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Photo courtesy of OCTA

Members of the OCTA Board of Directors joined recently with CEO Darrell E. Johnson (far left) and other officials to unveil the largest transit-operated hydrogen fueling station in the U.S.

OCTA Debuts Largest Hydrogen Fueling Station, New Buses

THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION Authority (OCTA), CA, joined with local, state and federal officials recently to mark the debut of the largest transit-operated hydrogen fueling station in the U.S. and 10 new hydrogen fuel-cell electric buses, representing a \$22.9 million investment in zero-emission public transit.

"We are very happy to be leading the way toward a cleaner and greener future that keeps the residents of Orange County moving, while keeping the air they breathe healthy with zero emissions," said OCTA Chairman Steve Jones, also the Mayor of Garden Grove.

The hydrogen-fueled buses will be integrated into OCTA's fleet to operate in communities that serve disadvantaged populations. The buses have a range of up to 300 miles.

The new hydrogen fueling station was unveiled at OCTA's Santa Ana Bus Base. OCTA officials were joined by representatives from project partners, including the California Air Resources Board, South Coast Air Quality Management District and Center for Transportation and the Environment.

"We are proud to be working with all of our partners to set a strong example as a large urban transit operator making a positive impact on the environment," said OCTA CEO Darrell E. Johnson. "We will continue to explore the use of zero-emission technology to ensure we deliver a balanced and sustainable transportation system for Orange County's future."

OCTA also is in the process of purchasing 10 plug-in battery-electric buses, expected to be in operation beginning 2021.

FTA Funds Human Trafficking Prevention, Public Safety

BY K. JANE WILLIAMS
FTA Acting Administrator

JANUARY WAS HUMAN TRAFFICKING Prevention Month and FTA is working diligently to raise awareness about this terrible crime. Last year, FTA launched its Human Trafficking Awareness and Public Safety Initiative to educate the transit industry on human trafficking and other crimes that may occur on transit systems and provide resources to combat them both.



K. Jane Williams

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery. It affects millions of adults and children in the U.S. and worldwide. Traffickers move their victims on all modes of transportation, and often use public transit due to its low cost, greater anonymity in buying fare cards and less direct interaction with



The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) will receive funds for its project on how to report suspected human trafficking activity and increase employee training. VTA General Manager and CEO and APTA Chair Nuria I. Fernandez spoke on an FTA panel on detecting human trafficking.

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APTA Responds to State Of the Union Address

IN RESPONSE TO THE STATE OF THE UNION address Feb. 4, APTA released a statement saying it was pleased to see President Trump speak about the need to rebuild America's infrastructure.

With the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act set to expire Sept. 30, 2020, "APTA looks forward to working with Congress and the Administration in the coming weeks and months on bipartisan legislation addressing the need for increased investment in our nation's surface transportation infrastructure," said APTA President

and CEO Paul P. Skoutelas.

Skoutelas continued: "Americans know that investing in our public transportation systems, highways and bridges will lead to benefits that repay the investment multiple times over in the coming decades. Increased investment in public transportation will get Americans to work, to education and to healthcare, and it will also get our nation to more job creation, less traffic congestion and cleaner air. Investment in public transportation gets us to stronger local economies and more vibrant communities."

MCI Service Center Technician Wins a Grammy!



Andrew Craig Brown, a coach technician with Motor Coach Industries (MCI) at the organization's service center in Des Plaines, IL, was awarded a Grammy Jan. 26. A bass-baritone who earned a master's degree in music from Yale University, Andrew won the award as a cast member of the recording of "Picker: Fantastic Mr. Fox," written by composer Tobias Picker, staged by the Boston Modern Orchestra Project and based on the popular Roald Dahl children's story.

When Andrew returned to work, he received further honors: a cake and another "Grammy," created from bus parts by his fellow technician Pawel Fulat, who presented it at MCI's very own award celebration.



COMMENTARY

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Reflections on Public Transportation And the Black Community

February is Black History Month, a time when the nation reflects on the contributions of the Black Community. Public transportation played an important part in Black History, specifically the 1960s Civil Rights Movement. We have all seen images of Rosa Parks on the bus and the Selma to Montgomery March on U.S. Route 80. In a way, public transportation is synonymous with freedom.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION HAS CERTAINLY provided freedom for my family. In the 1950s, my grandparents left Panama and came to the United States to start a new life for themselves and their family. My grandfather rode the train from Brooklyn to Manhattan to work in a bakery in Harlem. He needed to arrive by 4 a.m. every morning, and transit allowed him to do that. My grandmother rode the bus to the garment district to work on the line. My mother and her siblings took public transportation to school and then work after school. My grandparents were able to start a new life in a new country, provide for their family and send my mother to college. Public transportation helped them make this happen. This was the American Dream.

Public transportation also facilitated the next generation of freedom for my family. In the 1970s, my parents moved from Crown Heights, Brooklyn, to Laurelton, Queens. During that time, Laurelton was a Black, working-class community. My next-door neighbors, on both sides, worked for MTA, as well as several neighbors on my block. You see, back then having a job with the MTA meant having the means to provide better opportunities for your family. You could buy a house, take vacations, send your kids to college and retire with a pension. The American Dream.

Public transportation gave me the freedom to move around New York City. As a young person (in hindsight, maybe too young), I was able to move around my city freely with my friends. In elementary school, we would take the bus from Queens out to Long Island to watch the matinee movie on Saturday mornings (can't imagine this happening today!). Since I had great transit access, I was able to attend High School in Manhattan and take the bus and train to school. My transit pass allowed me to visit my friends, who lived in different boroughs, whenever I felt the urge. My American Dream.

Public transportation became my profession and that is when I became aware of the unpleasant history of public transportation and the Black Community. In the 1950s and 1960s, investments in highway systems were used as tools for "urban renewal". Black communities, like the 15th Ward in Syracuse, NY, and Overtown, Miami, were decimated by the construction of the highway projects. In Syracuse, the completion of I-81 displaced many people from the 15th Ward, an established Black Community. In Overtown, the home of D. A. Dorsey, first black millionaire of Miami, 50 percent of the population had to be displaced in order to construct an interchange between I-95, I-395 and State Highway 836. These are just two examples of several public transportation projects negatively impacting the Black Community, forcing people to leave their homes and the communities they built.

Public transportation professionals and others in the public sector realized that the practice—of using public transportation investments to negatively impact a group based on their race—was a problem. "Simple justice requires that

public funds, to which all taxpayers of all races [colors, and national origins] contribute, not be spent in any fashion that encourages, entrenches, subsidizes or results in racial [color or national origin] discrimination," said President John F. Kennedy in 1963. In 1964, the passage of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act prohibited discrimination based on race, color or national origin in programs or activities of any entity that received federal assistance. Title VI would ensure that discriminatory practices would no longer be allowed. The Black Community had protection. The American Dream.

Public transportation and its role in the Black Community is still a complicated subject. The industry provides great employment opportunities, the services provide access to all that communities have to offer, and the regulations are in place to protect the community from discriminatory practices. However, the Black Community is still being displaced due to the implementation of public transportation investments. Projects of every mode are redeveloping communities and making it nearly impossible for many people to remain in their communities. How did we get here again? In the past, these investments were used deliberately to displace the Black Community from certain areas. Today, the intention is to create a better environment. The Atlanta BeltLine, (a project that I spent a considerable amount of my professional career working on), has proven to be wildly successful, but the unintended consequence of success is becoming a hardship for the Black Community that resided in the neighborhoods surrounding the project. This type of displacement is occurring throughout the United States.

I don't know all the solutions, but I will offer one. We must engage with the people who live in the communities we are planning for or working in. All groups must be actively engaged in the process to help understand the potential problems and identify sustainable solutions. Working together and helping each other is one solution that I offer. My American Dream.

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Rep. David Price (D-NC) speaks at a ceremony at Raleigh Union Station to debut GoTriangle's new electric buses.

