



SETran

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

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April 2023

Meetings

4/18 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

4/25 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

4/26 9:00 am

SETran Meeting—Update Standards of Operations

4/26 11:00am

[Ozone Grant Application Webinar](#)

5/1 9:00 am –4:00 pm

[CDOT Civil Rights & Labor Compliance](#)

5/2 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

5/4 10:00 am

CDOT Transit Monthly Call

5/9 –5/12

CASTA Spring Training Conference

5/16 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

5/22

NOFO Super Call for Operating/Admin/
MM/Planning

5/23 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

5/30 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

Resources



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

Local Transit News



Unite Colorado works with different agencies to build and scale a coordinated care network of health and social service providers. The goal of Unite Colorado is to address people's social needs and improve health across communities. Partners in the network are connected through Unite Us' shared technology platform. This technology keeps patient and client privacy protected and ensures systems of record across the community are seamlessly integrated.

With Unite Colorado we can track outcomes together, identify service gaps and at-risk population, and we can empower members of our community to take ownership of their own health. However, the networking available through this platform is only as strong as the number of organizations who participate. Joining the network is at no cost for community-based organizations and many organizations that are considered part of the safety net, like community health centers, tribal clinics, and mental health centers. Unite Us onboards and trains all partners who use the platform to ensure consistency, compliance, and accountability to the network. If you are interested in finding out what your community or organization can do to become more involved or if you are interested in joining the network, please reach out to [Simon Tearpak](#) from the Pueblo office.

Human & Labor Trafficking

It would be nice to believe that our small communities are immune to horrible things like human and labor trafficking. Unfortunately, we live in a time in which no place is immune to such horrible and disgusting practices. If you came into contact with a person who was being trafficked would you know the warning signs? If you would like more information or resources about human and labor trafficking please reach out, and we would love to help you secure those supplies at no cost to you. In March we sent out packets to all the school districts in our region with resources to for their bus drivers. If you would like a copy of what was sent out to them please [email](#) us and we will be happy to send that information to you. We also have these stickers available for anyone wanting to put them on their transit vehicles.



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State Transit News

Zero Fare for Better Air

The Zero Fare for Better Air initiative we be held in June, July, and August of 2023. Transit agencies around the state will participate in the initiative to help reduce the ground level ozone by increasing the use of public transit. This initiative is made possible by Senate Bill 22-180 and the partnership of Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA) and the Colorado Energy Office (CEO).

In August of 2022, CASTA helped to implement a one-month pilot program of zero-fare transit across the state. Not only did this initiative led to an increase in ridership across all of the participating transit agencies, but it also helped to reduce Cardon Dioxide emissions, increased access to good and services and saved riders money on gas helping to further preserve the Colorado way of life. In just the month of August 2150 pounds of Carbon Dioxide were saved and \$435.35 in fuel was saved. There were fourteen agencies that participated in Free Fare August last year, and four of them were based out of Southeast Colorado. All four agencies from Southeastern Colorado reported an increase in ridership from August of 2021.

- * Bent County Transit reported a 10% increase in ridership.
- * La Junta Transit reported a 9% increase in ridership, along with seeing many new first-time riders.
- * Prowers Area Transit reported a 23% increase in ridership.

CASTA will be hosting an information webinar for potential applicants of the 2023 Ozone Season Transit Grant Program. **Attending the webinar is mandatory** if you are wishing to have your transit agency participate in the Zero Fare for Better Air initiative this year. The initial webinar was held on April 12, but they will conduct a second **webinar on April 26th at 11:00am** for anyone who was unable to attend the first webinar. During the webinar CASTA will provide information about the program, the grant application, documentation required to submit, and what to expect during the application process. If you are interested in participating in the program but are unable to attend the webinar please contact [Joey Parks](#).

2023 Grant Awards	2023 Grant Awards	
	Award	Local Agency
	2023 FTA Section 5310 Rural Capital Award	Inspiration Field
	2023 FTA Section 5339 Rural Capital Award	Prowers County
	SB 228	Inspiration Field
	2023 FTA Section 5311 Baseline Funding	City of La Junta
	2023 FTA Section 5311 Baseline Funding	Prowers County
	2023 CDOT FTA 5310 Mobility Management	SECED

The DTR Team posted the final award tables for the 2023 Fiscal Year Transit Call Projects. A complete list of all award winners can be found [here](#). Congratulations to all of our local grant winners. We appreciate your dedication to transit in our communities.

National Transit News

2023 Federal Legislative Update

The week of March 20-24, 2023 Dawn Block and Ann Rajewski visited each delegation in Washington DC on behalf of CASTA. They were able to highlight rural transit in Colorado during their meetings, as well as mention some of the challenges Colorado transit agencies are being faced with. Additionally, Ann and Dawn were able to speak with them about the [Congressionally Directed Spending](#) projects submitted to the Senators and Representatives through CASTA’s technical assistance process. They were also able to talk about the importance of maintaining the transit funding levels authorized in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) in the pending appropriations process for transit agencies throughout the state. They were able to first-time meetings with many new staffers that were productive and went well. CASTA will now be setting up meetings with delegation staff in the local districts. Transit agency leaders will be invited to join the local meetings in order to give more specific updates. If you are interested in participating in your district meeting please let [Ann](#) know.