



# SETran

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

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March 2023

## Meetings

3/14 8:30 am  
Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

3/21 8:30 am  
Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

3/28 9:00 am  
Tour PATS New Bus Barn in Lamar

**3/28 10:00 am**  
**1st Quarter SETran Meeting**  
**Don't Be the Missing Piece to the Puzzle**

4/4 8:30 am  
Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

4/6 10:00 am  
CDOT Transit Monthly Call

4/11 8:30 am  
Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

4/18 8:30 am  
Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

4/25 8:30 am  
Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

5/9 -5/12  
CASTA Spring Training Conference

## Resources



## SETran Local News

### National Transit Driver Appreciation Day

March 18th is National Transit Driver Appreciation Day. Our local transit drivers are an amazing part of our community, and we are so very grateful for them. The transit drivers of our region make sure our community members get to their doctor appointments and the store. They transport children to and from different activities. They take individuals to their courses at the college or about any place they need to go. These individuals are an integral part of our communities, and we are so thankful for the services they provide. An amazing example of how transit is benefiting our communities occurred through La Junta City Transit. They have a special needs passenger that they have transported for the last 3 years to and from his college classes at the local community college. In September, he was hired at a local pizzeria, and now they transport him to his job! Thank you to all of you, we are so grateful for your service!!

### Local Transit Drivers

Shelly Bauer, LAVAAA	Steven Guerrero, Inspiration Field	Zelma Novak, LAVAAA
Nicole Baylor, Inspiration Field	Vicki Hall, Baca Area Transit	Ruth Padilla, Inspiration Field
Mustapha Beqqi, LAVAA	Vanessa Hernandez, Inspiration Field	Thomas Palacio, Golden Age Transit
Mercedes Bernal, Inspiration Field	Jeshua Hernandez, Prowers Area Transit	Gregg Portch, LAVAAA
Brigitte Brown, LAVAAA	Tyla Hiatt, LAVAAA	Charles Powell, La Junta Transit
John Candelaria, Inspiration Field	Ciara Holland, Inspiration Field	Whitney Powers, Inspiration Field
Gary Chamberlain, Prowers Area Transit	Emily Huerta, Inspiration Field	Chris Ptolemy, Inspiration Field
Dean Chase, LAVAAA	Iris Jimenez, Inspiration Field	Bill Rector, Inspiration Field
Antonio Chavez, Inspiration Field	Celeste Kauten, La Junta Transit	Erika Rodriguez, Inspiration Field
Alexandria Clark, Inspiration Field	Justin King, Inspiration Field	Marissa Rodriguez, Inspiration Field
Deanne Cordova, Inspiration Field	Bob Klinkerman, LAVAAA	Alianna Salazar, Inspiration Field
Diana Davis, Prowers Area Transit	Gayle Langan, LAVAAA	Leilani Salazar, Inspiration Field
Jeremy Davis, Prowers Area Transit	Barbara Leyba, Inspiration Field	Sirrena Salazar, Inspiration Field
Jose Diaz, Inspiration Field	Lisa Leyba, Inspiration Field	Terri Salisbury, Kiowa County Transit
Jim Egle, Prowers Area Transit	Virgil Lindsay, La Junta Transit	Guadalupe Sanchez, Inspiration Field
Fatima El Mliji, LAVAA	Amie Little, Inspiration Field	Jackie Sheriff-Clark, LAVAAA
Lorie Elmore, Inspiration Field	Jaylene Lopez, Inspiration Field	Ron Stewart, Baca Area Transit
Steven Encinias, Inspiration Field	Genevieve Marmolejo, Inspiration Field	Marilyn Stuart, Prowers Area Transit
Alicia Escobar, Prowers Area Transit	Amber Martinez, Inspiration Field	Leonard Tafoya, LAVAAA
Cody Favorite, Inspiration Field	Isabel Martinez, Inspiration Field	Glynn Taylor, Golden Age Transit
Chris Flakes, Inspiration Field	Joshua Martinez, Inspiration Field	Laura Vazquez-Huerta, Inspiration Field
Amber Flores, Inspiration Field	Richard Mata, Inspiration Field	Mike (Alan) Wadleigh, LAVAAA
Johnnie Fuller, LAVAAA	Timothy Merwin, Inspiration Field	Teresa Wadliugh, LAVAAA
Rebecca Gallegos, Inspiration Field	Jerry Miller, Ft. Lyon	Jackie Wagner, LAVAAA
Alvin Gallegos, La Junta Transit	JR Miller, Ft. Lyon	Floyd Ward, LAVAAA
Elizabeth Garcia, Inspiration Field	Steven Morales, Inspiration Field	Tim Weeks, Kiowa County Transit
Ashley Geringer, Inspiration Field	Julianna Morales-Reyes, Inspiration Field	Heaven Zamora, Inspiration Field
Benny Gonzales, Inspiration Field	Mardona Moreland, LAVAAA	Leticia Zubia, Inspiration Field
Monica Gonzales, Inspiration Field		