GoTriangle Debuts First Regional Electric Buses

GOTRIANGLE UNVEILED ITS TWO new electric buses at a recent ceremony in downtown Raleigh, NC. Following an operator and mechanic training period, the agency will integrate the buses into its 74-vehicle fleet, which carries approximately 7,000 passengers per day on 13 regional routes and seven express routes. GoTriangle plans to run the electric buses on every route. "We've heard from our customers over the past few years that they really wanted GoTriangle to explore using alternative-energy buses, and we are thrilled to have our first two electric buses nearly ready to go," said Shelley Blake Curran, GoTriangle's interim CEO and president. "Being more environmentally friendly is just one more way we can

better serve our growing region." The buses, built by Proterra, were ordered following the award of a \$943,000 federal Low or No Emission competitive grant. "Proterra's electric transit buses will help GoTriangle meet its sustainability goals and deliver clean, quiet transportation to the community," said Proterra CEO Ryan Popple. "Electric buses help transit agencies reduce greenhouse gas emissions, eliminate fossil fuel dependency and reduce costs, while offering superior vehicle performance." The unveiling took place at Raleigh Union Station, next to a property that will house GoTriangle's new bus facility. The two facilities together will form a new, multi-modal transit hub.

FTA Posts FY2020 Apportionment Tables

FTA HAS PUBLISHED ITS Fiscal Year 2020 Apportionments tables for FTA grant recipients, providing the amounts available for programs appropriated in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (P.L. 116-94). The tables can be viewed at www.bit.ly/2020Apportionments. "APTA would like to commend Congress and the Administration for enacting the FY20 Transportation Appropriations much earlier than in previous years. Particular thanks to the FTA and Acting Administrator K. Jane Williams for moving quickly in publishing the apportionments," said APTA President and CEO Paul P. Skoutelas. "As a result, transit systems around the country can move quickly to put these critical funds to work to modernize our

public transportation services." The amounts listed in the tables are for planning purposes. Recipients may use the amounts to develop their grants in the Transit Award Management System (TrAMS) and sub-allocations prior to the funds being available. Once FTA has received the apportionments from the Office of Management and Budget, the funds will be loaded in TrAMS to permit award and obligation of grants. The *Federal Register* notice detailing the apportionments in narrative form will be published soon. APTA members with questions about the apportionments, applying for funding or the status of a pending application should contact their FTA Regional Office. Locate offices at www.bit.ly/FTARegionalOffices.

New CEO Named Archuleta, GMV Syncromatics

LOS ANGELES-BASED ITS COMPANY GMV Syncromatics has named Rich "Arch" Archuleta its new chief executive officer (CEO). Archuleta succeeds Ian Sephton who, after seven years as CEO, will continue to serve on the GMV Board of Directors. Prior to joining GMV Syncromatics, Archuleta led the product development and management of assistive technology tools for the visually impaired at Vispero. He also served as CEO of Plastic Logic, a manufacturer of e-paper displays; and as general manager and senior vice president of Hewlett-Packard, leading global product businesses, and subsequently being named *Mobile Computing* magazine's "Person of the Year."



Rich "Arch" Archuleta

Hon. Eleanor Holmes Norton to Address Legislative Conference

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON (D-DC) will address the 2020 APTA Legislative Conference March 15-17 in Washington, DC.



Eleanor Holmes Norton

The conference will address important federal legislation and policy initiatives and is an opportunity for public transportation industry professionals across the nation to make their presence felt and voices heard in Washington. Sessions will provide updates from federal partners as well as discuss congestion pricing, public transportation funding and infrastruc-

ture, among other priorities. Norton, chair of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, will be a featured speaker at the morning General Session on March 17, where she will discuss FAST Act reauthorization. The Capitol Steps will return to entertain at the Monday luncheon March 16. Learn more and register at www.apta.com/conferences-events/legislative-conference.

APTA Business Members Address Critical Issues

MORE THAN 115 APTA BUSINESS members representing all facets of the public transportation industry convened at the APTA Business Members Annual Meeting Jan. 29-31 in Carlsbad, CA.

Attendees addressed critical issues shaping the industry and private-sector interests during a time of rapid and transformative change. The program included sessions and discussions on demographic change, workforce development, leveraging APTA's business members to boost advocacy, proposed legislative changes to Buy America, opportunities for small and minority-owned businesses, supporting local transit referenda and new technologies. APTA Chair Nuria I. Fernandez, general manager and chief executive officer of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, San Jose, CA, addressed pending initiatives to grow membership, build programs to attract front-line workers and engage other organizations working to advance public transportation.

"Like our transit agencies, APTA's business members have been effective advocates and innovative thought leaders for our industry," she said. "I'm grateful for all you already do to improve mobility, our association and public transportation. This year, I'm

confident we'll achieve even more." "Business members make up the majority of APTA's members and play a critical role in supporting public transportation agencies across the U.S. and Canada," said Huelon Harrison, chair of the Business Member Board of Governors and principal, Legacy Resource Group. "These past days gave us the opportunity to prioritize the key issues for 2020 as the public transportation industry continues its rapid transformation. One of the highlights of this meeting was welcoming 15 first-time attendees." Mike Alexander, director of the Center for Livable Communities at the Atlanta Regional Commission, opened the meeting with a presentation of the demographic changes shaping public transportation and the businesses that support it. Jay Walder, CEO of Virgin Hyperloop One, discussed new transportation technologies. The meeting also featured a two-hour session with five public transit agency CEOs and senior officials from San Diego, Orange County and Los Angeles detailing upcoming capital projects in California and ways for business members—in particular, small and minority-owned businesses—to participate.



Representing all facets of the public transportation industry, more than 115 APTA business members addressed critical industry issues at the 2020 APTA Business Members Annual Meeting in Carlsbad, CA.

Photo by José Reyes

INIT App Aids Visual, Hearing and Mobility Impaired Riders

INIT INNOVATIONS IN Transportation, Inc. has announced the ASSISTIVetravel app, which offers personalized ride-hailing assistance and journey guidance for riders with visual, hearing and mobility impairments.

“Increasing the freedom of all riders



INIT’s ASSISTIVetravel app supports passengers at all stages of their bus trip: before the stop with estimated arrival times, at the stop with alerts when it is time to board and on-board announcements for when it is time to alight.

to use mainstream public transit is an exciting opportunity—one public transit providers can’t miss,” said INIT CEO, Roland Staib. “The ASSISTIVetravel app is the catalyst to increase the mobility of impaired riders and at the same time reduces agency costs of running expensive paratransit services.”

With the app, the rider can view a list and map of the closest bus stops. When the rider selects a stop, a view of all bus departures for that stop is displayed. The rider selects a bus and triggers the travel companion request, which sends a notification to the driver indicating the level of assistance required.

The driver receives the rider’s request via an on-board mobile data terminal one stop before the user is to board. In addition, information such as the rider’s ability level is displayed. The driver is able to notify a rider about the availability of wheelchair space on the bus.

At the stop, the app boarding request triggers an on-demand external audio

announcement of the service number for the visually impaired. For hearing impaired riders, the system transmits the internal announcements directly to a rider’s t-loop enabled hearing aids. On board, an internal audio announcement is broadcast when approaching the next

stop, and users also receive trip status notifications from the app.

The ASSISTIVetravel app is a stand-alone system that can communicate with the public transit agency’s CAD/AVL System using an open interface.

KCATA Connects Chiefs Fans to Victory Parade



The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) provided shuttle service for jubilant Kansas City Chiefs fans to the Chiefs Kingdom Champions Parade at Union Station, Kansas City, MO, Feb. 5. The Chiefs are Super Bowl LIV champions, having beaten the San Francisco 49ers 31-20 Feb. 2.

Apply Now for APTA’s 2020 Safety And Security Awards

APTA IS ACCEPTING applications through March 19 for its Bus and Paratransit Safety and Security Awards and through April 16 for its Rail (commuter, heavy, light and streetcar) Awards. There are award categories for all sizes and modes of transit agencies, so participants will compete for an award only against an agency of similar size and operations.

APTA will announce the winners of the Bus and Paratransit Awards at the 2020 Mobility Conference, May 17-20 in San Antonio, TX, and the winners of the Rail Awards at the 2020 Rail Conference, June 14-17 in San Francisco.

The application process is easy: the online form includes a field for each

question and the completed form can be submitted with one click. Applicants are advised to type their answers for each section ahead of time in a Word document, then copy and paste into the relevant fields. Additional, optional attachments (pictures, letters of recommendation, etc.) can be saved to applications.

