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Welcome to Texas Transit Association's 2017 Conference, Rodeo & Expo!

The Texas Transit Association is pleased to have our 2017 Training, Expo and Rodeo in Lubbock, Texas! As an alumnus of Texas Tech University, this location is extra-special to me. We have so much in store for you this week with a variety of training opportunities and a few special guest speakers during our Wednesday lunch, including Gail Lyssy with FTA Region VI and a warm welcome from our friends at the Chamber of Commerce with Jay Jacobus, the 2015 Chair.

We hope you join us for multiple networking opportunities, including our welcome reception on Tuesday evening and the EXPO Showcase on Thursday night. Speaking of EXPO, we have more than 50 vendors here to visit with you and a 15-vehicle display, which will be held just outside of the hotel. There are so many opportunities to connect while you're here.

Don't miss out on our Rodeo on Saturday, where competitors from all over the state run the course to see who is the best! We are also excited to invite you to our Saturday evening Rodeo Awards banquet, where we will have dinner, music and the annual Rodeo and TTA Transit Awards!

I hope you enjoy all Lubbock has to offer! If you have any questions during your stay here, we will have representatives from CitiBus Lubbock, our host agency, as well as the Chamber of Commerce and Visit Lubbock ready to direct you to fun and exciting activities.

—Meredith Greene,
Executive Director

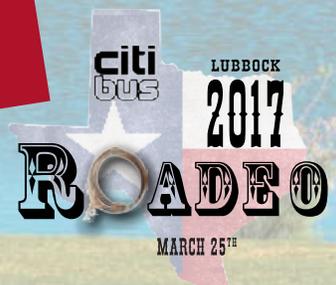


I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2017 TTA State Bus Rodeo and Conference, and to Lubbock, the 11th largest city in Texas with a good old home town feel. Lubbock is responsible for unending cotton, one of rock and roll's greatest and the rowdy Red Raiders.

While in Lubbock I hope y'all have the opportunity to experience some of the local venues, attractions, dining and shopping opportunities. Lubbock has a vast array of things to do and see. There is something for everyone with attractions ranging from ranching and agriculture, music, wind power and World War II gliders; such as the Ranching Heritage Center, the Buddy Holly Center, the Silent Wings Museum and the Wind Power Center. Lubbock is also home to several wineries and more restaurants than you can imagine. With so many dining options ranging from authentic barbecue to unique Tex-Mex creations, Lubbock has something delicious for every palette.

I hope that your Lubbock experience is one you will not soon forget and that you get the opportunity to meet some of our friendly people and make new friends while you are here.

Maurice Pearl



2017 SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

TUESDAY, MARCH 21	EVENT	LOCATION
2-6pm	Check in & Register, Overton Hotel	1st Floor Registration Desk
5-7pm	Welcome Reception	1st Floor Pre-function Area
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22		
7:00am	Registration Desk Open	2nd Floor Pre-function Area
7:30am	Breakfast	2nd Floor Pre-function Area
8:30am	Concurrent Training Courses	2nd Floor Training Rooms
	P.A.S.S. & P.A.S.S. Train the Trainer	Horizon A
	Making Dollars and Sense of Transit Finance	Canyon Room
	Drug & Alcohol Training	Horizon C
	Planning & Operations: Making it Work!	Horizon B
	Board Training - Thursday Only	Moody Board Room
10am-6pm	Registration Desk Open	1st Floor Pre-function area
11:30 am	Lunch & Guest Speakers	Sunset B/C, 1st Floor
1:30pm	Training Classes Resume	
4-5pm	Break	
4:30pm	TTA Board Meeting	CH Foundation Board Room
THURSDAY, MARCH 23		
7-10am	Registration Desk Open	2nd Floor Pre-function Area
7:30am	Breakfast	2nd Floor Pre-function Area
8:30 am	Concurrent Training Courses	2nd Floor Training Rooms
	Board Training - Thursday Only	Moody Board Room
11am-1pm	Buffet Lunch	2nd Floor Pre-function Area
12-1pm	Caucus Meeting: Medical Transportation	CH Board Room
1pm	Training Classes Resume	
1-5pm	Vendor Set-up for EXPO!	1st Floor, Sunset A-C Ballroom
4-4:30pm	Break	
5-7:30pm	EXPO! Showcase & Reception	1st Floor, Sunset A-C Ballroom
FRIDAY, MARCH 24		
7am-6pm	Registration Desk Open	2nd Floor Pre-function Area
7:30am	Breakfast	2nd Floor Pre-function Area
8:30 am	Concurrent Training Courses	2nd Floor Training Rooms
12-5pm	EXPO! Opens & Lunch Served	1st Floor, Sunset A-C Ballroom
3-6pm	Maintenance & Driver Testing Judge & Volunteer Training	2nd Floor Training Rooms
5-11pm	Vendor Break-down	
SATURDAY, MARCH 25		
6:30am	Shuttles Begin to Run to Rodeo Site	Overton Hotel
7am-3pm	Vehicle & Maintenance Rodeo	SF1 Lot, Texas Tech Campus
5-6pm	Rodeo Banquet Reception	1st Floor Pre-function Area
6-10pm	Rodeo Awards Banquet	1st Floor, Sunset A-C Ballroom

