

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

TTA's Statewide Training Initiative

TTA's Statewide Training Initiative represents a significant investment in the professional development of transit staff across Texas. By partnering with Easterseals and leveraging their extensive expertise, TTA is poised to deliver a robust training program that addresses key challenges in the transit industry. This initiative not only aims to improve operational efficiency but also to enhance the overall quality of transit services for the communities served.

Don't miss out on this exceptional opportunity to enhance your team's skills and knowledge at no cost.

There are several ways to keep up with future training sessions:

- **[Website—TTA Statewide Training Initiative](#)**
- TTA's Monthly Newsletter
- Email Blast from Easterseals and TTA

If there is a specific training your agency is interested in or you would like to host a meeting please contact info@TxTransit.org.



CARES Frontline Supervisor Certification
Hosted by Alamo Area Council of Governments
April 29-30, 2024

CTAA 2024 New 35 foot Bus Competition



The National Roadeo is fast approaching! CTAA is excited about the "NEW for 2024" 35-foot bus competition, but Texas hasn't registered a driver yet! Please register your driver for the 35 foot category as soon as possible. CTAA looks forward to giving Texas' drivers an opportunity to showcase their skills and being celebrated at national level.

[CTAA Roadeo Registration Here!](#)



TTA's Sunset Evening Reception

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Free for TTA Members (\$50 each for Non-Members)

Join us for an unforgettable networking event, on the Lonestar Riverboat as we cruise along Ladybird Lake. You will enjoy drinks and appetizers with your peers while taking in a beautiful sunset over Downtown Austin. Near the end of the evening, you will witness a spectacular sight: the largest colony of Mexican free-tailed bats emerging from Congress Avenue Bridge. RSVP today!

Check-in: 6:30 PM at 208 Barton Springs Rd.

Note: the boat will be leaving sharply at 7:00 PM

This event has limited space so RSVP today!

(Limited to 4 per agency)

TTA Statewide Training Initiative

These courses are offered at **no cost**, but space is limited, so make sure that you and your staff don't miss out. This training opportunity is made possible with a grant through TxDOT.

June 2024

Successful Strategies for Managing

Problematic People

Two Day In-Person

June 5-6, 2024

2910 E 5th CapMetro

Austin, TX

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. CST

[Register Here](#)

Human Resources at its Best!

Two Day In-Person

June 19-20, 2024

City and Rural Rides (CARR)

Early, TX

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. CST

[Register Here](#)

Marketing Your Transit Program

Webinar

June 26, 2024

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

[Register Here](#)

July 2024

Procurement Workshop

Two Day In-Person

July 15-16, 2024

Commons Conference Center

Austin, TX

8:00 p.m.. – 5:00 p.m. CST

[Register Here](#)

Effective Communication and Disability Etiquette

Webinar

July 30, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

[Register Here](#)

[Click here for Training Calendar](#)

Upcoming Trainings:

Generational Differences in the Workplace (Webinar)

August 8, 2024

City of McAllen will Receive \$500,000 from FTA

The [City of McAllen TX Government](#) will receive \$500,000 from FTA to plan for transit-oriented development around Metro McAllen stations and bus routes, including a proposed BRT corridor. The plan will enhance housing options and walkability around Central Station in downtown McAllen with mixed-use development and improve multimodal connections at the new North Transfer Station. [Read the article here](#)



Free Shuttle Service Downtown San Antonio

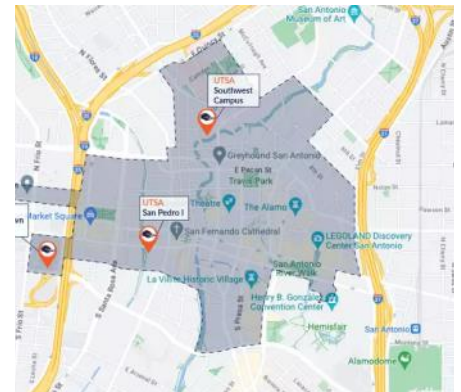


People can now use a free shuttle service in downtown San Antonio:

Those looking to get around downtown without using their own car and trying to find parking will now have access to a new shuttle pilot that was once only available to UTSA students. Centro San Antonio and UTSA have partnered with VIA Metropolitan Transit and eCab North America to offer a free Little Runner shuttle service in certain parts of downtown starting Monday, according to a news release.

The Little Runner shuttle will provide what Centro calls "last-mile transportation" within the central core of downtown San Antonio starting from Alamo Plaza and extending west to east — from I-35 to I-37 — which are the public improvement district boundaries. The map below shows the Little Runner service area.

The Little Runner shuttle launched on March 14 and was offered exclusively to downtown UTSA students for seven weeks. During that time, Little Runner gave over 2,000 rides to more than 4,000 people. Now that same service is open to the public. The pilot program will provide data to Centro that could allow the program to extend to more areas in the future.



Houston Metro Providing Critical Transportation

The Authority has diverted some of its resources to provide transportation to the crews who are working to restore electricity across the Houston region. Metro thanks everyone who has been working nonstop to restore electricity across the Houston region. This includes crews from CenterPoint Energy and their mutual assistance crews from across the country. METRO is proud to assist these workers by providing critical transportation to and from worksites.