Apply for Bus and Paratransit Awards at www.apta.com/BusSafetySecurityAwards; and Rail Awards at www.apta.com/RailSafetySecurityAwards. For questions, contact Brian Alberts (Safety Awards) at balberts@apta.com or Polly Hanson (Security Awards) at phanson@apta.com.

In Memoriam

Haugh, APTA Hall of Fame Honoree

GERALD THOMAS HAUGH, 86, of Palm Desert, CA, died Jan. 24. He was the driving force behind significant achievement in San Mateo County, CA, an area devoid of public transportation until 1976. Haugh initiated a landmark effort that produced the SamTrans Century Plan—the strategic blueprint that laid the groundwork for major expansion, including formation of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Authority plan for West Bay transit development. Haugh was very active in APTA and was the recipient of APTA’s 2001 Hall of Fame Award for his “extraordinary contributions to public transportation on a sustained basis.”



Gerald Thomas Haugh

Register for NTI Transit Trainers’ Workshop

THE NATIONAL TRANSIT Institute (NTI) is offering a three-day Transit Trainers’ Workshop April 19-21 in Kansas City, MO. Including training sessions, information exchanges and networking opportunities, the program will present participants with new approaches to addressing common workplace challenges; and the strategies, tools and information required for leveraging the latest industry innovations.

The workshop allows participants to share skills and techniques with others

in the industry to build the professionalism of transit trainers and enable them to become more proactive partners in their organizations. The workshop

will include sessions in a wide variety of topic areas, such as employee and organizational development, maintenance training, operations

training, customer service, and training management and administration.

For more information and to register, visit www.ntionline.com/register-for-transit-trainers-workshop or contact nti_ttw@nti.rutgers.edu.



Public Transit Agencies Mark Black History Month



Public transit agencies around the country are marking Black History Month (February) by recognizing and celebrating the contributions and achievements of African Americans in all walks of life. Just one example is Greensboro (NC) Transit Agency’s Black History Heritage Ride. First launched in 2017, the custom-decaled bus provides a visual history of people, places and moments that “have benefitted the Black community and the American populace.” New additions to the 2020 edition include Rodeo Hall of Famer Bill Pickett, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and the cities of Durham, NC, and Philadelphia, PA.

In addition to operating regular service, the Ride with Pride will visit a number of Greensboro middle schools where children in grades 6-8 can take a ride, view images and learn about public transportation and how it has played a strategic role in civil rights locally and nationally.

CDTA Introduces First Electric Buses In Upstate New York

THE CAPITAL DISTRICT Transportation Authority (CDTA) in Albany, NY, has introduced the first battery-electric-powered bus in Upstate New York, as part of a pilot program to test technologies for zero-emission buses.

The agency will monitor the range, charging timelines, electricity usage and performance of the four New Flyer buses throughout its network and under all operating conditions.

In addition to the benefits of zero emissions, the buses will be quieter and are expected to yield lower operating costs than both diesel and natural gas buses. Customer and employee feedback will be collected and analyzed as part of the pilot.

“We take pride in being a leader in innovation,” said CDTA Chief Executive Officer Carm Basile. “These buses meet CDTA’s goals to

reduce the region’s carbon footprint. They are part of a progressive platform for clean energy being advanced by Governor Cuomo.”

CDTA installed four Siemens direct current depot chargers at its 110 Watervliet Avenue facility and worked with National Grid and Sage Engineering to design appropriate upgrades of the electrical capacity at its headquarters.

“New Flyer is thrilled to celebrate CDTA’s launch of the first battery-electric transit buses in Upstate New York,” said Chris Stoddart, president of New Flyer. “With the adoption of zero-emission buses, CDTA is enhancing accessibility, reducing the region’s carbon footprint and advancing infrastructure to meet the mobility needs in Albany and the surrounding communities.”



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government or transit officials.

FTA created a dedicated website, www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-programs/safety/human-trafficking-awareness-and-public-safety-initiative, which houses information and resources, including videos that transit agencies can use to educate their employees about the indicators of human trafficking and where to find help. In September 2019, FTA hosted a human trafficking panel at its Joint State Safety Oversight and Rail Transit Agency Workshop. Speakers came from FTA, APTA, the A21 Campaign [a global, non-profit NGO that works to fight human trafficking] and the South West Transit Association and provided information on the intersection of human trafficking with public transportation’s bus and rail systems, employees and riders, and available training and resources.

Recently, FTA awarded \$5.4 million in grants and cooperative agreements to 24 organizations across the country for projects to implement innovative solutions, public safety awareness campaigns and training to help prevent human trafficking and other crimes on public transportation. The awardees include small rural and large urban transit providers, transportation associations, national non-profit organizations and local governments.

The selected projects highlight many innovative approaches the transit industry can take to address human trafficking and other crimes. For example, a New York grant recipient will develop technical assistance materials for transit systems on human trafficking, facilitate focus groups to determine the best placement for materials and develop a response protocol for transit workers when confronted with potential cases of human trafficking. The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) will receive funds for the “Not on Transit” project to educate passengers and the public on how to report suspected human trafficking activity and increase employee training. Gwinnett County, GA, will receive funding to install live-view communications equipment for its entire fleet of buses to allow for live

monitoring, which will promote public safety for operators and passengers. You can read more about the selected projects at <https://bit.ly/2UoB0WT>.

On Jan. 28, U.S. DOT Secretary Elaine L. Chao hosted the *100 Pledges in 100 Days Human Trafficking Awareness Event* to encourage transportation leaders to take action against this terrible crime. As a part of the event, FTA hosted a panel on *Detecting Trafficking and Protecting the Traveling Public in the Passenger System* where leaders from transit, aviation and rail shared their perspectives and success stories on human trafficking awareness and education efforts at their organizations. We heard from Nuria Fernandez, Santa Clara VTA general manager and CEO and APTA chair; and Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) General Manager Leslie Richards, who both spoke about the importance of training for transit employees to build awareness of the signs of trafficking. Both panelists spoke of individual bus operators from their systems, Tim Watson (VTA) and Shirley Russell (SEPTA), who saved children from traffickers with their quick and compassionate actions. These heroic operators had each recently received human trafficking awareness training, which they credited with knowing the signs of what to look for and what to do to help. Other panels included *Fighting Trafficking in the Freight Network* and *Detecting Trafficking and Protecting the Traveling Public in the Passenger System*.

FTA is proud to lead these efforts and support U.S. DOT’s Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking initiative, including U.S. DOT’s Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking. The committee completed a report in July that recommends actions the department can take to help combat human trafficking and best practices for states and local transportation stakeholders. You can read the report at www.transportation.gov/administrations/office-policy/advisory-committee-human-trafficking.

Visit U.S. DOT’s Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking

website, cms8.dot.gov/TLAHT, for more information on its efforts to combat human trafficking and to sign the transportation leaders pledge (www.transportation.gov/TLAHT/Pledge). For questions regarding FTA’s

Human Trafficking and Public Safety Initiative, contact Henrika Buchanan, FTA chief safety officer and associate administrator for the office of transit safety and oversight, at henrika.buchanan@dot.gov or 202-366-1783.





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RICHARD J. LEARY

Chief Executive Officer
Toronto Transit Commission (TTC)

Member, APTA Executive Committee; Board of Directors; Public Transportation CEO Coordinating Council; Bus Operations, Access and Bus & Paratransit CEOs committees



Please describe your organization's size and scope.

The TTC provides nearly 600 million rides a year on a single fare structure (no zone fares). We are an integrated service operating bus, streetcar and heavy rail modes. We also operate an integrated and accessible paratransit service that provides 4.2 million trips a year.

What attracted you to the public transportation industry—what did you do before?

As a child in Boston, I would ride along with my father and became fascinated by public transit. When it came time to find a job, it was a natural move for me. Driving trains allowed me to go to school during the day and work at night. It was a perfect fit for me. I've worked in public transit my entire professional life.

Please describe your role. What do you like most about your job?

As chief executive officer, I am responsible for everything we do. I love everything about it—helping customers, the human interaction, and the passion of staff at the TTC. It all inspires and motivates me.

Please describe the length and scope of your involvement with APTA.

I've been honored to be associated with APTA since 1993, serving on several committees and attending many conferences.

What have you found to be the most valuable APTA benefit or resource?

APTA has been an invaluable resource for me and I've learned so much from my colleagues across North America. I learned about the value of KPIs and metrics, the importance of good operations, the need for vigilance around security and good maintenance practices.

