



SETran

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for Transit and Mobility for Southeast Colorado*

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June 2023

Meetings & Events

6/20 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

6/21—6/22

Truckers Against Trafficking Colorado
State Pupil Annual Conference
Pueblo, CO

6/27 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

6/27 10:00 am

RTAP Scholarship Informational Meeting

7/6 10:00 am

CDOT Transit Monthly Call

7/11 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

7/18 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

7/25 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

7/26 8:30 am

SETran 2nd Quarter Meeting

Resources



**SMART COMMUNITY
RESOURCE CENTER**



Events

- ♦ **We are accepting entries for our “Drawing Attention to Rural Transit Day” bus designing competition. Design this [bus](#) and send in your entry!**
- ♦ **Cruz the Cool Bus is here to teach the next generation of riders all about transit buses in this [activity book](#).**
- ♦ **Our next train the rider event will take place in Trinidad, CO on October 13-14. If you know someone who won please encourage them to RSVP asap.**

Local Transit News

“Your Roads, Their Freedom”

SETran is proud to work alongside the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and fellow transportation and travel industry leaders to combat human trafficking. The FMCSA has launched their “Your Roads, Their Freedom” human trafficking campaign.

As we know all too well, America’s transportation systems are often exploited by human traffickers. To combat this heinous crime, FMCSA launched the “Your Roads, Their Freedom” human trafficking awareness campaign. The campaign is designed to empower the nation’s 8.7 million commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers to confidently identify and report suspected cases of human trafficking — ultimately saving lives and making America’s roadways safer for all.

As an agency within the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) whose mission is to ensure road safety, FMCSA is uniquely positioned to educate CMV drivers on how to protect their roadways against a crime that poses a threat to transportation safety in every state across the U.S. In addition to complementing the work our organization is doing to stop human trafficking, the “Your Roads, Their Freedom” campaign works in tandem with the [Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking](#) initiative and other federal efforts against human trafficking, such as FMCSA’s [grant programs](#), and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s [Blue Campaign](#), to build on the important work that is already being done in this space.

Please help get the word out about “Your Roads, Their Freedom.” A library of shareable resources, including full details about the campaign and downloadable materials, can be found [here](#).

Rider of the Quarter

Please remember to submit your nominations for Transit Rider of the Quarter. We want to hear about the amazing riders that make our job in transit so rewarding. Send us the information about what makes your rider special by 5:00pm on Friday, June 30. We will review all nominations and select a rider of the quarter. The Rider of the Quarter will be featured in our July Newsletter and be presented at our Quarterly Meeting in July. Additionally, the winner will receive a gift from us so show our appreciation of them being an amazing transit rider. This quarter’s gift is a \$50 gift card to Target. To make a nomination simply send an [email](#) with your riders name and a little information what makes them a great transit rider. Please remember to ask your drivers who they think is a good nominee, based on there experiences. We look forward to hearing from you.

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State Transit News

CDOT DTR Reimbursement Request Training

On April 31 CDOT DTR hosted a reimbursement request training. Unfortunately, the training was only scheduled about 10 days before it occurred, so it may have been difficult to attend. If you were unable to attend, there is good news. The [recording](#) of the training and the [power points](#) from the training are both available for your reference. The training lasted just over an hour and was very beneficial to anyone needing to submit reimbursement requests. Please contact us if you have any trouble accessing the training.

2023 CASTA Conferences

Each year CASTA hosts two conferences to provide information and networking opportunities to those individuals in the transit industry. This first conference took place May 9—May 12, 2023 in Pueblo, Colorado. A number of the presentation slides and resources from that conference can be found [here](#). There next conference will take place in Crested Butte September 12—15, and they will be giving out two free registrations for CDOT grantees. There are also scholarships available if you are interested in attending the event. If you are interested in a scholarship Charity can get you that information.

CASTA Maintenance Forum

One of that largest sessions that was supposed to happen at this year's spring CASTA conference was a maintenance forum. Unfortunately this session was unable to take place, and now CASTA wants to hear from you while making considerations about when to reschedule the training. CASTA encourages agencies who have bought or are buying a vehicle from the CDOT vehicle price agreement list to send their mechanics to this forum. The sessions will provide vehicle maintenance and diagnostics in a variety of areas – hands-on OEM training for technicians and mechanics. Attendees do not need to be employees of your agency, even if they are a mechanic from your local garage they are welcome to join us for this training and if you are a rural agency attendees are eligible for RTAP scholarships. We will have representatives from many of the suppliers for these vehicles. Fill out this [poll](#) to share your input on the next maintenance forum.

RTAP Scholarship Informational Meeting

Interested in an RTAP Scholarship? [Register Here](#) and put this informational meeting on your calendar for **Tuesday, June 27th at 10:00am**.

Have questions? Reach out to Joseph Parks with questions or concerns:

National Transit News

National RTAP Launches 2023 Photo Contest: This is Rural Transit

The National RTAP 2023 Photo Contest - [This is Rural Transit](#) - is all about the “rural” in rural transit. They’re looking for photos that showcase the beauty and uniqueness of rural areas and tribal lands and highlight what makes small towns special. Does your area have rolling hills, peaceful streams, bustling Main Streets, or fun summer community events? They want to see them! Entries must include a photo of the bus, bus stop, driver, and/or riders.

Entries will be judged on photo quality, artistic design, originality, and the creative depiction of this year's theme. First prize will receive \$400, second prize \$200 and third prize \$100. Winners will also receive certificates. Entries will be showcased on

the National RTAP website, social media, and be displayed at one or more upcoming conferences. Each transit agency can enter up to three photos by emailing them to info@nationalrtap.org by August 21, 2023. Photos must be in .jpeg format and labeled as: Photographer's Name_Transit Agency. Photos must be accompanied by a [photo release form](#), and any people shown in the photos must sign the photo release form.



Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA) by Jennifer Balmes from the National RTAP 2019 Photo Contest

FTA Seeks Public Comment on Updates to the National Public Transportation Safety Plan

As part of continuing efforts to enhance transit safety for transit workers and riders across the country, FTA published [proposed updates](#) to the National Public Transportation Safety Plan in the [Federal Register](#). The National Public Transportation Safety Plan will be open for [public comment](#) for 60 days, concluding on July 31, 2023.

Smart Community Resource Center

The U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Joint Program Office (JPO) has launched the [Smart Community Resource Center \(SCRC\)](#). The SCRC serves as a compilation of resources that can be used by practitioners to advance ITS and smart community transportation projects and programs. This website is a living resource that will be routinely updated with