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Save the Date! TTA & SWTA Joint Conference, Expo and State Rodeo, February 22-26, 2022

The [Texas Transit Association](#) (TTA) and [South West Transit Association](#) (SWTA) are excited to announce our **2022 Joint Annual Conference, Expo & Rodeo**! This event will serve as *one of the largest public transit conferences in the nation and among the first in 2022!*

This year's location will be hosted by Capital Metro in Austin, Tx., the state's capital and the live music capital of the world! Capital Metro will highlight their innovative and evolving mobility network, one that's set for transformative growth through the [Project Connect expansion program](#) approved by Austin voters in 2020.

Our 2022 Joint Annual Conference, Expo & Rodeo will feature the industry-leading content you expect from TTA and SWTA: timely general sessions, invigorating speakers, in-depth breakout sessions and training, plenty of networking opportunities, and a chance to kick up your heels with your friends and colleagues from across the transit industry.

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Our Call for Topics is [open for submissions](#). The Conference Planning Committee is now accepting applications for conference presentations. If you have a presentation you would like to share at this year's conference, please complete the following form. *The deadline for submission has been extended, but submissions will only be accepted until the agenda is finalized, so [submit](#) yours today.*

We'll be sharing full details on registration, sessions, and information on sponsorships and exhibit space very soon, so stay tuned to your inbox, our websites, and social media. If you have ideas or questions in the meantime, please feel free to reach out to TTA Executive Director [Allen Hunter](#) (512) 900-0550 or SWTA Executive Director [Rich Sampson](#) (225) 270-0855.

GoBus Launches App Enabling Customers to Manage Their Trips and Track the Bus in Real-Time

GoBus announces its new app is live and free to download in the Google Play Store or Apple App Store. Searchable under the name GoBus Transit, the app helps existing GoBus customers with trip planning, real-time bus tracking, and fare payments.

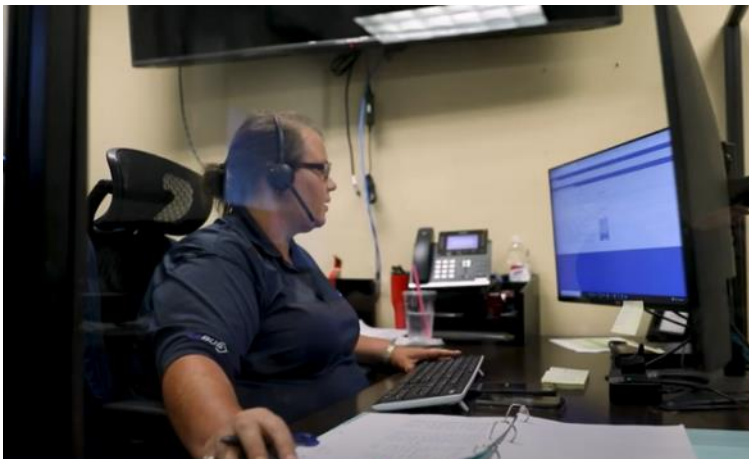


One of the central focuses of the GoBus app for both the agency and riders is flexibility. By using the app, customers will benefit from more accurate wait times and save time planning trips at their convenience.

"GoBus Transit is excited to launch a mobile app for iPhone and Android users, which brings added convenience to the citizens of East Texas. Citizens requested a mobile app, and we delivered! This digital tool is a game-changer for our riders because it takes all the guesswork out of planning a transit trip. In addition to real-time tracking, the app will allow passengers to pay for their fares. GoBus Transit is dedicated to safe, reliable, and friendly transit options while leveraging technology to bring innovative solutions to the citizens of East Texas," said ETCOG Transportation Director Vince Huerta.

Customers need to call GoBus dispatch at 800-590-3371 to get their account set up for first-time app use. The app is available for download at www.gobustransit.com/gobus-mobile-app. Watch the video above to learn how to use the app when booking a trip.

