5th National RTAP Conference

Navigating the Tides of Change with Rural & Tribal Transit

Conference Agenda

Marriott Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC
December 3-6, 2023

Draft Agenda - Subject to Change

START	END	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
SUNDAY | DECEMBER 3, 2023			
8:00 AM	7:00 PM	Registration	Conference Registration Desk Open
8:30 AM	4:30 PM	All Day Pre-Conference Training (6-8 hours) *Registration required*	• Financial Management 101 – Richard Garrity, RLS & Associates • Rural and Tribal Transit System Design – Ken Hosen, KFH Group • State Oversight 101 – Robbie Sarles, RLS & Associates • Tribal Transit Assessment of FTA Recipients – Dana Lucas, DMP Group
12:00 PM	12:30 PM	Lunch	Lunch for Pre-Conference Attendees Only *(Registration required)*
12:30 PM	4:30 PM	Partial Day Pre-Conference Training (2-4 Hours) *Registration required*	• Being Intentional: Inclusive and Equitable Initiatives In Transportation – Carrie Diamond, National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC) • Grant Writing Workshop – Carol Wright Kenderdine, Carol Wright Consulting • GTFS Builder Workshop – Marcy Jaffe, Trannsnovation • Intercity Service Development Workshop: Building Networks – Stephanie Gonterman, Isaacs & Associates; Fred Fravel, KFH Group • Marketing and Advocacy: Telling the Stories that Sell Transit Workshop – Kristen Joyner, Georgia Transit Association • Website Builder Workshop – Frank Condon, DevObal Technologies • *Active Shooter Training and Writing a Fleet Transition Plan Workshop (Both Tentative)*
5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Reception	Welcome Reception with Student Poster Contest Session and Wall of Fame *Appetizers and Cash Bar*
MONDAY | DECEMBER 4, 2023			
7:30 AM	5:30 PM	Registration	Conference Registration Desk Open
7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Breakfast	Seating by FTA Region for breakfast buffet
8:30 AM	10:00 AM	Plenary Session I	Welcome to South Carolina - Local VIPs and Keynote on Navigating Changing Trends in Ridership, Employment, Demographics, and Generational Differences - John Martin, SIR
10:15 AM	11:45 AM	Concurrent Sessions I	Admin and Compliance | Coordination and Planning | Operations and Technology | Training | Workshops
12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch & Plenary Session II	Luncheon and Donna Griggs Keynote - Leadership and Strategic Planning to Navigate Change - Seating by roundtable groups (Transit Managers, Tribal Transit, Mobility Managers, State Programs, Intercity, Other)
1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions II	Admin and Compliance | Coordination and Planning | Operations and Technology | Training | Workshops
3:00 PM	3:15 PM	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break
3:15 PM	4:45 PM	Concurrent Sessions III	Admin and Compliance | Coordination and Planning | Operations and Technology | Training | Workshops
4:30 PM	7:00 PM	Expo & Bus Show	Vendor Expo and Bus Show Open
5:00 PM	6:30 PM	Reception	Vendor Expo Reception *Appetizers and Cash Bar*

5:30 PM	6:00 PM	Vendor Introductions	Rapid Fire Vendor Introductions *Each vendor has one slide and one minute to speak.*				
TUESDAY | DECEMBER 5, 2023							
7:30 AM	5:30 PM	Registration	Conference Registration Desk Open				
7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Breakfast	Breakfast Buffet				
7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Meet & Greet	Women in Transportation Networking Breakfast				
8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Expo & Bus Show	Vendor Expo Open and Prize Drawing				
8:30 AM	9:30 AM	Software Showcase	Software Case Study Showcase - TBD				
10:00 AM	10:15 AM	Morning Break	Morning Break				
10:15 AM	11:45 AM	Concurrent Sessions IV	Admin and Compliance	Coordination and Planning	Operations and Technology	Training	Workshops
12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch & Plenary Session III	Luncheon with Tribal Transit Award Presentation and Keynote by Veronica Vanterpool, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration (FTA)				
1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions V	Admin and Compliance	Coordination and Planning	Operations and Technology	Training	Workshops
3:00 PM	3:15 PM	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break				
3:15 PM	4:15 PM	Concurrent Sessions VI	Admin and Compliance	Coordination and Planning	Operations and Technology	Training	Workshops
5:00 PM	9:00 PM	Big Night Out - *Ticket Required*	Nights of a Thousand Candles Event at Brookgreen Gardens *Dinner, cash bar, Sweet grass braiding project, and historical video. Buses depart/return in 15 minute increments between about 5:00-6:00 PM and 8:00-9:00 PM. $35 cost.*				
WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 6, 2023							
7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Breakfast	Breakfast				
8:30 AM	9:15 AM	Plenary Session IV	Human Trafficking: From Awareness into Action - Jodi Godfrey, Center for Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR)				
9:15 AM	10:15 AM	Plenary Session V	Where Do We Go From Here? Action Plan Workshop - Carol Wright Kenderdine				
10:15 AM	10:30 AM	Morning Break	Morning Break				
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Plenary Session V (Cont.)	Where Do We Go From Here? Action Plan Workshop (Cont.) - Carol Wright Kenderdine				
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Roundtables and Town Hall	Roundtable Discussions and Reporting Out: *Transit Managers; Tribal Transit; Mobility Managers; State Programs; Intercity Bus*				
12:30 PM	1:00 AM	Lunch and Closing	Conference Closing and Boxed Lunches Available				
THURSDAY | DECEMBER 7, 2023							
8:30 AM	4:30 PM	NTI Training - *Separate registration*	TBD - National Transit Database (NTD) Reporting for Rural and Tribal - National Transit Institute. *Registration through NTI required; link coming soon.*				