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FYI REMINDER

2015 DTA Membership

We have 12 agencies that have not joined DTA for 2015.

If you happen to be one of these agencies, please give this a second consideration.

We would like to be as strong as we can be and to have that, we need your support!

- Jacque

Minot Offers New Services

Darrell Francis, Director

Souris Basin Transportation - Minot, ND

After a long search for drivers in the southern half of Mountrail County, we have been able to find two drivers to serve the additional county sites.

Starting May 5th and 7th we will run the weekly services from New Town. The Tuesday route will serve New Town, Parshall, Plaza, Makoti and Ryder along highway ND 23 and US 83 to Minot. The Thursday route will also start at New Town to Parshall, Stanley, Berthold and Burlington to Minot with the return after 3:30 p.m. This route would use ND Highway 23 and 8, then US 2 to Minot.

Also providing additional service for the 3rd Wednesday in May and June, we will offer a trip to Bismarck from New Town, following ND Highway 23 to US 83 to Bismarck, with stops along the way. For fares, routes, times and advance reservations please call the office at 1-800-927-8318 or 701-839-7433.

Thought for the Month of May

You can't start the next chapter of your life if you keep re-reading the last one.

2015 DTA Annual Awards

Jacque Senger, Executive Director
Dakota Transit Association

On May 12th, I sent out to all the Transit Projects the Award Letter along with the Nomination Forms for the following: Innovative Transit Agency of the Year, Driver of the Year, Friend of Transit, Above and Beyond and Outstanding Support Staff of the Year. The due date for these nominations is July 20th.

There is one change on the Nominations Forms. On all of the forms I stated I would be getting back to you by the 27th of July letting you know the outcome of the vote. I had to change that date to July 31st. The Board of Directors will be reviewing the nominations at our July 28th and 29th meeting.

If you know you are going to nominate someone, please feel free to send in your nomination form early. We welcome many nominees for these awards. If you did not get your Awards Letter, please e-mail me and let me know. If you have misplaced your e-mail, you can go to www.dakotatransit.org and find all the nomination forms.

Please send your nominations into me, jacque.senger@hotmail.com by July 20th. Thank you all in advance for your extra time and effort to give to someone who definitely deserves recognition.

2015 Fall Conference Minot, ND

Jacque Senger, Executive Director
Dakota Transit Association

We will be staying at the Grand Hotel, Minot, ND.

When booking your rooms, ask for the Dakota Transit Association block.
701-852-3161

The Board of Directors has been working hard to bring you a
GREAT CONFERENCE.

PASS Training

Thanks to Stan from Valley City for sending a picture of his May 2015 class attendees in Devils Lake. Also, thanks to Devils Lake for sponsoring this class.



Trainees are from:
Benson County Public Transit,
Cavalier County Public Transit,
Nelson County Public Transit,
Standing Rock Public Transit,
Walsh County Public Transit
and Devils Lake Public Transit.

PASS Training Update—Upcoming Classes

Please go to the [Dakota Transit Association website](#) to register drivers and for map information, etc.

June 3, 4 & 5, 2015

Bismarck, ND at West River Transit

PASS: June 3 & 4 8:00 am—5:00 pm both days

PASS RECERT: June 4 8:00 am—5:00 pm

MALTREATMENT AWARENESS: June 5 8am-noon

DEFENSIVE DRIVING: June 5 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Registration Deadline for classes is May 30, 2015.

There is still room in all of these classes but the room block at the Comfort Inn closes on May 15th. Registration for classes doesn't close until May 22nd. Please go to the DTA website to register for these classes.



July 30 & 31, 2015

Aberdeen, SD sponsored by Community Transit, Inc.

PASS RECERT & PASS: July 30 8:00 am—5:00 pm both days

PASS: July 31 8:00 am—5:00 pm

Note: We are reversing the order of the class to accommodate our sponsor. The recertification students will take their test on the 30th and full PASS students will take their test on the 31st.

I am still working with the SDDOT to set up the hotel for rooms and training, but will have all information posted on the web as soon as we are set up.

ROCS Transit is sponsoring a PASS Recertification class in Chamberlain in July, but this class is full and will not be opened to other agencies.

North Dakota Transit Information Line Coming June 1, 2015!

Ali Rood, Mobility Manager
Cities Area Transit - Grand Forks, ND

On June 1, 2015 the North Dakota Transit Information Line will open. The ND Transit Information Line (NDTIL) will provide “one-call” connections to public, private, and volunteer transportation services across North Dakota.

The public is encouraged to dial the NDTIL for transportation information, referral, trip planning, and scheduling services. When callers dial the NDTIL Monday-Friday between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm, they will reach a representative in the Cities Area Transit Dispatch Office. Callers will reach a voice message system on weekends, holidays, or after hours.

The NDTIL provides a “one stop shop” to learn about, plan for, and access transportation services in North Dakota. One-call services focus on improving the customer experience by eliminating the need to call multiple providers to find the right service. The NDTIL serves to simplify the trip planning process by providing a central source of information and direct connections to community transportation resources, thus improving transit access and mobility throughout North Dakota. The NDTIL will be marketed statewide through television commercials, newspaper ads, flyers, and promotional items.



DTA Website

Jacque Senger, Executive Director
Dakota Transit Association

How many of you noticed the new web design? We went live on May 6th; however, we are still in the process of tweaking the product. Just wanted to inform all of you to be aware we are moving on.

DTA PASS Training

The following is Linda Freeman's contact information for PASS Training:

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Kenmare, ND 58764
701-848-6480
Lindaf1@att.blackberry.net

Please keep this information available for your use with PASS Training.

2015 CTAA Expo

Community Transportation Expo 2015 will be located in the beautiful City of Tampa, Florida. Dates are May 31-June 5, 2015. Please mark your calendars for this great conference.



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Thanks to all!

- Jacque

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