GoBus has about 30 vehicles on the road making between 500 and 800 trips a day, Monday -



Friday, in the 10,000 square mile ETCOG region. GoBus provides demand/response service, taking customers where they need to go, such as work, school, grocery store, or medical trips. Fares are currently suspended but return on September 1 and are \$2 for each one-way trip and \$1 for each additional stop.

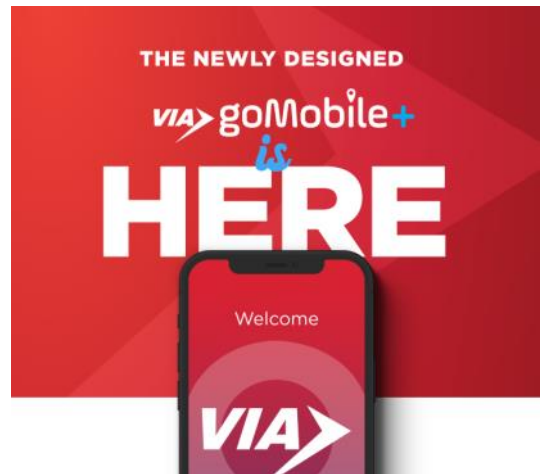
[GoBus Mobile App Launch](#)

VIA offers cash-loading option to GoMobile+ app at Multiple Local Retailers

VIA Metropolitan Transit announces a new feature to its popular [goMobile+ app](#) that offers customers another convenient option to pay for their trips using cash at more than 200 retail locations in San Antonio.

The new cash-loading option enhances the usability of VIA goMobile+ for customers who do not have a credit card or bank account, or who prefer to pay with cash rather than through an online transaction.

Customers can choose to add funds to the account balance in the app using cash at many locations, including CVS, Walgreens, 7-Eleven, Dollar General, and Family Dollar stores.



"VIA is committed to offering a variety of convenient payment options and modern technology to our customers," VIA President/CEO Jeffrey C. Arndt said. "We will continue to explore and provide the best and latest technology platforms that will enhance our customers experience to plan and pay for multi-modal trips in our service area. By allowing the use of credit card or cash payments, we are offering more solutions to help connect our customers with work, school, shopping and more."

The new feature also greatly expands important digital touchless ticketing to a broader section of VIA's riders, providing safer ticketing for them and VIA staff while allowing for faster boarding at the bus stop.

The VIA goMobile+ app is VIA's official mobile ticketing and trip-planning app and can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play. More information on how to use the app and all of its features is available at VIAinfo.net/goMobileplus



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SWART INTRODUCES NEW LOOK

Earlier this summer SWART celebrated its 9th Anniversary as a stand-alone transit district. Servicing eight counties of the Middle Rio Grande Region, the past nine years have been a journey full of twists and turns. In preparing for its 10th-year milestone, SWART has adopted a new look.

"The staff felt that it was time for a change, and with the initiative of our Chief Operations Manager, Carlos Mallen, we are pleased to introduce our new logo and branding project," states Sarah Hidalgo-Cook, General Manager.



The SWART communities will soon see changes to its fleet with the new logo. The overall project will take several months before all vehicles in the fleet are outfitted with the new logo, but the goal is to have them completed by June 2022, when SWART will celebrate its 10th Anniversary. The organization which is funded through the Texas Department of Transportation Public Transit Division and the Federal Transit Administration, travels over 900,000 miles annually, providing rural public transportation and non-emergency medical transportation (Medicaid). There are no eligibility requirements to use the public transportation service, which offers various routes in each county depending on the need. Both local and out-of-area routes are provided for a reasonable fare.

SWART has implemented many advances to its service over the span of the last nine years, including paperless manifests, paperless fare collection, on-board security cameras, APP-based communication for drivers & dispatchers, a comprehensive safety program, and better-streamlined vehicles for customer comfort. In addition, other implementations include the My RIDE App, which allows riders to track the arrival of their ride and includes an electronic & integrated timekeeping system for staff, automatic hand sanitizer dispensers in each vehicle, and building/grounds improvements in Uvalde, Crystal City, and Eagle Pass. Automatic bus washers were installed in Uvalde and Eagle Pass as well.