What do you see as the biggest challenges and opportunities facing public transportation over the next few years? What are you and your organization doing to address them?

Service delivery poses both the biggest challenges and the biggest opportunities. The TTC, like other organizations, needs to be able to continue to deliver the service we advertise in the face of mounting pressures from a rapidly growing population and aging infrastructure. How we address that is by looking at our organization from a 360-degree perspective. I like to reinforce with staff that everything we do is connected, that we need to look at our operations as a program and all the individual projects we undertake are part of that program.

I'm a firm believer in long-term planning. A year ago, we released our Capital Investment Plan, which laid the foundation for generating more than \$4 billion in new funding from Mayor John Tory and the City of Toronto Council. This past summer, we also released a five-year Service Plan and 10-year Outlook, which identify service-related improvements to public transit in Toronto from 2020-2024 and beyond. They are in addition to our five-year corporate plan that sets the priorities of our Board of Directors.

Together, those documents give us the roadmap to move forward in a way that takes all aspects of our organization into consideration.

What is unique about your organization? What would readers be surprised to learn?

The TTC is the third largest public transit agency in North America after New York and Mexico City, with 16,000 employees, a \$2.1B operating budget and a \$12B capital budget.

This April, we will become the operator of North America's largest in-service zero-emission electric bus fleet. This is a significant accomplishment and we are proud to be piloting this program with vehicles from three different manufacturers. We are arranging for an information-sharing exercise among six major north-east public transit agencies, all facing similar weather challenges.

TransLink Celebrates Lunar New Year with Branded Bus



TransLink joined Lunar New Year celebrations by participating in the Vancouver Chinatown Spring Festival Parade, Jan. 26, with a specially themed Lunar New Year Bus.

"The Lunar New Year is a time to celebrate the diverse communities who live together in Metro Vancouver," said TransLink CEO Kevin Desmond. "We are proud to participate in the parade with our Lunar New Year bus."

The new year will be the year of the rat, a symbol of wealth and good fortune. The Lunar New Year bus livery features the rat on both sides, with lanterns signifying life and prosperity. Following the parade, the bus was set to enter service on various Metro Vancouver routes.

MV to Provide Paratransit Service to TARC

MV TRANSPORTATION, INC. HAS

been awarded a five-year contract to provide paratransit services to the Transit Authority of River City (TARC), Louisville, KY, beginning Feb. 1.

"TARC is committed to ensuring mobility and independence through high-quality transportation options for our paratransit customers," said TARC Executive Director Ferdinand L. Risco Jr. "MV is uniquely qualified to help us achieve our vision to become a mobility solutions provider and deliver a better

customer experience."

MV will be responsible for operations, the call center, dispatch, maintenance and safety within the TARC3 paratransit service system.

"We look forward to our partnership with TARC," said Steve Trinkle, MV senior vice president, who will oversee operations. "We are confident that we can enhance the experience TARC provides passengers with our proven operational expertise and advanced mobility solutions and innovation."

APTA Hosts French Delegation



Photo by Mitchell Wood

APTA leadership recently hosted Anne-Marie Idrac, high representative to the French government for the development of autonomous vehicles (AV), as well as representatives from the French Ministry of Transportation and the French Embassy to the United States. Discussions focused on AV strategies and piloting for public transportation in both countries. Pictured, from left: Petra Mollet, APTA vice president – strategic and international programs; Jonathan Gilad, counselor for ecology, sustainable development, energy and transport, French Embassy; Jerome Voulard, counselor for transportation and sustainable cities, French Embassy; Florine Wong, international affairs manager, direction for studies and prospective, directorate general for infrastructure, transportation and the sea, French Ministry of Transportation; APTA President and CEO Paul P. Skoutelas; Anne-Marie Idrac; Art Guzzetti, APTA vice president – mobility initiatives and public policy; Lisa Jerram, APTA director – bus programs and emerging vehicle technologies; Xavier Delache, under-director for studies and prospective, directorate general for infrastructure, transportation and the sea, French Ministry of Transportation; APTA Chief Operating Officer David Carol.

National Rail Car Training Consortium: Embarking On a New Phase of Training Implementation

BY THE TRANSPORTATION LEARNING CENTER

BEGINNING IN LATE 2015, the National Rail Car Training Consortium (consortium) has reached an important milestone of completing a full suite of standards-based national courseware and is embarking on a new phase to support training and apprenticeship programs for rail car technicians at its member agencies.

“Most transit agencies have been struggling with hiring, developing and retaining a qualified workforce, especially in the field of rail car maintenance. Lots of these systems have an aging fleet and a graying workforce. SacRT [Sacramento Regional Transit District] is certainly not immune from these issues.” Henry Li, general manager/ chief executive officer of SacRT, a founding member agency of the consortium, explained the necessity of this effort. “The training workshops, instructional videos and educational materials [produced by the consortium] have become a vital touchstone for rail transit agencies to train our future technicians.”

The courseware development teams are composed of more than 40 rail car maintenance subject matter experts (SMEs) from 18 member agencies and unions from across the country, led by instructional systems designers from the Transportation Learning Center (the Center). By joining the consortium, agencies and unions leverage industry resources to improve technician skills and prepare for new fleet implementation or upgrade internal capacity to refurbish existing fleet.

The 35 consortium courses cover maintenance training of 11 rail vehicle subsystems: HVAC, auxiliary power systems, propulsion and dynamic braking, doors, friction brakes, current collection & distribution, communication systems, automatic train control, carbody, trucks and axles and couplers. Each course contains participant guides, instructor guides, PowerPoints, instructional videos, hands-on learning activities, quizzes and assessments. Additionally, the consortium has developed *Overview to Rail Vehicle Subsystems*, *Troubleshooting and Diagnostics Principles* and *Train-the-Trainer*. All courses are downloadable by members from www.transittraining.net.

In Cleveland, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) and ATU Local 268 use consortium curriculum to support the newly registered Rail Vehicle Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship program, one of the first in the country. This 30-month program provides GCRTA with the opportunity to develop a pipeline of skilled

employees, which addresses the need to fill hard-to-find, specialized, highly technical positions. It involves a combination of supervised on-the-job training, classroom instruction, and mentoring to develop entry-level employees into fully qualified journeyworkers. At SacRT, participants demonstrated 47 percent in learning gains after attending a consortium training session. Denver Regional Transportation District (RTD) has been using the consortium courseware extensively during new-hire training. “We have found that using the courseware is a good introduction to various rail systems, and it exemplifies what is standard across the rail industry,” said Joseph Hopfner, LRV maintenance instructor/supervisor at Denver RTD.

Nuria I. Fernandez, APTA chair and general manager and chief executive officer of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), has identified workforce development as a top priority for APTA. “We must provide a host of training options for developing and upskilling current frontline transit employees. At the same time, we also need to recruit and retain new graduates and skilled workers, whose knowledge and abilities will grow as transit jobs evolve.” Fernandez described VTA’s involvement in the consortium: “Our trainers and frontline technicians interact with peers from around the country and work together across geographical

boundaries and across labor-management boundaries to develop the best training material possible.”

This consortium builds on the Center’s highly successful Elevator-Escalator and Signals Training Consortia. Materials are based on the

national rail maintenance training standards published by APTA. The newest Traction Power Training Consortium has just been launched to develop introductory and advanced instruction-ready and interactive courses on traction power maintenance.



Rail Car Consortium SMEs at Denver RTD.



A new apprentice celebrates graduation with mentors and the GCRTA team.



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MEET THE APTA STAFF

MARIE BENTON

Director – Rail Programs
Technical Services & Innovation Department

Q What are your primary responsibilities at APTA, and those of your department?

A As director of rail transit programs, I specialize in light rail, heavy rail and streetcar operations, providing support for programming at APTA conferences and directing and managing APTA's related industry standards.

I also facilitate member inquiries and rail-related peer reviews, which is probably the most interesting and rewarding aspect of my job, as one learns so much from interactions with other agencies.

Q How do the initiatives and programs you work on contribute to APTA's strategic goals?

A Through APTA's standards, conference programming and peer reviews, I help lead APTA in enhancing safety, security and system resilience. It's amazing the synergistic results you can achieve through the collaboration of the great minds we have in this industry.

Q To what extent do you have direct contact with APTA members?

