



TRANSIT TIDBITS

Cities Area Transit's Grand Opening

Dale Bergman, Director

Cities Area Transit - Grand Forks, ND

On July 23rd, Cities Area Transit hosted a Grand Opening of its new transit facility that contains a training facility, a bus garage, workshop, and office space. The building is the culmination of ten years of partnerships and funding between local, state, and federal grants.

Approximately fifty guests wearing masks gathered (with proper distancing) in the new parking lot to listen to local, state, and federal officials speak and cut the ribbon on the state-of-the-art facility.

The list of speakers included Mayor Bochenski of Grand Forks, Todd Feland, the City Administrator, Director of ND DOT, Bill Panos, a letter from ND Governor Doug Burgum by Mason Sisk, ND Governor's policy advisor on Transportation, and representatives for North Dakota Senators, John Hoeven and Kevin Cramer.

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Watertown, SD

September 12 - Rodeo

September 13 - Rodeo
Awards Breakfast

September 14 & 15 -
Conference

Ramkota Hotel &
Watertown Event Center

(605) 886-8011

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This project has been in the making for over ten years and with hard work and dedication from the CAT team members.

Cities Area Transit's new facility has expanded to have the capacity to help other transit agencies in the area with training and vehicle maintenance needs.



Employment Change

Ali Rood - Cities Area Transit Grand Forks, ND

It is with mixed emotions that I end my employment with Cities Area Transit in Grand Forks on Friday, August 14, 2020. I have been Mobility Manager for over nine years – since May 2011. It has been a privilege to be part of the growth and change that's happened over the last decade. None of it would have been possible without support from the greatest transit community around!

I have been passionate about teaching and coaching for many years. I decided to commit to making a career change and will be starting the new positions of Instructional Para at Discovery Elementary School and Assistant Coach for the Knightriders Girls High School hockey team. I am working toward my ND teaching license, which I should obtain in the next three months.

Thank you for your dedication and friendship. I wish you all well!

Training Update

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Hopefully we will be able to reschedule the Minot and Valley City classes before the end of the year. Other classes originally planned are still not set.

The Dickinson class, although small, went well and a big “thank you” to Gena and all those at Dickinson who did a great job of keeping us all safe as we learned.

The new 7.0 PASS class is well set up and fun to teach. Since class was small, we were able to get through both PASS class and Defensive Driving in two full days.

Another option that is available to you all is to have your drivers take the online version of PASS. The only thing the drivers will need after the online has been completed is the hands-on securement process with a certified trainer supervising.

Aberdeen – Monday, December 28 through Tuesday, December 29, 2020 with full PASS, and PASS Recertification offered.

PASS—December 28 & 29 from 9am to 5pm

PASS Recertification—December 29 from 9am to 5pm

Hotel information and class location to be determined at a later date.

Other classes besides those scheduled and proposed can be arranged by contacting Linda by phone or e-mail.

Keep safe and kudos to you for safely providing your services during this hard time!

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The Ramkota Hotel has extended our block of rooms to August 21, 2020 so please make your reservations if you are planning on attending.

Drive-Up Window

Jessica Pickett, Director
Palace Transit - Mitchell, SD

Thanks to a DOT/FTA grant, Palace Transit was able to add a drive-up window, freshly paved parking lot as well as revamp the interior of the facility to give it's customers access to our vital services in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic.

The drive-up window was created for Palace Transit customers to purchase their public transportation tokens, pick up lost and found items, fill out transit paperwork, or even just drop off/pick up items.



With community members who are still cautious about going inside buildings, the drive-up window option has been a timely benefit. It was honestly perfect timing with lingering pandemic. If people don't feel comfortable coming inside, they can go through the drive-up window.

In just its first month of operation, the drive-up window has been a popular service among the community. It has also allowed us to extend our office business hours to 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Inside the building, several office areas also underwent some renovations. The building has a nicer area for people to sit and do paperwork, rather than leaning over employees desks, and there is flow and cohesion within the building and offices.

The drive-up window has created a huge convenience for the community and has had tremendous use already. This has provided the community a safe and quick way to conduct business with Palace Transit.



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Thanks to all!

- Jacque

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Thought for the month of August 2020

“Be kind, everyone is fighting a battle of some kind.”



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