

Supporting the needs of Texas' public transportation systems through statewide advocacy and education.

TTA wishes you a Safe and Happy New Year!

TTA also wants to remind you that Registration for the State Conference, Expo and Rodeo is open. This year's [2023 Annual State Conference and Expo](#) will feature industry-leading content, with timely general sessions, in-depth breakout sessions, and training. It will also have numerous networking opportunities with your friends and colleagues from the transit industry.

Schedule of Events:

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| April 11 | Golf Tournament and Welcome Reception |
| April 12-14 | TTA Conference |
| April 12-13 | Expo |
| April 13 | Big Night Out |
| April 13-14 | Rodeo Briefings, competition and awards dinner |



Register Today!

Sponsorship Opportunities

Approaching Deadlines

January 16, 2023

The Conference Planning Committee has extended the deadline to [submit abstracts](#) for presentations for the 2023 State Conference, Expo and Rodeo to Friday, Jan. 16, 2023. If you have a topic or presentation you would like to share at this year's conference, please select the [link](#) or email info@txtransit.org. The deadline is now January 16, 2023.

January 31, 2023

This is the last day to submit your **TTA award nominations** and take advantage of the early bird savings for the [State Conference, Expo and Rodeo](#). Don't miss this excellent opportunity.

Submit your nomination today!

Award criteria

Important upcoming TTA Dates

February 1, 2023 — Evening Reception Jack and Ginger's Irish Pub in the Domain, Austin, TX.

5:30-7:30 PM

11500 Rock Rose Ave., Ste. 100, Austin, TX

Please join us for an Evening Reception at a traditional Austin Irish Pub in the heart of the Domain, Wednesday, February 1, 2023. Jack & Ginger's is the perfect place to enjoy a few hors d'oeuvres and cocktails while networking and catching up with several of your peers from around the state.

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Please RSVP so that we can plan for your arrival.

Free self parking is available in the red parking garage.



March 7, 2023 — TTA Legislative Day at the Capitol

The Texas Transit Association will host TTA's Day at the Capitol on March 7th, 2023. For details or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Allen Hunter at allen@txtransit.org.

Breakfast at the Stephen F Austin Royal Sonesta Hotel followed by a shuttle to the Capitol

Meetings at the Capitol

Lunch on your own followed by an ice cream social

Evening Reception at the Stephen F Austin Royal Sonesta Hotel

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April 11-15, 2023 — 2023 TTA State Conference, Expo and Rodeo

This year's State Conference, Expo, and Rodeo will be held in the beautiful city of Corpus Christi, Texas, full of one-of-a-kind attractions. In addition, our host agency, Corpus Christi Regional Transit Authority, CCRTA, will highlight its innovative and evolving mobility network.

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Register Today! (early bird registration ends on January 31, 2023)

SIDEWALK, BIKE LANE FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR TRANSIT AGENCIES

TxDOT has opened its Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects, and thanks to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, there's been a massive increase in available funding. TxDOT is making available around \$250 million for its 2023 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects, which is nearly five times as much funding compared to the \$54 million awarded to projects in 2021.

This funding will go towards planning and construction of projects like shared use paths, rail-to-trail improvements, sidewalks to schools and downtowns, and bicycle lanes.

The funding can also help build transit-related improvements that provide safe and accessible pedestrian and bicyclist access to transit. This means in addition to cities, counties, and other eligible project sponsors, transit agencies can apply for this funding to help build infrastructure and amenities, like bicycle parking, benches, and shade structures, to make it easier for people to walk and bicycle to transit stops.

This is also the first time this federal funding is available through TxDOT to all communities in the state, regardless of size. [TxDOT](#) held virtual and in-person workshops to help with applications for the funding. More information on how to apply can be found online at txdot.gov. The first step in the application is due Jan. 27, 2023.

[Bicycle and pedestrian local and federal funding programs](#)



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Waco Transit System is offering it's Annual New Year's "Safe Ride Home" Program for the 17th year

Waco Transit System has partnered with Tow King and Ben E. Keith Company to promote responsible drinking by offering FREE transportation this New Year's Eve.