A I have to day-to-day contact with our members. For some, it's all about making a connection. A member may be interested in a new technology but unsure if there's an agency out there that is currently exploring or piloting that technology. Or, an agency may be facing a specific challenge and would benefit from finding out about solutions successfully employed by others. I help APTA members make these connections.

Q Which APTA committees are you involved with, and how?

A All in all, I'm involved with managing 17 unique committees/forums and working groups. All serve a different purpose. For instance, our working groups focus on proposing and updating standards and recommended practices to help the industry. These committees/forums also help with session content at APTA conferences. Collectively, we work to produce content that is innovative, timely and will enhance safety, reliability and customer service throughout the industry.

Q How did you come to be at APTA?

A I began my role at APTA in June of 2019. Prior to that I worked

at Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART). I got my start at DART in the procurement department in 2005, which was my first taste of the public transit world. From there I moved on to DART's human resources department, and then ultimately to the maintenance group as assistant vice president of rail vehicle maintenance, leading the light rail/streetcar vehicle maintenance program for the longest light rail system in North America.

I've been extremely fortunate that I've had great mentors along the way, as well as great leadership throughout my tenure at DART. I still catch myself referring to DART as "my agency." I loved my time there so much, I will probably never stop doing that!

Q Do you have any professional affiliations?

A I am a member of WTS International, the group dedicated to advancing women in transportation. I really like the community aspect; it's a great networking organization but it also tackles some really interesting topics through their programming. I especially enjoyed the recent panel discussion focusing on transportation issues faced by women. Polly Hanson, APTA's own senior director of security, risk and emergency management, was one of the panelists.

Q Could you tell us something about yourself that might surprise us?

A I am probably the least artistic person out there. A few holidays ago, my sister had an idea that we should spend our time painting a couple of Bob Ross landscapes from videos she found on YouTube. Even though each tutorial is only about half an hour, we had to stop so much to play them back and mix the colors just right that each tutorial took us the better part of a day! That and a minor cat catastrophe made it a two-day affair and, honestly, if it wasn't a joint effort, I would have called it a day. However, and this is more a testament to Bob Ross' coaching skills, we stuck to it and each of us had two great paintings to show for it. I have them both hanging in my office at APTA and it is a good reminder to me how great things can happen when you step out of your comfort zone. It's also very meaningful to me as it was an experience I shared with my sister.

Contact Marie at mbenton@apta.com.



San Diego MTS aims to decrease its fleet emissions with the purchase of 24 CNG-powered commuter coaches from MCI.

MCI to Supply CNG Commuter Coaches To San Diego MTS

MOTOR COACH INDUSTRIES (MCI), a U.S. subsidiary of NFI Group Inc., is to supply the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) with 24 MCI D4500 CNG-powered commuter coaches. The vehicles will replace 12-year-old diesel intercity buses on commuter express routes operating between downtown San Diego and suburbs.

ADA- and Buy America-compliant, MTS' newest commuter coaches are equipped with wheelchair lifts and feature such safety technologies as three-point passenger seatbelts, back-up cameras and onboard nine-camera surveillance systems.

"This purchase is an important milestone for MTS as we will now be able to retire the last of our diesel buses," said MTS CEO Paul Jablonski. "MTS operates one of the cleanest fleets in the United States and the agency has made significant contributions to reduce emissions for our region. This puts near-zero-emission buses on both of our premium Rapid Express freeway routes."

"We're honored to add the CNG MCI commuter coach to the fleet of an environmental innovator like San Diego Metropolitan Transit System," said MCI Vice President Tom Wagner.



Pictured left to right: Palm Tran Interim Director of Transit Planning Steven Anderson, Lake Worth Beach Commissioner Herman Robinson, Lake Worth Beach Vice-Mayor Andy Amoroso, Lake Worth Beach Mayor Pam Triolo, Palm Beach County Mayor Dave Kerner, County Administrator Verdenia C. Baker, Lake Worth Beach City Manager Michael Bornstein, Commissioner Mack Bernard, Assistant County Administrator Todd J. Bonlarron and Palm Tran Executive Director Clinton B. Forbes.

Palm Tran Launches Beach Bus Extension

PALM TRAN, WEST PALM BEACH, FL, recently launched its route 62 beach extension. With the 1.2-mile extension, residents and visitors to Palm Beach County can now alight just steps from the shores of Lake Worth Beach, avoiding parking and traffic.

"We are tremendously excited about the service," said Palm Tran Executive Director Clinton B. Forbes. "The route 62 extension to the beach will encourage more tourism and support the businesses in Lake Worth Beach and at the Lake Worth Beach Casino."

The City of Lake Worth Beach funded necessary curb and street improvements for the buses to operate efficiently. The enhancements represent a \$175,000 commitment to providing service to the community.

"The beach is the heart and soul of our community," said Mayor Pam Triolo. "As the county population continues to grow, we need to come up with innovative transportation solutions and, of course, Palm Tran is a key to that conversation."

MTA Pays it Forward

BY CHARLENE A. KOWALSKI

Director of Marketing/Customer Service
Mass Transportation Authority
Flint, MI

FOR ALMOST 50 YEARS, the Mass Transportation Authority (MTA), Flint, MI, has been providing public transportation services to the people of Genesee County. But, within the last year, the agency has taken steps to become more active in the community through its charitable services.

For some organizations, it is transporting school children to a hockey



Almost 2,000 seniors attended a Senior Power Day at Crossroads Village. MTA assisted with transportation and set up a tent with information and promotional items.

game or the circus; or offering trips to a Senior Power Day at Crossroads Village. Providing transportation, however, is only one facet of what agency employees do to help out in the community.

Besides laying on almost 300 special trip rides to different organizations in Genesee County, MTA has also been involved in collecting money through internal fundraisers for such organizations as the American Cancer Society, the Salvation Army, the Autism Support & Resource Center and the American Heart Association.

MTA employees have been fully involved, holding bake sales and collecting spare change. For example, this past year, staff collected \$3,600 for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and \$1,500 for the Autism Support & Resource Center.

“We could say it’s a season of giving,” said Ed Benning, MTA general manager/CEO. “But it is a way of life for MTA. It’s really our people who give of their time and effort.”

In October, the agency took part in the Halloween “Trunk or Treat” event, sponsored by the Genesee Health Plan organization, with a specially decorated themed bus for a real Halloween experience.

In November, the agency transported hundreds of people to venues that were serving dinner to the less fortunate: the Blessed to be a Blessing charity organization, the Annual Floyd and Brenda Clack (former and current Genesee County commissioners) Senior Citizens



MTA is a strong supporter of the Miracle League of Greater Flint, an organization dedicated to raising funds to build the first fully accessible baseball field in Genesee County.

Thanksgiving Dinner and, in December, to the Genesee County Bar Association Community Holiday Dinner. The agency also helps its own, collecting 25 baskets of food this past December and distributing them to employees in need of a little extra help.

Agency employees also collected money in December for pajamas for the Salvation Army for underprivileged children.

In addition, MTA staff volunteer to take people to Wreaths Across America Day events, with the agency transporting almost 4,000 passengers to and from the Great Lakes National Cemetery to lay wreaths on graves.

Back in the fall of 2018, MTA began working with the staff of the Miracle League of Greater Flint to promote and fundraise for the area’s first accessible baseball field. The agency partnered with OUTFRONT Media to wrap a bus with Miracle League information. It truly made an impact in the community.

“The Mass Transportation Authority exists for the purpose of providing great public service that meets and exceeds the expectations of the riding public,” said Benning. “Further, the MTA understands the importance of paying it forward and making a real difference in the lives of those in our community.”

TEXRail Celebrates First Anniversary

TRINITY METRO TEXRAIL celebrated one year in operation last month, providing service between downtown Fort Worth and Dallas Fort Worth International Airport’s Terminal B.

At the end of 2019, TEXRail ridership reached 545,345 for the year. December was a record-setting month, with 51,217 passengers and the trains on schedule 99.15 percent of the time. The previous record for paid ridership was

44,741, which occurred in November.

Jon-Erik “AJ” Arjanen, vice president and chief operating officer for rail, said TEXRail’s reliability is key to increasing ridership. “Riders want to know that the train is going to pick them up on time and take them safely to their destination as scheduled,” he said. “If you’re traveling to the airport to catch a flight, you don’t want to worry about when you’ll arrive.”



