



SETran

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for Transit and Mobility for Southeast Colorado

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December 2022

Meetings

12/27 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

12/28 10:30 am

SETran Quarterly Meeting

1/3 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

1/5 10:00 am

CDOT Transit Monthly Call

1/10 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

1/17 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

1/24 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

1/31 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

Trainings

We want to hear from you. Check out the SETran Local News section of this newsletter to let us know your thoughts!

TACL
TRANSPORTATION
Technical Assistance Coordination Library

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

Civil Rights Compliance

Earlier this year the National Rural Transit Assistance Program updated their [Transit Manager's Toolkit](#). This toolkit gives new transit managers the information they will need on a day-to-day basis to ensure their rural transit organizations are operating smoothly and are in compliance with the federal regulations associated with receiving FTA Section 5311 Funding. This toolkit offers [administration](#) information, [operations and planning](#) tools, and a [compliance](#) section. Located within the compliance section is information specific to [Civil Rights](#) and some tips to make sure you are in compliance. Some of the highlights are:

- ♦ The language in the Title VI notice should strictly reference the Title VI-protected population. Nondiscrimination against other populations could be addressed through additional sentences.
- ♦ Recipients/subrecipients must describe how they monitor, evaluate and update the language access plan.
- ♦ The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) must name the DBELO (DBE liaison officer). Duties should be included on the job description. DBELO needs to have a direct line to the executive director or chief executive officer.
- ♦ DBE good faith efforts must be documented. Examples include published legal notices and review of state's DBE directory of firms certified through the state's [Unified Certification Program](#) (UCP).
- ♦ As a recommended practice, the transit agency should include a statement about its Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) policy on all employment advertisements, position descriptions, and job application forms.

Information specific to the Colorado Department of Transportation's DBE Program can be found [here](#). Please make sure your transit is in compliance in regards to Civil Rights, and if you need assistance we are happy to help.

Overall Annual DBE Goal for Transit

Federal Fiscal Years 2023 – 2025

US DOT Federal Transit Administration

CDOT Civil Rights & Business Resource Center

2.44%

About TACL

The Transportation Technical Assistance Coordination Library (TACL) provides a sustainable methodology and platform for access and findability of rural and tribal transit coordination resources across a diverse range of transportation technical assistance centers and the **Federal Transit Administration (FTA)**.

The FTA-funded technical assistance centers participating in this ongoing work are:

- ♦ **National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC)**
- ♦ **National Center for Applied Transit Technology (N-CATT)**
- ♦ **National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM)**
- ♦ **National Rural Transit Assistance Program (National RTAP)**
- ♦ **Shared-Use Mobility Center (SUMC)**
- ♦ **Transit Workforce Center (TWC)**

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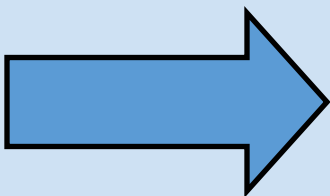
**Contact us for all
your CDL Training
Needs!**

State Transit News

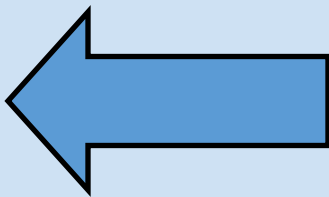
We are excited to announce that we are working on the quest to have the ability to offer Medicaid, additional Veteran's funding for transportation services. We are excited to partner with Kiowa County Transit, City of La Junta Transit, Prowers Area Transit, Bent County Transit, Golden Age Transportation, and Baca Area Transit to provide more opportunities for the individuals who need those rides. If you are interested in learning more about how we can help get veteran's and Medicaid recipients to their destinations please reach out to Charity at charity.markus@setran.net.



SETRAN Local News



**Click here to
Nominate your Transit
Driver of the Quarter!!**



As 2022 draws to an end we are pleased with what we were able to accomplish in our regional transit this year. Some of our bigger accomplishments were to promote Bustang running through the region seven days a week, Charity attended Lead Academy, we were approved for a 5311 grant for ridership software, and we started a CDL program. We were able to begin spreading awareness about regional transit by hosting two “Train the Rider” events, visiting over 25 local business on “National World Transit Day”, and attending more than fifteen community events to receive feedback via a transit survey. We also started a newsletter and increased our online presence with social media account. Additionally, multiple amazing training opportunities were offered including Busing on the Lookout, TSA Training, and Situational Awareness Training. The Kiowa County Commissioner generously donated a 14 passenger van and 15 passenger Para-Bus to SECED to assist us with training needs. Michael Koch came down and helped various transits with new grant proposals, the super call, and Free Fare August Applications. We were also able to have John Fillapone down to host a Safety and Security Plans Workshop.

Looking ahead to 2023 we hope to make it even better than 2022. We are hoping to expand the offerings of the regional transit by being able to offer Medicaid and Veteran Rides, we will be adding bus barns to different locations around the region, and are hoping to further spread the word about regional transit. Within the first few months of 2023 we are hoping to roll out our ridership software, and with the help of the City of La Junta and CASTA we are planning to get a CDL testing site up and running. Another focus go-

ing into 2023 is to increase participation and involvement in our training opportunities. We want to hear from you. What trainings are you needing for 2023? What knowledge are you hoping to gain to better your transits in the new year? Please fill out this [survey](#) so we can make sure your transit training needs are being served. A few potential trainings are listed, but if you have an idea or special need for a training please let us know. We look forward to all working together and growing transit in 2023.

Potential Trainings:

- * 2 the Point Training
- * Boards that Perform
- * Customer Driven Service
- * Dispatching & Scheduling Training for Rural Transit Drivers
- * Emergency Procedures for Rural Transit Drivers
- * Essential Skills for Trainers
- * Fundamental Financial Management for Rural Transit Agencies
- * How to Buy a Vehicle
- * Introduction to Preventative Maintenance
- * Reasonable Suspicion Training for Supervisors
- * Risk Management for Rural Transit Managers
- * Roles & Responsibilities of Transit Managers
- * Problem Passengers: Managing Difficult Passengers & Situations
- * START (Safety Training and Rural Transit)
- * Substance Abuse Awareness Training
- * Top Shops: Emergency Management in Vehicle Maintenance Facilities
- * Transportation Coordination