

Transit Tidbits



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DTA Fall Conference Agenda

The TENTATIVE Agenda for the 2019 Fall Conference has been added to the Dakota Transit Website.

To view the agenda, go to the DTA home page at www.dakotatransit.org Click on the 2019 Fall Conference & Rodeo link under “Other Events” and then click the “Fall Conference Agenda” located on the top of the page.

Jacque Senger,
DTA Executive Director

VA Support for Rural Transit

Pat Hansen, Director

South Central Adult Services - Valley City, ND

South Central Adult Services has been receiving payments for transportation provided to veterans in several of our rural counties. The program has helped many of our rural veterans to obtain medical care in Bismarck, Jamestown and Fargo.

It took some time to get the system set up but once we did it has worked very well. There are some hoops to jump through to get paid.

We have created a form for use by the drivers to collect the information required. We then enter that information into a spreadsheet each month and send it along with an invoice for the month to the Fargo VA. We generally receive payment in about 30 days.

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VA

If anyone is interested in getting the forms, we are using please email me at: pat@southcentralseniors.org. I will email the forms to you.

Eligible ND Counties: Adams, Benson, Billings, Bottineau, Bowman, Burke, Cavalier, Divide, Dickey, Dunn, Emmons, Foster, Golden Valley, Grant, Griggs, Hettinger, Kidder, LaMoure, Logan, McHenry, McIntosh, McKenzie, McLean, Mountrail, Nelson, Oliver, Pierce, Renville, Sargent, Sheridan, Sioux, Slope, Steele, Towner

Standing Rock Sioux Reservation: Sioux, Dewey, Corson, Ziebach

Transit Management Course

Adam Sharkey, Safety & Training Officer

River Cities Pubic Transit - Pierre, SD

I would like to thank everyone who put the class on and made it possible for us to attend. The class was very informative and was filled with endless information. The presenter Rob Lynch had vast knowledge in transit and presented the information extremely well.

I was going into this class hoping to learn more about Safety and Risk Management. I found that not only did I learn more about safety I learned a lot about Vehicles and Facility Maintenance. The section about Vehicle and Facility Maintenance ties in a lot with what I do and further enhanced my knowledge on what I should be checking into more as the Safety and Training Coordinator.

I would just like to say I'd love to take the Transit Management Course II. I took a lot out of Transit I but also learned that in the Human Resources and Financial parts of the course I could use more training. There is so much that goes into transit and how to operate that one class I feel isn't enough. I will definitely be looking to attend the second course.

Thank you everyone who had a hand in putting this together. I truly feel anyone in transit management should take this course.



Training Update - Linda Freeman, PASS Coordinator
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Valley City, ND: May 17-18, 2019

Classes will be held at the Grand Stay Inn & Suites meeting room, 271 Winter Show Road, SW Valley City, ND.

PASS Class Day 1—Friday, May 17, 2019 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
 Day 2—Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 8:00am to 5:00 pm

PASS Recertification Class—Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

A block of 10 rooms has been set up at the AmericInn, 280 Winter Show Rd. SW for the 16th & 17th, but you must call asap and ask for Dakota Transit Association block as rooms will be released on April 16th. Phone number is 701-845-5551. Rooms may still be available there after that, but are not guaranteed. The Grand Stay has a few rooms available but no block is set up. You should receive state rates there if you ask for that. The hotels are across the street from each other.

Deadline for Registration: May 10, 2019

Bismarck, ND: June 3-5, 2019

Classes will be held at West River Transit - 3750 East Rosser Ave, Bismarck, ND.

PASS Class Day 1—Monday, June 3, 2019 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
 Day 2—Tuesday, June 4, 2019 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

PASS Recertification Class—Tuesday, June 4 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

MALTREATMENT AWARENESS CLASS—Wednesday, June 5: 8:00 am to Noon.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS—Wednesday, June 5: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Deadline for Registration: May 15, 2019

A room block has been set up at the Quality Inn in Bismarck (formerly Comfort Inn) for the nights of May 2-4, 2019. Motel address is 1030 Interstate Ave. in Bismarck. Phone number is 701-223-1911. You will need to call and make your own reservation and ask for the Dakota Transit Association block. Registration deadline is May 23, 2019.

2019 Routematch User Conference

Karrie Mikkelsen, Director
Cavalier County Transit - Langdon, ND

Karrie Mikkelsen, Director and Carleen Schill, Transportation Coordinator of Cavalier County Transit recently attended a Leadership Summit and the 16th annual Routematch User Conference in Atlanta, GA.

The theme for this year's conference was "Growing the Promise of Transit" which is a commitment to be inclusive to all riders. It is an affirmation of social responsibility with a goal of empowering riders.

Carleen took a 2-day class on reporting and graduated with a Masters Certification in Reporting. Karrie attended breakout sessions on dispatching, reporting, rider engagement, mobility, scheduling and verification.



Representatives from CTAA (Community Transportation Association of America) and APTA (American Public Transportation Association) were on hand to give their perspectives on the transportation industry.

Routematch is the software company that Cavalier County Transit use for the tablets in our vehicles.

Dakota Transit Association 2019 Membership

Jacque Senger, DTA Executive Director

We have received 34 DTA membership renewals for 2019. We have approximately 13 agencies who have not responded.

The Dakota Transit Association Board of Directors urges all agencies to unite for a great cause.





*Thought for the
Month of April...*

*Failure is not falling down but
refusing to get up.*



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Thanks to all!

- Jacque

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