"SWART impacts the entire region in relation to community and economic development. We are no longer just an organization that provides rides. Our presence in the community goes way beyond that now. We are an economic driver that is inviting to new businesses, housing initiatives, and workforce. With over 35 different partnerships throughout the region, we provide transit alternatives to just about everyone", states Hidalgo-Cook. Over the last two years, SWART has made an economic impact in the Middle Rio Grande Region of \$9,125,970.00, as per the American Public Transportation Association's economic impact formula. As the lead agency for regional transportation planning in the Middle Rio Grande Region, the organization is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of the community residents while keeping its mission in focus daily. SWART's comprehensive mission sets the tone for organizational goals. Mission: To provide safe, reliable public transportation with integrity to guide mobility enhancements to support our communities' quality of life to benefit local economic development.

For more information about SWART, please contact Sarah Hidalgo-Cook at 800-499-1617 x 3009 or at <mailto:scCook@paseoswart.org>.

Going to the State Fair of Texas: DART is Still the Best Way to Get There

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) makes getting to the 2021 State Fair of Texas quick and easy. Enjoy your light-rail ride in air-conditioned comfort September 24 through October 17 without having to find parking or battling traffic and get dropped off at one of two gates.



Green Line service

Fair Park Station, located on Parry Avenue at the entrance to the fairgrounds, and MLK, Jr. Station, located south of R.B. Cullum Boulevard and convenient to the Gate 6 entrance and the Cotton Bowl stadium, are your choices on DART's Green Line. Green Line trains will be available approximately every 10 minutes between downtown Dallas and the Fair Park stations.

Service changes

Fair days are always busy days on DART Rail and buses. DART will make the following changes beginning Monday, Sept. 20:

Extra Green Line trains will run on a loop between downtown Dallas and Fair Park approximately every 10 minutes, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily

Orange Line service will be extended to Parker Road Station on all trips, weekdays and weekends (except for Saturday, October 9)

Trinity Railway Express (TRE) will operate on all four Sundays during the fair

Visit [DART.org/statefair](https://www.dart.org/statefair) to view these special DART Rail schedules.



**Free Training Webinars are listed by date.
Open a date to access the registration link.**

October 6: Rollover Prevention

Wednesday, Oct. 6 (10-10:45 a.m. CT): Rollover Prevention. Safety leaders and managers play a key role in helping drivers keep the load on the road. In this session, retired Texas Department of Public Safety senior trooper John Counts will discuss how rollovers happen, why they happen and what you can do to avoid them. Rollovers can be prevented. It's important to understand the reasons they occur and dispel any myths.

October 21: DITTE

Thursday, Oct. 21 (9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. CT): Drug Impairment Training for Texas Employers. This training explores the effects of alcohol and other drugs on driving and workplace performance as well as highlights the cost and lifestyle impacts of a DWI-alcohol arrest. Benefits of preventative training for employers and employees also are outlined.

Training consists of three 45-minute sessions, each followed by a 15-minute break, and then one 30-minute session. Upon completion of all four sessions, participants will receive a certificate via email and will be sent a copy of the curriculum.

November 10: Fast Pass

November 17: Backing Up Safely

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METRO Joins Operation Lifesaver in Safety Effort to Stop Track Tragedies

METRO and [Operation Lifesaver Inc.](#), a national rail safety education non-profit, have joined forces to observe National Rail Safety Week. The annual event, which this year takes place **Sept. 20-26**, aims to prevent collisions, injuries and deaths by raising awareness about the importance of making safe choices near railroad tracks.

METRO's safety department led several public engagement efforts to spread the message, including events with METRO Police (MPD), on-site outreach to local employers, virtual meetings, and public service announcements.

