

# **SETran**

Advocacy, Coordination, Education, and Information for Transit and Mobility for Southeast Colorado

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November 2022

### **Meetings**

11/8 8:30 am
Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

11/15 8:30 am
Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

11/22 8:30 am
Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

11/29 8:30 am
Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

12/1 10:00 am CDOT Transit Monthly Call

12/6 8:30 am Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

12/13 8:30 am Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

12/20 8:30 am Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

12/21 8:30 am SETran Quarterly Meeting

## **Trainings**

No upcoming trainings.

Start thinking about your training needs for the upcoming year!!

## Five Ways to Pilot a Microtransit Service

- Specific time of day
- Specific groups of people
  - First-mile-last-mile
  - Specialized services
  - Temporary situations

## **SETran Library**

- ♦ START Safety Training & Rural Transit
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- Customer Driven Service
- Problem Passengers
- Securing Transportation Assets & Operations
- Fundamental Financial Management for Rural Transit Providers
- Emergency Procedures for Rural Transit Drivers
- Dispatching & Scheduling Training for Rural Transit Systems

## **National Transit News**

#### **Transit and Holiday Shopping**

The holidays are a magical time, but it is also the most expensive time of the year form many of us. Along with the expense of higher utilities, gifts, meals, and travel, is the stress the holiday season can provide. Using transit could be a good way to reduce some of your travel costs and a lot of your stress. By simply using transit you



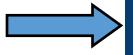
**Baca Area Transit** 719-353-1237 **Bent County Transit** 719-662-1122 719-543-9983 **Bustang Outrider Golden Age Trans.** 719-469-0836 **Kiowa County Transit** 719-438-5810 **La Junta City Transit** 719-384-5453 LAVAAA 719-384-3164 **Prowers Area Transit** 719-336-8034 **Veterans Services** 719-931-3100

could avoid: fighting holiday traffic, trying to find a parking spot, worrying about someone breaking into or stealing your car while you shop, standing in the cold pumping fuel, paying the high fuel prices and more. Reach out to our regional transit agencies and let them help relieve some of your stress this holiday season by getting you where you need to

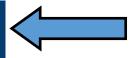
#### **National RTAP Find Anything Toolkit**

The National Rural Transit Assistance Program is a technical assistance center funded by FTA through the section 5311 Program. The National RTAP provides *FREE TRAIN-ING MATERIALS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE* to rural and tribal transit providers. One of the many toolkits they have available is the <a href="Find Anything Toolkit">Find Anything Toolkit</a>. The Find Anything Toolkit was updated in 2022. It provides guidance on how to quickly and easily search for, find and access high quality and relevant training and technical assistance materials, information, peer networks, and more. The toolkit now has more resources in assisting people with finding transportation, as well as additional search engines to try for research beyond Google. Also included in the update was State RTAP and 5311 websites.

A section on <u>Hot Topics</u> is one of the many things included in the Find Anything Toolkit. Some of the hot topics in 2022 are bus stops, climate change, construction, driver recruitment, marketing, and Medicaid transportation. Within this section on their website multiple direct links on all of the hot topics in transit can be found. There is also many more sections of this toolkit including 3 different appendices. The Sate RTAP/5311 appendix offers direct links to state RTAP website and to the 5311 page. Follow the links above to check out this large resource for transit!



<u>Click here</u> to Nominate your Transit Driver of the Quarter



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Contact us for all your CDL Training Needs!

## State Transit News

#### **Bustang Rack Cards**

The SETran Office recently received the updated Bustang Rack cards. If you would like some sent to you please contact Charity at charity.markus@setran.net.





## **SETRAN Local News**

#### **Transit Driver of the Quarter**

Each quarter we like to recognize the drivers that make our transits around the region successful. We were able to recognize Virgil Lindsay as our 2022 third quarter, Driver of the Quarter. Virgil is a transit driver for the City of La Junta Transit. He was nominated by Dawn Block, and this is what she had to say about Virgil:

"Virgil has been a part-time employee since September 2015. Virgil consistently goes above and beyond his written job duties. He is willing to fill in for vacations and sick whenever needed, sometimes on very short notice. Virgil is always a professional - in his dress, words and actions. He is primarily responsible for transporting children. Day cares in the summer and school kids in the fall/winter/spring. Virgil is planning on retiring - sometime - when we get someone to replace him. There is no replacing Virgil!"



We are pleased to recognize Virgil and the work that he does. If you have a driver that you would like recognized please nominate them by completing this <u>form</u>. There is also a link to the nomination form on the front of this newsletter.