



# TRANSIT TIDBITS

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### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2024



### TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING DATES

July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> ZOOM Meeting

### 2024 DTA MEMBERSHIP FORMS

Jacque Senger, Executive Director

The DTA Membership Roster is still short of all our Transit Agencies joining for 2024. If you have any questions or concerns about the membership, please take a minute to contact me. It would be nice to have 100% support. Thank you.

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### TRAINING UPDATE Contract Information



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Pass training will be held in Fargo ND, July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Registration deadline for this class is July 8<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Rod to register or visit the DTA website [www.dakotatransit.org](http://www.dakotatransit.org) for more info on this class.

Are you or someone from your agency interested in becoming a PASS trainer? CTAA now offers PASS - Train the Trainer certification 100% online. It's never been easier to become a PASS trainer.

If you have drivers/staff in need of training or re-certification and would like to schedule a class, please contact Rod using the information listed above.

**FALL CONFERENCE**  
**September 13, 2024, through**  
**September 18, 2024**  
Jacque Senger, Executive Director

REMINDER.....We will be at the Holiday Inn Rapid City Downtown-Convention Center in Rapid City, SD. Phone number **605-348-4000**. Our rooms have been blocked off so please make your reservations now.

**ANOTHER REMINDER**  
**DTA 2024 ANNUAL AWARDS**  
**NOMINATIONS**  
Jacque Senger, Executive Director

The 2024 DTA Award Nominations are on the website. Please submit the Nomination Form(s) to me no later than June 14<sup>th</sup>. The agency submitting the nomination(s) will be notified of the winners by July 19, 2024.

**SIXTH CIRCUIT DRUG COURT**

Adam Sharkey, Deputy Director  
River Cities Public Transit

River Cities Public Transit was pleased to attend a graduation ceremony for the Sixth Circuit Drug Court. This is a fantastic program that helps individuals during their rehabilitation period, teaching people who have been struggling with drugs and alcohol to transition into sober living. One of the many steps in this program is gaining full-time employment. RCPT has two excellent employees, Jackie and Skylar, in this year's graduation class. It is challenging for participants to pass all courses required to graduate. These two employees are incredibly hardworking and impress the RCPT staff daily. These two employees are vital to our dispatch and driving positions as future mentors at RCPT. It was an honor to be present at this event celebrating their graduation. During the celebration, it was shockingly announced that RCPT was selected to receive the Certificate of Recognition award for working with the program. It was an honor to receive such an award from the program & our two amazing co-workers, Jackie and Skylar.



**SIoux FALLS WELCOMES  
VIA  
Brenda Schweitzer  
Transit Program Coordinator**

The City of Sioux Falls and Sioux Area Metro are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of our new turnkey management under Via Transportation. The ribbon cutting ceremony with the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce was held on April 18<sup>th</sup> to commemorate this transition.

The current status of the transit transition includes the implementation of On-Demand transportation opportunities in the southeast quadrant of Sioux Falls. This will allow residents to schedule their trips on the [SAM App](#), connecting to other parts of this quadrant or to the nearest fixed route to continue their journey. The app will figure the best route and options for the passenger. If a passenger does not have the ability to use the app, dispatch can take their requests by phone.

The plan to cover the entire city of Sioux Falls through the different modes of transit will be implemented in phases. The upcoming fixed route redesign is going through the public engagement process right now and will be followed by adding additional On-Demand zones that will complete the city's coverage by fall. Paratransit passengers will be provided enhanced opportunities through this redesign.

The following links provide more information on this change for the city of Sioux Falls and Sioux Area Metro.

[Dakota News Now Segment](#)

[SAM & Via Facebook Link](#)

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Thanks to all!



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