



**2nd National RTAP
Technical Assistance
Conference**

*Reaching New Heights in
Rural and Tribal Transit*

October 27-30, 2015

Westin Downtown Denver, CO
nationalrtap.org/conference2015

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

8:00AM – 4:00PM

Tribal Transit Meeting (Assessment Training)

12:00PM - 7:00PM

Conference Registration

12:00PM - 4:00PM

RSVP Required

Concurrent Workshops:

- Transit Tours: visit your peers' operations centers
- AARP Pedestrian Workshop
- National RTAP Web Apps Workshops:
 - o GTFS Builder
 - o Website Builder
- Intercity Bus Route Development Workshop

6:00PM - 7:00PM

Welcome Reception

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

8:00AM - 10:00AM

Plenary Session I

Welcome

- Ladders to Opportunity: Rides To Wellness
Speakers: Linda Gehrke and Marianne Stock, FTA

Federal Transit Administration Regional Administrator, Region 8 Linda Gehrke and headquarters leads will provide an invitation to participate in Ladders of Opportunity and the Rides to Wellness Initiative. We all know that transit is fundamental to our communities come hear how FTA is working with other agencies and stakeholders to enhance your efforts.

- Posting of the Colors

10:15AM - 11:45AM

Concurrent Sessions I

- Coordinated Human Service and Transportation Planning
- Changing Communities Changing Strategies
- State Management 101
- Safety Plans Tailored to Your System

12:00PM - 1:30PM

Plenary Lunch

Inviting People From 8 to 80 to Use the Transportation System
Speaker: Gil Penalosa

Gil Penalosa is an international star for recognizing what we know: the system that works for people who are 8 years old to 80 years old will work for you. Mr. Penalosa advocates for change that starts with pedestrians but works its way through the transportation system. Get energized and inspired.

1:30PM - 3:00PM	Concurrent Sessions II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobility Management • Building Relationships between Human Services and Transit for Access • Maximizing RTAP Training Funds: approaches to RTAP programs • 5311 State Formulas: How the Formula Focuses the Program
3:00PM - 3:30PM	Afternoon Break <i>Light refreshments served in the Confluence Foyer</i>
3:30PM - 5:00PM	Concurrent Sessions III <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban and Rural Planning and Implementation Partnerships • Train the Trainer: Hard to Serve Customers • Policy Tune-Up: Changes in ADA, Title 6, Environmental Justice • Health Partnerships that Fit Your Community
4:30PM - 7:00PM	Vendor EXPO <i>Food will be served from 5:00 to 6:30</i>
Thursday, October 29, 2015	
8:00AM - 10:00AM	Plenary Session II Rural Town Hall: Issues and Trends in Rural and Tribal Transit <i>Moderator: Pat Weaver</i> FTA funds National RTAP, National Center for Mobility Management, and the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center. We are here to help you we are also seeing rural transit from a national and issue specific perspective. Find out what's new, priorities and national trends in rural transit. Bring your questions and ideas.
10:00AM – 10:15AM	Morning Break <i>Coffee & tea provided in the Confluence Foyer</i>

10:15AM - 11:45AM	Concurrent Sessions IV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Passengers New Partners and Funding Opportunities • ABCs of a Transit Asset Management and Information System (TAMIS) • Our Network of Services: States, Systems and Federal Land • Training for Operations
12:00AM – 1:30PM	Luncheon: Healthy Communities Healthy People <i>Keynote Speaker: Alana Knudson</i> Dr. Knudson serves as a Principal Research Scientist and is the Co-Director of the Walsh Center for Rural Health Analysis at the National Opinion Research Center. She also is the deputy director for the Rural Health Reform Policy Research Center. Dr. Knudson will talk about her research with rural communities and health determinants and the very important part that transportation plays in health.
1:30PM - 3:00PM	Concurrent Sessions V <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing Reasonable Accommodation • Technology Tools For Compliance and Reporting • Interstate Travel is Just Down the Road • Census Tools for your System: Reflecting Your Community through Census Maps and Data
3:00PM - 3:15PM	Afternoon Break <i>Light refreshments provided in the Confluence Foyer</i>
3:15PM - 4:45PM	Concurrent Sessions VI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing Your System: New Tools for Rural and Tribal Operators • Veterans' Transportation Session: Rural Strategies • ABCs of a Transit Asset Management and Information System (TAMIS) • Grant Writing for Rural and Tribal Agencies
6:00PM - 10:00PM	Big Night In: Barn Dance Bring your western duds and boots and get in line. We will have a local caller getting our boots scooting around the floor. Get ready to relax and kick up some fun with your new friends. Don't worry if you

	haven't done it before the caller will be warming us up and telling us what comes next, all you need to do is smile.
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Friday, October 30, 2015	
8:00AM – 9:30AM	Breakfast Roundtables <i>Breakfast will be provided as part of these sessions</i> Issues, Priorities, and Action Plan for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit Managers • State RTAP/5311 Managers • Intercity Bus • Tribal
10:00AM -10:15AM	Morning Break <i>Coffee & tea served in the lobby</i>
9:45AM - 11:15AM	Concurrent Sessions VII <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train the Trainer: Difficult Employees • Designing Your Future: Transit Service Design • Procurement By the Book: Using Procurement Pro • Rural Vanpooling
11:30AM – 12:30PM	Plenary Session III <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retrieval of the Colors • Report out from Morning Groups • Discussion - What's Next: Actions and Priorities