"METRO has been a proud supporter of Rail Safety Week since its inception," said METRO Safety Director Mohammed Boukhriiss. "This effort is about saving lives. Our goal during Rail Safety Week is to drive home the message that an unsafe decision can have devastating consequences."

Since 2017, Rail Safety Week has saved lives by educating and empowering the public to make safe decisions around trains and tracks and raising awareness of rail safety education. The week-long campaign is a collaborative effort among Operation Lifesaver, Inc., state Operation Lifesaver programs, and rail safety partners across the United States, Canada and Mexico.





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Chassis: E-Series, F-Series



Sliding Hinge Design

Vehicle Type: Dual-Cab Door Cutaways
Chassis: E-Series, F-Series



Textile Design

Vehicle Type: Minivans, Full-Size Vans, Dual-Cab Door Cutaways
Chassis: Ford Transit, Dodge ProMaster, E-Series, F-Series

[Explore Kits and Components](#)

Capital Metro Board Approves Nation's Largest Electric Vehicle Procurement

Transit agency takes major step in fulfilling the Project Connect vision of a cleaner future

AUSTIN, Texas (September 27, 2021) – Today, the Capital Metro Board of Directors approved the purchase of 197 new electric buses, the nation's largest electric vehicle procurement to date, which will expand its zero-emissions fleet to more than 200 electric buses.

In less than a year since the historic passage of the Project Connect transit plan, this decision marks a pivotal moment in CapMetro's goal to transition its entire fleet of more than 400 transit vehicles to zero-emission buses. The new buses, which are being manufactured by Proterra and New Flyer, will replace regular buses and expand the fleet for the new Expo Center and Pleasant Valley MetroRapid lines as outlined in Project Connect.

"Today's announcement is a major milestone for CapMetro as we strive to provide safe, clean and equitable transportation for our community for generations to come," said CapMetro President and CEO Randy Clarke. "Public transportation has a bright future in Central Texas as we continue to bring Project Connect to life in the coming years. With this electric bus procurement, we are showing our dedication to a cleaner tomorrow."

"Using zero-emissions buses adds to the quality of life of the Austin community," said District 3 Council Member Pio Renteria. "Once these buses are in service, they will be used for new bus routes in underserved areas of East Austin. They will also be critical for providing the area's residents convenient access to work, healthcare, educational and recreational opportunities."

The community will benefit from the zero-emissions features of the buses, with annual savings of approximately 230,000 pounds of greenhouse gases when compared with diesel. Additional benefits include reduced air pollution, noise level, and heat and fuel costs, all powered by clean electric energy. The new electric vehicles come with state-of-the-art technology and engineering, including USB charging ports, plug-in and overhead charging, open seating floor plan and passenger digital display, just to name a few.

"Proterra is incredibly proud to build on our strong partnership with CapMetro and deliver our newest, fifth-generation electric bus technology to help Austin realize its important goal of 100% zero-emission transportation," said Josh Ensign, president of Proterra Transit. "Through its embrace of next-generation electric bus technology and charging infrastructure, CapMetro is setting a model for others to follow in the transition to clean, quiet transportation for all."

"For over 20 years, New Flyer has propelled CapMetro's expansion of safe, reliable, and accessible mobility in Austin, with 344 buses delivered since 1997," said Chris Stoddart, President, New Flyer. "With our advanced electric buses – offering a lighter weight, longer range, and better energy recovery than ever before – Project Connect is evolving CapMetro's fleet toward cleaner, quieter, more sustainable mobility, and building a more livable Austin."

Project Connect aims to bridge initiatives addressing equity, sustainability and innovation by reimagining and implementing a transit program that will include a new rail system, underground stations, electrification of the transit system and more.

The first shipment of new electric vehicles is scheduled to arrive by the end of 2022.

Sun Metro Unveils Artistic Buses Wraps Featuring Downtown Arts District

Wraps Invite Community to Meet Up Downtown

EL PASO, Texas — The Museums and Cultural Affairs Department (MCAD) and Sun Metro have collaborated on a new marketing campaign, Meet Me in the Arts District, to draw people back to visit and spend time in Downtown El Paso. Two Sun Metro buses have been wrapped with artwork, created by local artists and featuring the Downtown Arts District, a high-quality arts and entertainment area. The artist-led campaign is funded through the Texas Commission on the Arts Cultural Districts Program.

