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Important Dates

8/29 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

9/5 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

9/7 10:00 am

CDOT Transit Monthly Call

9/12 – 9/15

CASTA Fall Conference Crested Butte, CO

9/19 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

9/26 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

10/3 8:30 am

Transit Mobility Manager Weekly Meeting

10/10 3:00 pm

SMART NOFO Grant application due

Events

♦ Crested Butte will be the sight of CASTA's 2023 Fall Conference, happening September 12-15. Please visit CASTA's website for the most up to date information about this event and for registration.

♦ Our next train the rider event will take place in Trinidad, CO on October 13-14. Please encourage any winner you may know to RSVP

Resources



SMART COMMUNITY
RESOURCE CENTER



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National Transit News

Americans with Disabilities Act

On July 26, 1990, then-President George H.W. Bush, signed the Americans with Disabilities Act into law. The bill would “ensure that people with disabilities are given the basic guarantees for which they have worked so long and so hard: independence, freedom of choice, control of their lives, the opportunity to blend fully and equally into the rich mosaic of the American Mainstream.” Thirty-three years later our country is home to more than 61 million people with disabilities, in addition to countless others with mobility issues. Although there are stories about the positive changes the ADA has brought about, there are still areas where systems fall short. The following articles highlight some of the good of the ADA and shine some light on areas still lacking.

* [OP-ED: 33 Years of the ADA – Connecting New Yorkers One Subway Station at a Time](#)

* [Accessibility Lawsuits Are Bringing Slow But Steady Wins For Disabled City Residents](#)

* [Data shows about half of calls for wheelchair rideshares go unanswered, stranding disabled users](#)

The National Rural Transit Assistance Program (National RTAP) provides a [downloadable ADA Toolkit](#). Section 5311 funded rural public transit systems are the primary audience for this toolkit. The purpose of this toolkit is to help rural transit managers understand the US Department of Transportation requirements for public transit under the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, and to help rural transit systems comply with the ADA requirements that apply to them.

New Transportation Funding

The U.S. Department of Transportation has announced it is now accepting applications for its \$100 Million Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Program.

The [SMART program](#) was established to provide grants to eligible public sector agencies to conduct demonstration projects focused on advance smart community technologies and systems in order to improve transportation efficiency and safety.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

- * A State
- * A political subdivision of a State
- * A tribal government
- * A public transit agency or authority
- * A public toll authority
- * A metropolitan planning organization
- * A group of 2 or more eligible entities detailed about, applying through a single lead applicant

Which Projects are Eligible?

A SMART grant may be used to carry out a project that demonstrates at least 1 of the following:

- * Coordinated Automation
- * Connected Vehicles
- * Sensors
- * Systems Integration
- * Delivery/Logistics
- * Innovative Aviation
- * Smart Grid
- * Traffic Signals

FY22 SMART Awards

59
PROJECTS

\$94M
GRANT FUNDING

33
STATES REPRESENTED



Learn [how to apply](#), and get your application in for FY23 SMART NOFO.

Grant **DEADLINE** is 5:00pm ET on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

State Transit News

The Bus Industry and Labor Trafficking

According to [Polaris](#), who runs the National Human Trafficking Hotline, experts believe there are more situation of labor trafficking than of sex trafficking worldwide. But, there is much wider awareness of sex trafficking in the United States than of labor trafficking.

So, what should the bus industry know about labor trafficking? BOTL (Busing on the Lookout) has created two resources covering the intersections between labor trafficking and the bus industry:

[What Transit Needs to Know About Labor Trafficking](#)

[What School Transportation Needs to Know About Labor Trafficking](#)

Each resource outlines what these specific sectors of the bus industry should know about labor trafficking, including industry-specific red flags and case study examples.

Please feel free to share these resources with your employees and colleagues, and to include them in your anti-trafficking training plans.

Common Labor Trafficking Red Flags

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Feel pressured by their employer to stay in a job or situation they want to leave.
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Appear to be monitored by another person when talking or interacting with others.
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Owe money to an employer or recruiter and/or not being paid what they were promised or are owed.
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Are living in dangerous, overcrowded or inhumane conditions provided by the employer.
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Do not have control of their passport or other identity documents.
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Are being threatened by their boss with deportation or harm.
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Are living and working in isolated conditions, largely cut off from interaction with others or support systems.
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Are working in dangerous conditions, without proper safety gear, training, adequate breaks and other protections.

MAKING AN IMPACT



140+
MOTORCOACH
COMPANIES TRAINED



250+
TRANSIT AGENCIES
TRAINED



2,100+
SCHOOL DISTRICTS
TRAINED



PARTNERS IN
ALL 50
US STATES

"A bus driver took a second look and made a huge difference."

Myth	Reality
All human trafficking involves sex.	Human trafficking is the use of force, fraud or coercion to get another person to provide labor or commercial sex. Worldwide, experts believe there are more situations of labor trafficking than of sex trafficking, but there is much wider awareness of sex trafficking in the U.S. than of labor trafficking.
Only undocumented foreign nationals get trafficked in the United States.	Polaris has worked on thousands of cases of trafficking involving foreign national survivors who are legally living and/or working in the United States. These include survivors of both sex and labor trafficking.
Labor trafficking is only or primarily a problem in developing countries.	Labor trafficking occurs in the United States and in other developed countries but is reported at lower rates than sex trafficking.