

Transit Tidbits



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REMINDER

DTA Fall Conference Awards

We have reinstated our slate of Transit Awards for the 2014 Conference. They are as follows:

- Innovative Transit Agency of the Year
- Driver of the Year
- Friend of Transit
- Above and Beyond
- Outstanding Support Staff of the Year

PLEASE take the time to nominate people who are deserving of these awards.

REMEMBER- -
Everyone is important to transit!

45 Years of Service

The Braun Corporation acknowledged Tony Vetter's 45 year career in bus sales at the recent CTAA Conference in St. Paul, MN. Kevin Trudeau, Braun's Director of Sales in North America, and Mark Sarno, Senior OEM Account Manager, spoke of Tony's many years of service in the bus industry.

Tony Vetter retired from selling buses in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota this spring. Tony's career in the bus industry started in 1968, selling school buses and progressed to selling smaller transit buses in the mid seventies.

He retired from North Central Bus Sales, St. Cloud, Minnesota, this spring.



Left to right—Kevin Trudeau, Director of Sales for North America Braun Corporation, Tony Vetter, Mark Sarno, Senior OEM Account Manager Braun Corporation.

HAPPY SUMMER!!!

CTAA Remarks

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Here are Scott Bogren's notes from the June State Transit Association Meeting held at CTAA.

Reauthorization

- [Senate Highway Title](#) has been released
- Senate Transit title should be released very soon. Stay tuned to CTAA's [FedCentral](#) for all the details
- [House is focused](#) on an 8-month extension that includes shoring up the HTF
- Leeann MacWilliams from the Pa. Public Transportation Assoc. reported that in DC visits, she heard significant discussion about repatriation, PPPs and the U.S. Postal Service as ways to develop funds for the 8-month extension.
- It seems an extension is likely, but pay attention to how the extension is achieved financially.
- Though it's not preferred, an extension that allows for the development of a real funding solution is better than locking the transit industry into six years at current funding levels plus inflation.
- Recently, Rep. DeFazio introduced [his ideas on surface transportation funding](#).

Appropriations

- By a close (229-192) vote, the full House of Representatives passed the FY 2015 Transportation Appropriations bill on June 10. The final bill's funding levels are nearly identical to the committee-passed legislation.
- Senate appropriations is likely to reach the full Senate this week. It includes higher investment levels for FY '15 for transit, particularly the TIGER program.
- Analysis: The appropriations process, given the questions surrounding reauthorization, is likely to become increasingly significant for the transit industry.

FMCSA

- Based on our May meeting, CTAA conducted a number of interviews to get to the bottom of the new medical certification process for CDL drivers and their impact on transit. We published [this article](#) in late May.

FTA Announces Bus Program

- On June 4, [FTA announced the availability of \\$100 million for Bus and Bus Facility investment](#). Proposals are due August 4.
- It is important that the bus side of the transit industry turns out for this program as it will prove the growing need for bus investment if this \$100m program draws several billion dollars in requests.

For all the latest updates, please follow my twitter feed at [@CTMag1](#).

Training Opportunities

Linda Freeman

Bismarck, ND June 23-25, 2014

We are pleased that we have a large group for our June session in Bismarck!

PASS Recertification – June 24 from 8:00am to 5:00pm

Maltreatment Awareness – June 25 from 8:00am to noon

Defensive Driving – June 25 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Mitchell, SD June 30-July 1, 2014

There is still a little time to register for the Mitchell session below!

PASS – June 30 & July 1 from 9:00am to 5:00pm

PASS Recertification – July 1 from 8:00am to 5:00pm

Registration Deadline is June 23, 2014

Aberdeen, SD July 28 & 29, 2014

PASS - July 28 from 9:00am to 5:00pm & July 29 from 8:00am to 5:00pm

PASS Recertification - July 28 from 9:00am to 5:00pm

Special Note: We are doing the recertification session on the 28th to accommodate schedules so the PASS class will be day 2 first and day 1 second. Also, please note: Start time on the 28th is 9:00 am and start time on the 29th is 8:00 am.

Please register by going to the DTA web site at www.dakotatransit.org. Information on future classes will be posted on the web site as soon as sessions are set up.

Future Sessions Planned: Full 3 day session to include all classes in Jamestown in early fall. Possible session in Devils Lake in late summer. Possible session in Spearfish in late summer or early fall.

CONGRATULATIONS!

I also wanted to send out a big “Way To Go” to all the South Dakota & North Dakota drivers who competed in the CTAA Rodeo. As the organizers said at the banquet: YOU ARE ALL WINNERS! Great Job.

CTAA Expo

June 8-14, 2014

St. Paul, Minnesota

Host Hotel - Crowne Plaza Hotel

St. Paul Riverfront

The CTAA Expo was well attended by North Dakota and South Dakota Transit individuals. There were many exciting sessions to attend with a lot of information to bring back to our states. We had numerous DTA individuals who were presenters. Thank you to all the ND/SD individuals for sharing your knowledge. Next year CTAA EXPO is scheduled for Miami, FL.

DTA Annual Conference Sioux Falls, SD

Roadeo - September 20 and 21

Conference - September 22, 23 and 24

Conference Registration Forms are now on the website! The tentative agenda will be on the web next week.

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Thanks to all!

- Jacque