Both buses, which are now in circulation, were on static display, Thursday, July 29, on Franklin Street (in front of the El Paso Museum of History) as part of a monthly entertainment series.

The local artists who created the designs, Lucero Ornelas and Vanessa Clark, will be on hand to discuss their artwork with the public. Visitors will also have a chance to obtain a print of their artwork (while supplies last).

The two artists were selected to create designs that feature the Downtown Arts District. In addition, the campaign features a mural, I Heart the Arts District, created and painted by local artist Tino Ortega. The mural is located on a wall on Santa Fe Street across from the El Paso Museum of Art.

The El Paso Downtown Arts District was designated by the Texas Commission on the Arts in Fall 2011. The District is anchored by museums, greenspaces, performing arts facilities, cultural venues and tourist amenities. The Downtown Arts District has become the place where El Paso and the surrounding community meet for high-quality arts and entertainment.

About the Artists

Vanessa Clark is a painter and graphic artist born and raised in El Paso. She is influenced by nature and the mixed culture along the U.S./Mexico border. Lucero Ornelas is a visual artist and graphic designer born in El Paso and raised in Ciudad Juarez. She is inspired by the cultural and lifestyles along the U.S./Mexico border. For more information, visit the El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department at www.mcad.elpasotexas.gov.



Why Automatic Passenger Counters (APCs) Are More Important Now Than Ever

The Lesson COVID-19 Taught Us About Counting Passengers in Public Transit

The COVID-19 pandemic rocked the world and vastly impacted public transit operations. For the first time since the Spanish Influenza Pandemic, public transit agencies urged the public to only take essential trips and put in safety measures to protect both the driver and the passenger by enabling social distancing practices and, in many cases of bus services of onboard fare collection, by going fare-free. These fare-free structures created a reliance on automatic passenger counters (APCs) to count ridership instead of validating with fareboxes. Many agencies quickly realized that not all APCs are created equally as some systems provide more accurate counts than others. Transit agencies could no longer reconcile passenger activity by pulling ridership from fare collection sources, including but not limited to trip sheets, mobile ticketing, demand-response [ADA], TNCs, and NEMT.

"One of the more significant opportunities from the COVID pandemic is being able to identify where our core ridership is truly originating. And without fare collection, measuring core ridership was nearly impossible for agencies without calibrated and certified APC ridership data for fleet vehicles," said Senior Consultant for TransTrack, Nathan Atherstone.

What are APCs?

"APCs are electronic devices that are typically installed on transit vehicles, including bus and rail vehicles, for providing counts of passenger boarding and alighting activities by stop. They do not directly count such activities. Instead, they have sensors in the vehicle doorways that track the directional movements of passengers as they board or alight," said Dr. Xuehao Chu, qualified statistician who developed the [NTD Sampling Manual](#).

APCs come with onboard computers that interpret information from the sensors and, depending on the direction of their movements, convert it into counts of boardings or alightings. These onboard counts are finally uploaded and stored in the agency computer system. These stored counts become the raw APC data; the whole process is mainly automated.

Why are APCs critical?

APCs are critical for automatically collecting data on passenger activities that were previously collected manually. Depending on the fleet penetration of APCs, an APC system can provide so much more data, richer data that agencies once either could not afford to collect or could not manually collect the data (e.g., average peak load) but also what they could not do or could not afford to do with traditional manually collected data (e.g., the 95th-percentile value of peak load). Furthermore, large APC data allows agencies to estimate the aggregated ridership or passenger miles traveled with more precision than what is feasible with manually collected data.