A TEXRail train at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport’s Terminal B station.



RMTD’s commitment to sustainability includes the introduction of new diesel hybrid electric buses.

Rockford Introduces New Buses, Brand

THE ROCKFORD MASS TRANSIT

District (RMTD), Rockford, IL, has taken possession of five 35’ diesel hybrid electric buses from Gillig. The buses, which will be placed into operation this month following maintenance and operator training, replace five older vehicles in the agency’s fleet.

The new buses use Series-ER electric hybrid technology from BAE Systems, which is a combination of a smaller diesel engine and an energy storage system. The technology allows for the diesel engine to go off operation and into electric mode when the vehicle is stopped, leading to up to a 25 percent reduction in fuel consumption and close to a 90 percent overall reduction in emissions as compared to the older vehicles. The buses can also go into electric mode and run on clean energy in designated areas such as schools, medical facilities or population-dense areas.

“Rockford Mass Transit implemented a sustainability policy early in 2018 that included our commitment to adopt alternative fuel technology vehicles to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to increase energy efficiencies with our fleet,” said RMTD Executive Director Michael Stubbe. “As we start 2020, RMTD is happy to announce that the District is taking the first steps toward enhancing the quality of life in our community by implementing this environmentally sustainable technology.”

The buses feature the Q’Straint Quantum automatic wheelchair securement system.

In addition to introducing the new buses, the agency is updating its color scheme and logo as part of an agency-wide rebranding campaign. The new logo represents the mobility options provided by RMTD that help connect the community the agency serves.



Complete Coach Works To Rehab Four Buses For Santa Cruz Metro

COMPLETE COACH WORKS (CCW) has been awarded a contract by Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Santa Cruz) to rehab four New Flyer buses. The rehab project will give new life to the buses for approximately half the cost of a new vehicle. The process will include the repair of structural, mechanical and cosmetic issues that will improve passenger comfort and safety. “This project will increase service to Santa Cruz’s customers and provide

operational savings while being kind to the environment,” said CCW Regional Sales Manager Aaron Timlick. The work includes repowering the buses with Cummins ISL-G Recon engines, as well as installing rebuilt Allison transmissions. Additional work includes new driver seats, internal/external LED lighting and new floors. The buses will be repainted and decaled to reflect Santa Cruz’s branding.

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Notice Is Hereby Given that the City of Norwalk invites prospective Bidders to compete for the opportunity to provide Body Repair and Painting Services for Transit Buses and Heavy-Duty Vehicles for Norwalk Transit System (NTS), a department of the City of Norwalk, a municipal government. A pre-bid conference will not be held. All requests for clarification, questions and comments concerning this IFB are due on Monday, February 24, 2020 no later than 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time) and must be clearly labeled “Written Questions for IFB No. 20-625 Body Repair and Painting Services” and faxed to (562) 929-5966, Attention: Darlene Mena, Purchasing Division. The City is not responsible for failure to respond to a request that has not been submitted in accordance with the IFB. The successful Bidder will be required to comply with all applicable Equal Opportunity Laws and Regulations. The City of Norwalk hereby notifies all prospective Bidders that the City will require each Bidder affirmatively demonstrate that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises are afforded full opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts and sub-contracts financed in part or in whole under this IFB, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, gender, age, or national origin in consideration for an award. Bids must be in writing and must be received by the City of Norwalk Purchasing Division by **11:00 a.m., on Monday, March 9, 2020** via U.S. Mail, FedEx, UPS or courier or in person. Bids received after the above listed date and time will

not be considered, regardless of postmark. Copies of the IFB may be obtained from the City’s website at <http://norwalk.org/businesses/rfp-posts-list> on Monday, February 10, 2020. All contacts concerning this IFB must be referred to the City of Norwalk Purchasing Division, (562) 929-5712. Dated: February 10, 2020 /s/Darlene Mena; Purchasing Agent

MTA-NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT (NYCT) Contract Solicitations

SSE #: 301357
DUE DATE: 02/24/20
TITLE: Develop, Deliver and Maintain Innovative Bus Operator Simulators.

New York City Transit / MTA Bus (NYCT/MTAB), agencies of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) are seeking to identify potential sources that may be interested in developing, delivering, and maintaining innovative Bus Operator Simulators to better improve MTA’s training and safety operations. For purposes of this RFI, the Bus Operator Simulator (BOS) is defined as a system that is “a model bus cabinet with a full 180-degree interactive view enabled by a large digitized screen which provides a full simulation of New York City’s roadways.” The primary business objectives for implementing the bus operator simulator system include, but are not limited to: Increased operator safety by applying classroom training before going on the road; Safely test Operators who are returning to work; Increased customer safety and satisfaction due to better trained operators; More consistent training with standard scenarios, scoring and student record keeping. Reduced cost of training.

More detailed info. & the MTA-NYCT contact for the above solicitation can be found on the MTA Vendor Portal at www.mymta.info

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PART will accept Proposals for the subject RFP at the PART Administrative Office located at 107 Arrow Road, Greensboro, NC 27409
A Pre-Proposal Meeting will be held on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 2:00 pm EST at the PART Administrative Office. All proposal submissions must be received at PART by **4:00 p.m. EST. Friday, March 27, 2020.** Submittals must be in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the offeror, the due date, and RFP# 2020HDB-NC, and addressed to: PART, 107 Arrow Rd., Greensboro, NC 27409, Attention: Supriya Raghav, Regulatory Affairs Specialist.
All proposals are subject to all applicable state and federal laws, and must adhere to the details contained within the RFP document to be considered responsive and responsible. The award to be let under this solicitation is subject to the evaluations of the subject proposal submissions, required documentation to be submitted, and the technical specifications contained within the RFP. Applicable purchase orders from participating agencies are contingent on the securement of financial assistance agreements between the Procuring Agencies and the Federal Transit Administration of the United States Department of Transportation, or applicable funding resources.
The RFP, and all related documentation, and communication is posted at www.partnc.org/bids.aspx.
PART is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer that does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in employment or the provision of services.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
TIRE LEASE SERVICES FOR TRANSPO BUS FLEET
The **South Bend Public Transportation Corporation (TRANSPO)** is requesting proposals from qualified firms **until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020** for the procurement of Tire Lease Services for its bus fleet. To obtain an RFP packet or for more information please contact Dan Warmoth, Director of Maintenance, by calling 574-239-8909 or via email dwarmoth@sbtranspo.com P.O. Box 1437, South Bend, IN 46624.
The procurement of Tire Lease Services shall follow TRANSPO’s policies and FTA requirements for competitive procurement. The successful contractor will be required to comply with the applicable Equal Opportunity Laws and Regulations. TRANSPO, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended and 49 CFR Part 26, will afford Disadvantaged Business Enterprises full opportunity to respond and will not discriminate against any interested firm or person on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin in the review of qualifications or contract award.

LINK TRANSIT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 2020-01
Link Transit, the Chelan-Douglas Public Transportation Benefit Area, in Wenatchee, Washington is soliciting Proposals from qualified vendors for:
COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM & ROUTE ANALYSIS
To request a Proposal package, which includes instructions, specifications and all compliance forms for vendors, or to obtain more information regarding RFP 2020-01, please contact Link Transit’s Procurement Specialist, Dwight Goehner at (509) 664-7642 or by e-mail at dgoehner@linktransit.com.
Sealed proposals must be submitted to Link Transit, 2700 Euclid Avenue, Wenatchee, WA 98801 by **1:00 PM (PST) on Thursday, March 5, 2020.** Proposals will be opened at 2:00 PM (PST) on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at the Link Transit Operations Base, 2700 Euclid Avenue in Wenatchee, Washington. The successful Proposal will be awarded on March 17, 2020, Link Transit Regular Board Meeting.
Dated this 21st day of January 21, 2020 at Wenatchee, WA
Nick Covey, Finance Manager