2017 COURSE INFORMATION

Transit Board Training

The transit board training is designed to develop knowledge and skills of transit board members needed to fulfill their obligations to oversee the transit agency and to define policy in an efficient and effective manner. The objectives for the training session include the following:

- Strengthen the comfort level of each participant in their responsibilities for their agency.
- Empower board members with information about transit and transit funding.
- Explain what questions board members should be asking the staff at their agencies.
- Enable participants to network with other board members from around the state.

Making Dollars and Sense of Transit Finance

This is a workshop that provides information on how transit is financed at the federal, state and local level, how to structure, allocate, track, and report transit agency financials, how to measure, compare, and benchmark cost effectiveness, and provide board and stakeholder information to effectively communicate performance and guide transit decision making that will help your community achieve its goals.

Drug & Alcohol Training

In this class one will learn about the history of drug and alcohol testing in the transit industry, the basic

requirements of the federal rules, and DAPM/DER responsibilities under 49 CFR Part 655 and Part 40. Step by step, the speakers will guide the participants through the building blocks that make up a compliant FTA program. Through discussion of "best practices," the participant will learn efficient and effective methods used by covered employers to comply with the regulations. Other topics include: policy and training requirements, categories of testing, testing procedures, responsibilities of service agents, record keeping and DAMIS reporting.

Transit Operations: Making It Work!

This interactive workshop will cover several aspects of transit operations including service planning and vehicle/facility maintenance. The training will cover plans for service monitoring and assessment; performance evaluation and measurement; and evaluating your system's effectiveness and efficiency. We will look at data collection, route analysis, the implementation of route changes, and how to develop new routes. Throughout this workshop, there will be ample opportunity for group information sharing as well as time for questions and answers specific to your agency's situation. In addition, this training will cover all the criteria required by the Federal Transit Administration for maintenance of vehicles of all types and written maintenance plans for all federally funded buildings, property and equipment. Specific topics will include: State of