Select Link to [Read entire article by TransTrack:](#)

TTA welcomes QRyde as one of our newest Associate Members

About QRyde

QRyde by HBSS is a technology based solution product whose business is to develop the network of providers, communities and riders and implement low cost rides to various destinations. In order to implement low cost rides, market saturation is crucial and here data interface through software and artificial intelligence is significant. Most importantly, to enable this, travel demand data through analytic systems is the grass-root requirement both zonally and regionally. With the massive amount of data available on the system, our product 'QRyde Cloud' is developed to store, process and protect data; and find smart solutions for all stakeholders to perform their entire business functions of transportation on one portal. QRyde is a first in class, and best of breed cloud based transportation management system. It is built with a built-in Artificial Intelligence platform and big data management capabilities.



What we have been doing?

HBSS or HB Software Solutions has been building software for various transportation agencies based out of US for two decades now. Basically, making and managing transportation more efficiently and easier are what we do. The QRyde Comprehensive Shared Ride Scheduling Platform whose application offers app-based ride-booking, call-centre optimization, competitive bidding options, shared ride cost-sharing and more. Currently in US, it is used over 20 plus States which includes over 4500 cities for over 90 million rides. The comprehensiveness includes ADA and Paratransit within the market of Public Transit while catering to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements where it maximizes ride sharing. Whether it is a transit agency, a commercial transportation provider, a transportation funding agency, a transportation coordinator, an NEMT broker, or an entrepreneur in the transportation industry; QRyde serves each one with a vast menu of customized features and product modules based on their unique needs. Let's see which are the markets we serve with our products.

QRyde's Record

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The City of Galveston is excited to announce the return of the Galveston Island Trolley service beginning in October

Galveston's rail trolley service beginning October 1

All aboard! Residents and visitors to the island will soon be able to ride the charming historic rail trolleys in historic downtown Galveston. The City of Galveston is excited to announce the return of the Galveston Island Trolley service on weekends beginning October 1. This will be the first trolley rail service since they were flooded during Hurricane Ike in 2008. Three of the four historic trolleys have been beautifully restored and have completed testing for the state and federal certification needed before resuming service to the public.

"We've been looking forward to the return of the beloved trolleys since they were damaged in Hurricane Ike and are thrilled the public will soon be able to ride them once again," Mayor Craig Brown said. "There is no better way to see the historic architecture of downtown Galveston and visit the restaurants and shops than by streetcar."



"The trolley restoration project has been a long time in the works and we're ready to have the public enjoying them again," City Manager Brian Maxwell said. "We'd like to thank all of our partners who worked with us to bring back the trolleys, including TXDOT and the Federal Transportation Agency." Beginning Friday, October 1, three trolleys will be running the entire route of the line, which connects downtown and the Seawall along 25th Street. The Galveston Island Trolley is a fun and unique way to see historic downtown Galveston. For the first weekend of October, the trolleys will be free to ride. After that, the fare will be \$1 per person with the trolleys operating. For now, the trolleys will operate on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"Galveston is one of a handful of U.S. cities to have a vintage trolley system," Galveston Island Convention & Visitors Bureau Chief Tourism Officer Michael Woody said. "The Park Board and the CVB are committed to help support this important part of our history along with the many unique defining elements that make Galveston an amazing place to live and visit."

The City of Galveston is celebrating the return of the trolleys with a special event on Friday, October 1, beginning at 9 a.m. on Postoffice between 22nd and 23rd Street. The public is invited to join and tour a trolley.

Many residents and visitors are unaccustomed to sharing the road with streetcars. Please stay alert when walking or driving in the trolley area and follow these safety precautions:

While the trolleys are operating, motorists and pedestrians must be vigilant and obey all safety measures along the route.



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Woman in Public Transit Networking Forum.

These meetings/calls are moderated by TTA Board Members Sarah Hidalgo-Cook of Southwest Area Regional Transit District and Serena Stevenson of Waco Transit System and McLennan County Rural Transit District.

The purpose of these calls is to network and share information with your peers. If you would like to be included on these email notifications, please send a request via email to Allen Hunter.

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