Residents in the Waco area can call ahead to schedule a ride to and from their destination.

If someone needs an unexpected "Safe Ride Home" on New Year's Eve, calls are scheduled according to availability, and Tow King is offering free vehicle tows home.

The idea behind Safe Ride Home is to support responsible drinking and, ultimately, save lives. Waco Transit System's goal is simple... to keep the streets of Waco safe on New Year's Eve.

"We're hoping to save at least one life. If we save at least one life, we've been very successful," said Charles Parham, director of operations at Waco Transit Systems. "That's the whole purpose of this program is to let people know that they can go out, have a good time and get home safely." The 'Safe Ride Home' program aims to give people a free alternative to rideshare programs.

This is the 17th year Waco Transit has hosted the program.

Safe Ride Home is made possible thanks to the generous contributions of Ben E. Keith Company and donations from Subway and Chuy's.



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VIA and H-E-B Partner to Offer Complimentary Service to Feast of Sharing

VIA Metropolitan Transit teamed up once again with H-E-B to provide complimentary transportation for anyone that attended the Feast of Sharing at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2022. The event was free and open to the public.

The transportation included all mainline bus service, VIA Link, or VIAtrans service for registered patrons. When boarding, passengers who informed the operator that they are attending the Feast of Sharing would ride fare-free. Registered VIAtrans customers needed to schedule their trip in accordance with VIAtrans policies and procedures. Guests who rode VIAtrans were dropped off and picked up at 900 E. Market St.



Since 2002, VIA and H-E-B have partnered to help ensure transportation is provided to this beloved holiday event. The Feast was suspended in 2020 due to COVID restrictions and returned on December 22, 2022 with music, activities for the family, and a variety of free services for all who need a hot meal this holiday.



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DART's 2022: Year in Review

As 2022 comes to a close, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) looks back on all of the accomplishments this year.

January: DART Launches New Bus Network

With the goal of providing greater frequency, longer service hours and improved access to destinations across North Texas, DART's new bus network launched on January 24. The new bus system is designed to ensure passengers have quick and easy access to employment, education and entertainment destinations.

To celebrate the launch of the New Bus Network, all rides were free the week of January 24 – 30. DART also offered 50% off all rides purchased with any DART contactless payment option from January 31 until end of service on February 14.

February: DART Asks Young Artists: Where Would You Like to Go?

The annual DART Student Art Contest began accepting individual entries from all North Texas students. The theme of this year's contest is "DART's New Bus Network: Simpler. Better. Faster. Easier!"

Kindergarten through 12th grade students throughout North Texas

competed for the opportunity to have their artwork featured on DART rail stations, buses and inside trains. The winner's artwork was displayed at the Dallas Museum of Art, Love Field Airport, and on DART's website.



[See entire Article](#)

TTA's Legislative Workshop

On December 13th, TTA hosted a Legislative Workshop at the State Capitol. TTA's Lobbyist led a discussion with Aaron Gibson, Chief of Staff for the Honorable Eddie Morales, Jr. and Curtis Smith, Chief of Staff for the Honorable Terry Canales.

Harvey Kronberg of the Quorum Report also provided some insight. Followed by Steve Montgomery from Trinity Metro who led a panel discussion with Mario Delgado w/ Metro McAllen, Eddie Miranda w/ Houston Metro, and Leroy Alloway w/CapMetro.



Wade Long, introduces panelists at TTA's Legislative Workshop including Steve Montgomery w/Trinity Metro, Mario Delgado w/Metro McAllen, Eddie Miranda w/ Houston Metro, and Leroy Alloway w/CapMetro.



Harvey Kronberg of the Quorum Report addressing TTA members during the Legislative Workshop.

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TTA's Day at the Capitol,
March 7, 2023

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Please be aware, there is limited space available so be sure to lock yours in today. There are sponsorship levels available for any budget. You are able to sponsor a single issue or the entire year.

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