### Veteran Transportation Gap Analysis

Nicholas Schmidt is a Military Fellow with the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments. He is currently gathering data within each region of veterans, who need transportation assistance. Primarily this transportation assistance would be to medical appointments but it can also include other routine commuting such as work. He created this [Google Form](#) to help understand concerns within our respective region. He is currently going through results, so your timely input would be very helpful.

## 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

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# State Transit News

## 2023 CASTA Spring Training Conference

**Registration** for the 2023 CASTA Spring Training Conference is now open. This annual four-day conference is taking place Tuesday, May 9 through Friday, May 12 at the Pueblo Convention Center in Pueblo, Colorado. The conference provides training on multiple topics that include transit management, supervisor development, driver safety, system safety, human service issues, maintenance, and FTA and CDOT policy issues. This is a very educational event with wonderful resources, as well as a great opportunity for networking with those working in transit in different areas of our state. If you are interested consider registering prior to Tuesday, April 11th. Registration prices are listed below along with the draft schedule of the topics being discussed. If you are unable to attend due to funding issues, you may be eligible for a **scholarship** funded by RTAP. Please visit **CASTA's website** for the most up to date information regarding this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

Conference Pricing	
CASTA Member—Full Conference \$400.00 after Tuesday, April 11, 2023	\$375.00
CASTA Member—Single Day \$300.00 after Tuesday, April 11, 2023	\$275.00
Non-CASTA Member—Full Conference \$500.00 after Tuesday, April 11, 2023	\$475.00
Non-CASTA Member—Single Day \$400.00 after Tuesday, April 11, 2023	\$375.00

Tuesday, May 9, 2023	
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Keynote Luncheon
1:00 PM - 2:45 PM	CMAC Meeting Legislative Committee
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	LEAD Academy Day 1
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Afternoon Coffee Break
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Youth Ride Free Programs CREST Committee
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Welcome Reception
Wednesday, May 10, 2023	
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Regional Networking & Discussion Breakfast
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	LEAD Academy Day 2
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Construction Project Management Drug & Alcohol Manager Transit II Day 1 Maintenance Forum
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Morning Coffee Break
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Keynote Luncheon
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Shared Use Mobility
3:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Afternoon Coffee Break
Thursday, May 11, 2023	
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Regional Networking & Discussion Breakfast
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Transit 101
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Construction Project Management
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Grant Writing 202 Transit II Day 2 Maintenance Forum
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Morning Coffee Break
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Transit CDOT & FTA
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Committee Luncheon: RTAP Committee Luncheon: ZEV Committee Luncheon: Human Services
1:30 PM - 3:15 PM	Basics of Procurement in Colorado
1:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Construction Project Management
3:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Afternoon Coffee Break
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Contracting & Compliance
Friday, May 12, 2023	
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM - 10:45 AM	CDOT Session First Observer
11:00 AM	Conference Adjourns

# National Transit News

## SWTA Annual Conference

More than 500 transit professionals gathered at the Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention starting February 22 through February 25, 2023. SWTA hosted their Annual Conference & Expo in Aurora, Colorado presenting attendees with the education, networking, and a trade show featuring products and services.

SWTA's mission is to strengthen its member's ability to provide public transportation and mobility services across the region through education, community, and advocacy. The regional transit association serves eight states throughout the south, including Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas. Leaders from six out of the eight state transit associations in the SWTA Nation were in attendance at the annual convention.

Thirty-one Federal Transit Administration staff, five Regional Administrators and three Deputy Regional Administrators were in attendance at the event. Additionally, staff from APTA and CTAA attended, along with representatives from the Departments of Transportation from Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas. The SWTA Nation was able to bring together representatives from one hundred five transit agencies across twenty-two states. An additional one hundred forty-seven companies participated in the event as exhibitors, sponsors, and attendees.

A highlight from the event came from a keynote address delivered by FTA Administrator Nuria Fernandez. She highlighted the FTA's role as a provider of technical assistance to grantees. This is especially important in 2023, as we focus on converting the resources provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law into more opportunities for people to travel by transit.

Please check out SWTA's [website](#) to see what resources they have that could help you.