HELP WANTED
ANN ARBOR AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (TheRide)
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN
DEPUTY CEO, PLANNING AND INNOVATION
Starting Salary: \$140,000 - \$160,000 Annually
Closing Date: February 15, 2020
The Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (TheRide), which operates accessible fixed-route bus, commuter bus, demand-response, vanpool and airport service in the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti area — home to the University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University and Washtenaw Community College — is looking for a C-Suite level transportation professional to serve as Deputy CEO, Planning and Innovation.
TheRide’s over 124 buses, paratransit and service vehicles, 289 employees, and \$45M operating and \$5.2M capital budgets support 30 routes carrying over 6.8 million trips/yr to over 1,100 stops throughout the region.
As a member of AAATA’s Executive Leadership team, the Deputy CEO, Planning and Innovation will lead and oversee the planning of all agency services and infrastructure, and related policies, programs and partnerships. This includes identifying needs and opportunities in the community; leading public engagement efforts; developing and refining plans, policies, programs and standards; and monitoring performance of program design. While fixed-route bus service is a focus, other areas include paratransit, transportation demand management, facilities, and new mobility.
Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited four-year college or university in Urban Planning, Transportation, Engineering, Public Administration or related field. Master’s Degree preferred.
Minimum of 8 years of progressively more responsible leadership roles related to government administration, preferably in a public transit agency, large operational agency, or similar environment. Experience with Federal Transit Administration programs and requirements is strongly desired.
For Complete Job Details And To Apply, visit www.theride.org and use the Careers Quick Link

REPOSTED

MECHANIC APPRENTICE - BUS BUS DIVISION (PS101337)

Position located in San Rafael

Position represented by **International Automotive Machinists, Local #1414**

Salary Range: Day Shift \$31.27 per hour
Swing Shift \$31.27 per hour + 10% differential pay
Graveyard Shift \$31.27 per hour + 15% differential pay

*Starts at 68% of Journey-Level Wage with Wage Progression Commensurate With Skill Level Progression. Current Journey-Level Wage is \$44.65 per hour. 40 hour work week.

**Employee pays 7% of salary/wage toward CalPERS retirement plan.

Note: This position is being reposted. Applicants who have already applied do not need to reapply. All applications will be considered for this position.

Application Procedure

1. To Apply: go to www.goldengate.org/jobs. Applicants must submit a GGBHTD Online Employment Application by the deadline date. In submitting your application, please attach your DMV K4 printout dated within 30 days of the job posting (Attach as PDF to your online application).

- DMV K4 Printouts can only come from any DMV office.
- For internal applicants who are part of the Pull Notice Program, the Human Resources Department will request the applicant's DMV report.
- Any accidents on the DMV printout within the last three years must be accompanied by an insurance or police report verifying that you were not at fault. If an accident occurred while driving for an employer, a company report is also required. This is a requirement for all applicants (Attach the required document/s as PDF to your online application). A complete DMV K4 will have the word ***END*** at the bottom of the report.

2. Applicants must contact the Union to schedule and take the apprentice aptitude test no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 5th by sending an email to autojac2@aol.com and indicate in the subject line Golden Gate Transit Apprentice Aptitude Test Request.

- You will receive an acknowledgement receipt and instructions regarding the test from the Union's apprenticeship coordinator.
- Only candidates who submitted a GGBHTD employment application will be tested.
- Once the test application deadline has closed, the Union will no longer accept any test requests.

3. The District will notify applicants who successfully pass the test; and they will be scheduled by the District for a panel interview.

4. A department interview may be conducted for final candidates.

5. A Medical Examination, post offer of "conditional employment", this includes a drug test, physical and a functional performance physical will be conducted.*

6. Background, Employment, and Security Investigation will be conducted.

All notices related to District recruitments for which you apply will be sent via email. Please ensure the email address you provide on your application is correct, and add '@goldengate.org' as an accepted address to any email blocking or spam-filtering program you may use to ensure receipt of notification from the District regarding your recruitment application. The District is not responsible for notices that are not read, received, or accessed by any applicant for any District recruitment.

Minimum Job Requirements

- Candidate must successfully pass the Golden Gate Transit Apprentice Aptitude Test.
- Verifiable work experience in the automotive and/or heavy-duty vehicle repair trades is desirable.
- Verifiable education or training in the automotive and/or heavy-duty vehicle repair trades, such as high school automotive technology coursework or automotive trade technical school is desirable.

Required License(s)

- Must possess and maintain a current, valid California driver's license and satisfactory driving record. No more than two moving violations and/or "at fault" accidents within the last three years of posting, and No DUI's or Reckless Driving violations within the last 10 years on the current DMV print-out. Operates District vehicles on a regular basis.
- Must obtain a Class "A" or "B" license with "P" endorsement within the six-month introductory/probationary period.

Required Tools

- Must have a basic set of journey level hand tools to accomplish assigned work
- Hours**
- Apprentice mechanics will be primarily assigned to day shift hours, Monday-Friday, 6:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
 - Apprentice mechanics will occasionally be rotated to swing and grave shift hours as training requirements dictate, and supplemental coursework schedules allow
 - Maintenance Department operates 7 days per week, 24 hours per day
 - Must be available to work all shifts

*This position is classified as U.S. Department of Transportation – Federal Transit Administration "Safety Sensitive." Under DOT FTA regulations, employees in "Safety Sensitive" positions are subject to pre-employment, reasonable suspicion, post-accident, random and return-to-duty drug and/or alcohol testing.

**The District will only invite those candidates whose qualifications MOST CLOSELY MATCH the position requirements to continue in the selection process.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The **Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District** provides equal employment opportunity for all qualified persons based on merit and other job-related factors without regard to race, color, religion, religious creed (including religious dress and grooming practices), national origin, ancestry, citizenship, physical and mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and/or related medical conditions) gender, gender identity, gender expression, age (40 years and over), sexual orientation, veteran and/or military status, protected medical leaves, domestic violence victim status, political affiliation and any other status protected by state or federal law.

Applicants with Disabilities: The Human Resources Department will make reasonable efforts to accommodate applicants with disabilities to complete the Employment Application and in any job-related examination process. Please contact Human Resources at (415) 257-4535 to request assistance with an Employment Application. To request a job-related examination process accommodation, please submit your request to Human Resources with sufficient time to allow the District to consider the reasonableness of the request.

To Learn More: EEO Policy Statement (link)
To File an EEO related concern contact the EEO Program Office:
EEO Officer
(415) 257-4537
eeoofficer@goldengate.org
Revised 12/30/2019
Revised: 01/17/2020 AD/MP
Human Resources Department GGBHTD
1011 Andersen Drive
San Rafael, CA 94901-5318

SENIOR MANAGER OF CONTRACTED SERVICES

At the **Regional Transportation District of Denver, CO (RTD)** our mission is to meet our constituents' present and future public transit needs by offering safe, clean, reliable, courteous, accessible and cost-effective service throughout the District. We look for candidates to join our team in creating a legacy for current and future generations.

We currently have the following position available:

Senior Manager Of Contracted Services

Description of Work: This position manages contracted bus services program and oversees the provision of bus services provided under contract to the organization & ensures that contracted services are provided in accordance with standards, policies and contractual obligations. This is a safety sensitive position subject to the rules and regulations of the RTD Drug and Alcohol Policy. Applications will be accepted through February 21, 2020. For a complete job description, and to apply for this position, please visit our website at www.rtd-denver.com/careers.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Transportation, Business or Public Administration or a related field.
- A minimum of five years of extensive and progressively responsible administrative and managerial experience, of which a significant portion is in Transportation.
- Proficiency in dispatch and scheduling systems for fixed route services.
- Proficiency in the provisions and requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA").

- Proficiency in federal requirements for transit services and service standards.
 - Proficiency in safety and training programs in the transportation industry.
 - Proficiency in contracting and procurement practices, including quality control procedures.
 - Proficiency in budgeting procedures.
- OR
- An equivalent combination of education, experience, knowledge, skills, abilities.
- Regional Transportation District (RTD)
Denver, CO 80202
EOE/AA/Drug Free

NOTICE OF JOB OPENING SENIOR SERVICE PLANNER

VIA is currently seeking candidates for the position of Senior Service Planner. This position monitors the activities of the Service Planners. Responsible for preparing annual service plans for all modes and service types to include demand response, mobility on demand and paratransit services and develops the short range and five-year service plan. Responsible for Title VI analysis related to service plan and implementation and reports. Serves as project manager for special research projects. Obtains and analyses operational data for the preparation and implementation of service revisions to improve efficiency and effectiveness of transit operations. Serves as the link between strategic service expansion and route planning on long-term projects. Bachelor's Degree in Planning, Business Administration, Public Administration, Finance, Transportation or related field and a minimum of five (5) years experience in service planning or an equivalent combination.

