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## What DTA Means to Me

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I was asked to comment on this question and the first thing that comes to mind is



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DTA furnishes classes on training for everyone, no matter what your job classification. Some of the training is hands-on, which I prefer, as opposed to reading stacks of material. I also must admit that the speakers at the conferences I have attended are very impressive and full of valuable information for any agency. Speakers that have handout material and resources pertaining to their presentation is such a benefit to us. This information can be viewed throughout the year.

The one thing I really enjoy is socializing with other agencies/ organizations and cohorts and learning about their services. Discussions about what they do differently than my organization, whether it is fundraising, increasing ridership, staff issues, fares or how their agency/organization operates. To me, this information is worth attending the conference. I have not met anyone who is not willing to share their expertise in operating a non-profit organization.

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# 2021 Bus Roadeo and Conference

## Tom Wanttie, DTA President

Are you tired of the restrictions that COVID brought about? Tired of not being able to travel, networking with your peers, highlighting your outstanding drivers?

Join us in Fargo, ND for the 2021 DTA Fall Bus Roadeo and Conference. It will kick off September 17 with Roadeo Securement Training. The Roadeo will be on the 18th along with the Driver's Appreciation/ Roadeo Awards Banquet.

On Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>, we will have our awards banquet, where the stars of transit will be highlighted, followed by some driver training. We will follow that up with the Conference on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> to include some great training sessions and will conclude with our ever popular vendor show where we get to see all the latest and greatest from our vendors.

For more details on any of these items, go to our website [www.dakotatransit.org](http://www.dakotatransit.org) and click on the Fall Conference & Roadeo tab. You will find the registration links along with the agenda at your fingertips.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Fargo. Your board has put many hours into the preparation of this year's conference. Please join us this year to make it enjoyable for everyone.



## Dakota Transit Association Fall Conference and Roadeo

### Jacque Senger, DTA Executive Director

The Dakota Transit Association Fall Conference and Roadeo will take place September 17<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> in Fargo.

I need to stress when making your room reservations, you need to CLICK on the bottom of the registration form that says Fargo Delta Marriott (highlighted in blue) and this will take you directly to the Delta Marriott registration process. The Delta Marriott strongly suggests that you do not register by phone. There is approximately a 20-minute wait.

## Training Update

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We have rescheduled the classes at **Bowman** for July 26 and July 27, 2021.

Day 1 of PASS will be held from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm on July 26. Defensive Driving will begin at 2:00 pm on July 26<sup>th</sup> until 5:30 pm.

Day 2 of PASS along with PASS Recertification will run from 8:00am to about 4:30 pm on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

We have also set up training at the college campus in **Ft. Yates** for August 26-27, 2021.

Day 1 of PASS will be held from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm on August 26. Defensive Driving will begin at 2:00 pm on August 26<sup>th</sup> until 5:30 pm.

Day 2 of PASS along with PASS Recertification will run from 8:00am to about 4:30 pm on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Prairie Knights Casino is available for rooms, but we are asking you to make your own reservations. Phone number is 701-854-7777.

*Registration deadline for Ft. Yates is August 10, 2021.*

We have classes set up in **Dickinson** for October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> as follows:

PASS: Friday, October 8 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and Saturday, October 9 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING: October 8 from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

PASS RECERTIFICATION: October 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

All classes to be held at Dickinson Public Transit - 361 26<sup>th</sup> St. East in Dickinson. A block of rooms at state rates has been set up under the name Dakota Transit Association for the nights of October 7 & 8, 2021 at the Dickinson Comfort Inn. Call 701-264-7300 by September 20<sup>th</sup> to make reservations under the block.

*Registration deadline for Dickinson is September 27<sup>th</sup>.*

You may register for classes on the DTA website.

**IMPORTANT:** Please contact me via phone or email if you would like to host a class during 2021. Thank You!

Keep in mind that your PASS certifications are now only good for two years rather than three years. Thanks to all for all you do for others!

## Tidbit Articles

Please contact me with articles for your Transit Tidbit.

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## Address

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Thanks to all!

- Jacque

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# Thought for the month of July 2021

***No Rain—No Flowers***



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