TAPS Ground Breaking Ceremony



What a great day it was at TAPS!! They had a ground breaking ceremony for the new Operations Facility. Construction is expected to begin by the end of this month.

May is National Bike Month

May is National Bike Month, a time to recognize how bicycling provides an affordable and convenient means to travel while improving people's health and helping the planet.

With many transit vehicles equipped with onboard storage for bicycles, riders can take bikes on most forms of public transportation to get to their nearest transit station quicker.



Board for the Shore with the Port Aransas Express

Skip the ferry lines with CCRTA’s seasonal service (Corpus Christi, Texas) –

Need a ride to the sandy shores of Port Aransas? Skip the ferry lines with Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority’s (CCRTA) Route 95, Port Aransas Express. This seasonal service began May 3rd and will run daily through September 29th. This convenient coastal travel service now has extended hours, with service running past midnight.

Originally a pilot program, Port Aransas Express became a permanent seasonal route in 2022. The route begins at CCRTA’s Staples Street Station and travels to Port Aransas, with stops at HEB stores in Ingleside and Aransas Pass along the way. Passengers can enjoy free Wi-Fi and receive priority ferry boarding, significantly reducing travel times during peak hours or holidays. The accessible service is just \$1.25 to travel from Corpus Christi and \$0.75 from Ingleside or Aransas Pass.

“Port Aransas Express reduces transportation barriers for employment, tourism, and economic opportunities in the region. Our Board of Directors and Executive Leadership are excited to introduce extended service hours to better serve the needs of our workforce and community,” said Derrick Majchszak, CCRTA Chief Executive Officer.

PORT ARANSAS EXPRESS

DITCH THE WAIT, EXTEND THE PLAY

SEASONAL SERVICE IS BACK!
RUNNING MAY 3 - SEPT. 29

NOW OPERATING PAST MIDNIGHT.

For detailed schedules visit ccrta.org/express

For more information on the Port Aransas Express, please visit ccrta.org/express.

TxDOT: Connecting Texas 2050



The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) welcomes you to learn about and review the [*Connecting Texas 2050*](#) draft plan, the agency's latest update to the statewide long-range transportation plan. The draft plan is a comprehensive report com-

prised of all the technical work performed and feedback received from the public and stakeholders since fall 2022.

Review the Draft Plan Online: The [draft plan](#) is available to the public.

Register to attend the statewide virtual public hearing

Your feedback is valuable as the agency completes the planning process for this update to the statewide long-range transportation plan. To facilitate public review and feedback on the draft plan, TxDOT will hold a statewide virtual public hearing on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT) online and via phone.

The statewide virtual public hearing's purpose is to provide an opportunity for participants to learn about the statewide long-range transportation planning process, review the draft statewide long-range transportation plan, and provide written or verbal comments.

The statewide virtual public hearing will include a live presentation from the *Connecting Texas 2050* team. This presentation will include both audio and visual components. An opportunity for formal comment will be provided following the presentation.

Hearing time and date: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT)

Hearing location: Online and via phone.

How to access: You can use the link below on or before Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. to register to attend the virtual public hearing. The registration process will record your name, email address, and who you represent for the official record. The registration process will provide the option to generate a calendar appointment.

Webcast: [Register to watch and listen to the proceedings via](#)

- Commenting options through the webcast: text submission
- Accommodations: American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation and live Spanish interpretation will be available

Phone: To listen to the proceedings via phone: call 1-800-717-1738 and input conference ID number 49101

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Sponsoring the TTA newsletter, by purchasing ad space, can be a powerful way to reach decision makers at member agencies across the state. It will also help to increase exposure in a receptive environment (your customers inbox) and can subtly promote your brand whilst gaining goodwill throughout the entire association. TTA newsletters are a particularly useful tool for communicating with customers, building engagement, and directing customers to key content.



TTA Member Price

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| Full Page Ad single issue | \$500 |
| Full Page One Year | \$2,000 |
| Half Page Ad single issue | \$250 |
| Half Page One Year | \$1,000 |
| Business card Ad single issue | \$100 |
| Business card One Year | \$500 |

Non-Member Price

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| Full Page Ad single issue | \$750 |
| Full Page One Year | \$3,000 |
| Half Page Ad single issue | \$400 |
| Half Page One Year | \$2,000 |
| Business card Ad single issue | \$200 |
| Business card One Year | \$1,000 |

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Membership Announcement

May 2024

Time for Membership Renewal

Remember, the TTA Membership year is September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024

Joining the Texas Transit Association as a member is the first step in showing your commitment to improving public transportation. Membership gives you access to valuable resources, networking opportunities, and a platform to influence policy decisions. We want to emphasize that your involvement with TTA is vital.

Not a Member?

Join Today!

Texas Transit Association

Contact us (512) 900-0550

laura@txtransit.org or allen@txtransit.org

Transit and Associate Members Form and Payment

Please download this [form](#), for Transit Agency

Please download this [form](#), for Associate Member

Completed form, along with a check, to
501 Congress Ave, Suite 150,
Austin, Texas 78701.

Contact laura@txtransit.org if you would like to pay using a credit card.

Upcoming Dates of Interest:

CTAA June 9-12, 2024

TTA's Sunset Evening Reception July 16, 2024

TxDOT Semi-Annual July 17, 2024

SWTA Summer University July 28-31, 2024

TTA Calendar of Events