Complete an application online at www.viainfo.net

Equal Opportunity Employer

DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER-HUMAN RESOURCES

The Deputy General Manager – Human Resources (DGM-HR) is responsible for the leadership, planning, organization, operation and performance of the Human Resources Division. The DGM reports directly to the General Manager and CEO and will be expected to lead by example and exhibit creativity and innovation in developing and overseeing strategies for the recruitment, development and retention of talent; diversity and inclusion initiatives; and comprehensive benefits and compensation programs. The DGM-HR leads a team of directors and managers of the functional areas of recruitment, compensation, HRIS, benefits administration, labor & employee relations and occupational health.

Bachelor's degree (Advanced degree preferred) in Human Resources Management, Business Administration or related field. Ten (10) years successful progressively responsible experience in human resources disciplines including employee recruitment, benefits administration, compensation, labor & employee relations and employee development and training is required. Ability to facilitate organizational change while establishing strong working relationships among senior management team is required. Ability to quickly evaluate and resolve problem situations is required, along with excellent written and oral communication skills and the ability to influence others and facilitate organizational change. SPHR, SHRM-SCP or other Human Resources-related certifications are preferred.

Broad and thorough knowledge of HR programs and practices;

Budget management and responsible fiscal management;

Ability to translate organizational strategy into HR programs and practices;

Strong understanding of all HR-related legal and regulatory obligations;

Excellent written and oral communication and the ability to present complex information to varied audiences, including the ability to influence for results;

Ability to drive change toward the goal of organizational excellence;

Ability to connect individual performance to organizational success;

Ability to maintain confidentiality and decorum when dealing with stressful or sensitive situations.

Interested candidates may apply by visiting the **GCRTA** web site at www.riderta.com/careers
Equal Opportunity Employer

DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE

Closing Date: February 27, 2020

Salary Range: \$110,000 - \$120,000

Hampton Roads Transit is seeking an innovative and experienced professional to serve as Director of Maintenance to coordinate and oversee all maintenance activities in Operations. Responsible for planning, organizing and implementing functions associated with the daily and long-term operation and maintenance of HRT's bus fleet, light rail vehicles and systems, ferry, operational facilities, and non-revenue vehicles. Responsible for the day to day operations of the ferry boats and all associated contracts. Provides direction and support to multiple staff managers having responsibility over bus maintenance, rail vehicles, systems and track services, fleet support services, technical services, non-revenue vehicles, and operational facilities ensuring that department functions are adequate to meet internal/external customer needs.

Education/Experience: Bachelor's Degree in Business/Management. 10 years of progressively responsible experience in the management of Operating and Maintenance functions in a unionized transit or transportation system. 10 years of project or management and design or design management experience to include budget, schedule, change order implementation and contract management. Design or design management experience (train signaling, traction power, vehicle procurements, RF/Data Communications, Control Centers, and/or other Technical Systems as they apply to transit operations). 10 years progressively more responsible experience, with demonstrated competence in managing engineering projects and a technical staff, particularly bus and rail transit operations, is preferred.

Apply online at www.gohrt.com/transitcareers/

HRT is an EOE.

GENERAL COUNSEL

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We currently have the following position available:

General Counsel

Description of Work: Under the general direction of the General Manager, this position provides leadership and direction to the Legal Services, Risk Management, Information Governance and Civil Rights Divisions. Applications will be accepted through February 28, 2020. For a complete job description, and to apply for this position, please visit our website at www.rtd-denver.com/careers.

Qualifications:

- Graduation from an accredited law school and current membership in the Colorado Bar.
 - A minimum of ten years of experience encompassing contracts, construction, labor, real estate, litigation, governmental affairs and administrative law. A minimum of five years of experience in a senior management capacity with direct fiscal responsibility.
 - Proficiency in the principles and practices of civil, constitutional, contract, tort, property, labor, employment, environmental, and municipal law.
 - Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of program administration.
 - Highly developed communication skills, both written and oral.
 - Demonstrated ability to effectively work with stakeholders.
 - Skill in developing and facilitating team work to positively affect efficiency and productivity.
 - Ability to identify complex issues and recommend alternatives to resolve those issues.
 - Ability to develop and maintain a diverse workforce.
 - Ability to plan, review, assign, and evaluate the work of subordinate managers.
 - Ability to establish and maintain effective relationships with public officials, Board of Directors, subordinates, peers, and the general public.
 - Demonstrated ability to work effectively in a diverse workforce.
- OR
- An equivalent combination of education, experience, knowledge, skills, abilities.
- Regional Transportation District (RTD)
Denver, CO 80202
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UPCOMING APTA CONFERENCES & WEBINARS

CONFERENCES

Marketing & Communications Workshop

February 23-26, 2020

Orlando, FL

Legal Affairs Seminar

February 23-25, 2020

San Diego, CA

Legislative Conference

March 15-17, 2020

Washington, DC

International Rail Safety Symposium

March 24, 2020

Washington, DC

Transit CEOs Seminar

April 25-27, 2020

Albuquerque, NM

Mobility Conference and International Bus Rodeo

May 15-20, 2020

San Antonio, TX

WEBINAR

An offering of APTAU

FutureView Webinar

Taking Back the Streets: Prioritizing Transit Through City Partnerships

March 11, 2020

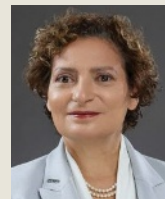
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WWW.APTA.COM

People On The Move

NEW YORK CITY—Veronique “Ronnie” Hakim has joined HNTB as national transit and rail market sector leader and senior vice president, where she will be responsible for strategic planning and implementation, industry representation and business development.

Hakim most recently served as managing director of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) after a 30-year career in the public transit industry. In addition to her career at MTA, she was executive director for New Jersey Transit Corporation and executive director of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority.

For APTA, Hakim served on the Board of Directors and was a member of the Legacy Systems, Public Transportation CEO Coordinating Council, 2020-2022 Strategic Plan Steering, Legislature and Rail Transit CEO committees.



Hakim

Byford Departs New York City Transit

NEW YORK CITY—Andy Byford, president of New York City Transit (NYCT) has announced he will be departing the agency after two years of service. Prior to joining NYCT, Byford was CEO of the Toronto Transit Commission. From 2009 to 2011, he served as COO of Rail Corporation in Sydney, Australia. From 2003 to 2009, he held the positions of operations director and operations and safety director with Southern Railway and South Eastern Trains Limited, UK. Byford also held a variety of managerial positions during his tenure with London Underground from 1989 to 2003.



Byford

CINCINNATI, OH—The Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) has named **John Ravasio** as Chief Operating Officer (COO) and **Michelle Jeng** as Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

Ravasio is responsible for overseeing



Ravasio

SORTA's operations, fleet and facilities and accessible services. He joined the agency in 2011 and most recently served as director of employee & labor relations/employment law

before being promoted to interim COO.

Jeng is responsible for overseeing the organization's operating budget, capital program, grants administration, financial reporting, treasury management activities and investments. She has more than 20 years of experience in financial services and treasury management. She joined SORTA in 2018 as senior director of treasury, followed by serving as interim CFO.



Jeng

Brian Falkowski, of Concord, was re-elected to a sixth, one-year term as the board president of Lake County's regional transit system. **Chuck Zibble**, also of Concord, will continue serving as vice president.



Falkowski



Zibble

GRAND RAPIDS, MI—American Seating has announced the promotion of **Karen G. Dhanie** to vice president of business development. She joined the American Seating team in 2016 as national sales director and has worked in the transportation industry since 2012.



Dhanie

OMAHA, NE—Todd Hemingson has joined HDR as a senior transit consultant.

Most recently he was executive vice president for planning and development at Capital Metro in Austin, TX. He has led transit network redesigns

at three agencies and the planning and implementation of two new BRT lines. He also serves as chair for Transportation Research Board research panel TCRP H-56, “Redesigning Public Transportation Networks for a New Mobility Future.”



Hemingson

PAINESVILLE, OH—Sara Spence has been appointed to the Laketran Board of Trustees. She is the president of Willoughby-based Spence Technologies and immediate past president of the Willoughby Western



Spence

Chamber of Commerce. She also serves as the vice president of the Alliance for Working Together.