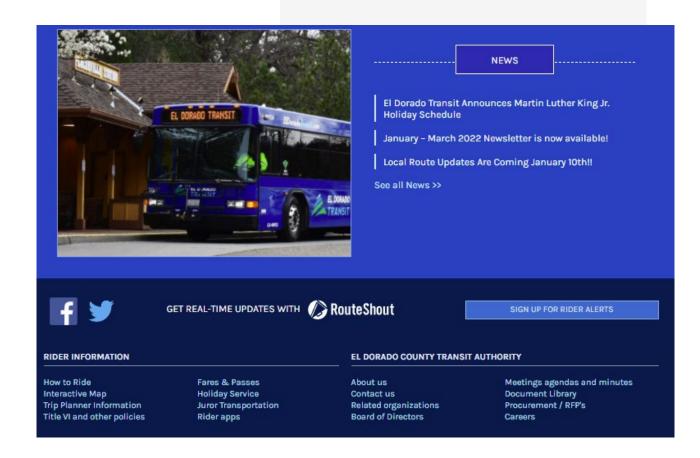






Increasing Your Reach

- Include social media links on website and in promotional efforts
- Ask outreach participants to follow you









Awareness Building - Summary

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Tools

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Feb 10 2:00 -3:30 PM Awareness

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Workshop

- 4-6 Volunteers
- 60-90 seconds: Participant shares examples of awareness building efforts
- 3 minutes: Discuss & provide feedback

Upcoming National RTAP Events

State RTAP Manager Peer Roundtable

January 18, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

#MobilityManagementMatters

Twitter Chat

January 19, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

Transit Manager Peer Roundtable

January 27, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

Relax: Living in Nature's Cycle, Moment by Moment

February 7, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

Marketing Workshop 2 - Transit Websites

February 10, 2:00-3:30pm ET

Books in Transit Discussion Group - The Accidental Bus Driver

February 17, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM ET

For more information and to register, visit <u>nationalrtap.org/Training/Webinars</u> or <u>nationalrtap.org/Training/Peer-Roundtables-and-Chats</u>

TACL: The Transportation Technical Assistance Coordination Library



http://transportation-tacl.org

Learn about TACL Webinar February 22, 2:00-3:00 PM ET nationalrtap.org/Training/Webinars The Transportation Technical Assistance Coordination Library (TACL) provides a sustainable methodology and platform to access rural and tribal transportation coordination resources across a diverse range of transportation technical assistance centers and the <u>Federal Transit Administration (FTA)</u>.

The FTA-funded technical assistance centers participating in this ongoing work with links to their coordination resources are:

- National Aging & Disability Transportation Center (NADTC)
- National Center for Applied Transit Technology (N-CATT)
- National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM)
- National Rural Transit Assistance Program (National RTAP)
- Shared-Use Mobility Center (SUMC)

Thank You!



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