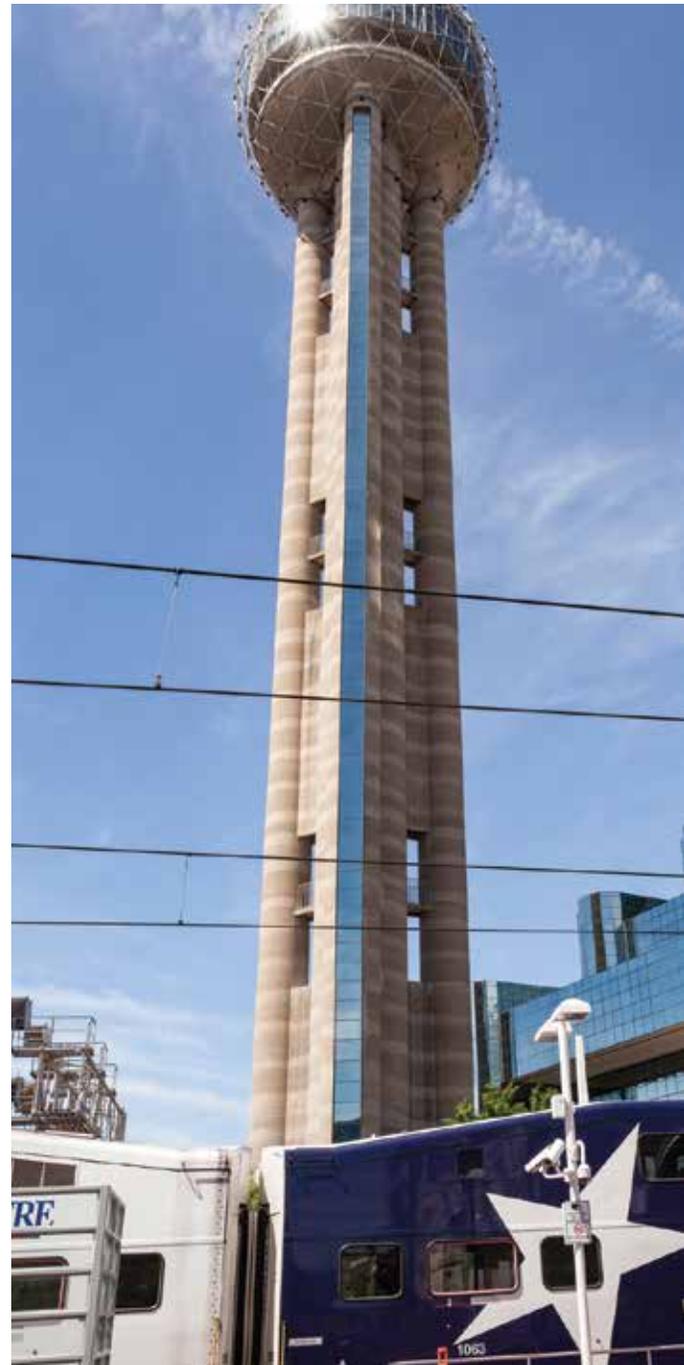




Good Repair; maintenance and ADA requirements; factors that influence maintenance costs; proactive management of maintenance costs; fleet inventory and condition reports; vehicle and facility inspections; vehicle mechanical failures; vehicle replacement plans; preventive maintenance "rules"; maintenance files; warranty management; and maintenance performance measures. Participants will discuss and plan for a "safety culture" as a key part of their transit operations, including evaluating your staff training needs.

PASS Train the Trainer & PASS Training

CTAA's Passenger Service and Safety (PASS) driver certification program ensures that community transportation drivers have current expertise in passenger assistance techniques and sensitivity skills appropriate for serving persons with disabilities. The PASS program is designed as a three-day Train-the-Trainer to certify trainers who can then train drivers or as a two-day Driver program in which our instructors train your drivers. Some of the advantages of offering the PASS certification program is the ability to reduce organizational liability; comprehensive, up-to-date training on the assistance drivers should be providing to passengers with special needs; intensive emergency training; certification oversight provided by national leaders in the community transportation field; and updates for all participants on relevant regulatory changes. PASS Training will have most the main components as the Train the Trainer course, but will not include certification.



2017 TEXAS STATE BUS ROADEO SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Overton Hotel and Conference Center

2322 Mac Davis Ln, Lubbock, TX 79401

3-5pm	Vehicle Familiarization – Optional	The Overton Hotel
4:30-5pm	Maintenance Judges Briefing	Room: Horizon Ballroom C
4:30-5pm	Bus Roadeo Judges Briefing	Room: Horizon Ballroom B
5:30-7pm	Maintenance Contestants Briefing & Testing	Room: Horizon Ballroom C
5:30-7pm	Bus Operator Briefing	Room: Horizon Ballroom B
6:30-7pm	Paratransit Operator Testing	Room: Horizon Ballroom A

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

S-1, Satellite Parking Lot – Texas Tech University Campus – 10th Street and Texas Tech Parkway

6:30am-3pm	Shuttle from Overton Hotel to Satellite Parking Lot	
7-9am	Breakfast at the Satellite Parking Lot	
7-7:30am	Judges walk the course	
7:30-8am	Operators walk the course	
8:15am	Driving Competition Begins	
8:30am	Pre-trip inspection begins	Group A Maintenance Competition Begins
9:30am	Paratransit Tie Downs Begin	
10:45am	Group B Maintenance Competition Begins	
11am-1pm	Lunch at the Satellite Parking Lot	
2pm	Bus/Maintenance Competition Ends	
5-6pm	Rodeo Awards Dinner Reception	Overton Hotel and Conference Center
6:30pm	Rodeo Awards Dinner	Sunset Ballroom
7pm	Rodeo Awards Ceremony	



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A very special thank you to Maurice Pearl, Chris Mandrell, Shannon Garrett, Scott Drainville and the Citibus Volunteers.

We couldn't have done it without you!



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