



## TRANSIT TIDBITS

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### THOUGHT FOR THE JUNE 2025

Believe in Yourself

### REMINDER

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP FORMS FOR 2025

To all our DTA members....We have 36 DTA agencies along with 3 associate agencies. Twenty-nine have paid their 2025 Membership Dues. If you have not sent in your DTA Membership Form, please do so as soon as possible.

## DTA AWARDS NONINATONS

I have received nominations from 9 transit agencies. I responded to each agency that submitted their nomination. If you send in award nomination forms and did NOT receive a response from me, please know that I didn't receive them. Over the past month

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my computer has worked only on days it feels like it. The nominations were due June 11<sup>th</sup>. I have extended the date to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please remember, without your staff you would not have an agency.

## THE 2025 DTA CONFERNCE

Our 2025 DTA CONFERENCE will be held September 12<sup>th</sup> through September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Host City – Jamestown, ND

Host Hotel – Gladstone Inn & Suites

Phone - 701-252-0700

Roadeo and Conference will be held at the Jamestown Civic Center

## TRAINING UPDATE

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PASS training classes were held in Aberdeen, SD on May 19 & 20 and in Bowman, ND on June 16 & 17. Thank you to all those who attended and especially to trainers Aaron Thompson and Chris Lundebly for conducting the training.

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. Please contact Rod for more info.

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

## TENTATIVE 2025 CONFERENCE AGENDA

Our TENTATIVE Conference Agenda is on the DTA Website. We anticipate having the agenda finalized by the 1<sup>st</sup> of July.



## CTAA EXPO 2025

Gayle Kludt, Executive Director  
People's Transit, Huron, SD

Executive Director Gayle Kludt and People's Transit Board Chair Andrea Del Grosso, recently attended the CTAA Expo 2025 in San Diego, CA.

In addition to the incredible and relevant selection of workshops to choose from, the Trade Show with a plethora of vendors showing and schlepping their wares, and the outdoor bus show where we could get an actual "feel" of potential fleet options, none of those vehicles held a candle to the sweet ride on display at the Welcome Reception.

This Volkswagen 1950's "forward control" light commercial vehicle is known as the Type 2. One of the original cargo vans, it spawned the advent of the van revolution. Built strictly for utility, the Type 2, which ultimately was

offered in several body types, was notorious for low horsepower but trustworthy performance. Under the hood, this Volkswagen Bus is powered by a flat 4 Cylinder engine, paired with a 4-speed manual transmission that offers an engaging driving experience. The combination of this engine and transmission offers a connection to the road that allows you to fully appreciate the vehicle's character. Safety and practicality are addressed with the inclusion of seatbelts, a feature that underscores the vehicle's blend of vintage appeal with essential modern amenities. This amazing piece of kinetic art caught my attention immediately. (My personal ride is a 2019 VW Beetle Convertible, complete with daisy swag on the doors, and also happens to be the last year the VW Beetle was made.)

Although the other side of the vehicle was retro fitted to accommodate beer taps, I saw an opportunity to upgrade our fleet with this 9 + 1 beauty with optional open seating on top for web netted lawn chairs. People's Transit for the W...I mean VW!!!

## JAMESTOWN IS READY TO WELCOME YOU!

**Maureen Wegenke, Transit Director**  
**James River Public Transit**

Howdy from Jamestown!

The James River Senior Center & Public Transit is proud to welcome the **North Dakota Transit Association's Conference** to our hometown this **September 12th–17th**. We can't wait to host our fellow transit professionals for a

week of competition, great conversations, valuable workshops, and good old-fashioned western hospitality.

While you're here, be sure to check out some of the attractions that make Jamestown a destination worth visiting:

- **The National Buffalo Museum** and the iconic **Dakota Thunder, the World's Largest Buffalo** — a must-see landmark!
- Step back in time at **Frontier Village**, with historic buildings, shops, and photo ops galore.
- Take a stroll on the **Louis L'Amour Walking Trail**, honoring the famous western author who called Jamestown home.
- Play a game or grab a cold drink at **Pit Stop Sports**, one of our local favorites.
- And you're in for a treat on **September 12th — Jamestown Oktoberfest** kicks off that night with food, music, and plenty of fun to go around.

Tuesday night we are working on wrangling up some good food, fun music, a little optional roping practice and even a mechanical bull! It's sure to be an evening full of laughs and memories you won't want to miss.

We're working hard to make sure your stay is comfortable, welcoming, and full of things to see and do. So, polish up those boots, grab your cowboy hat, and get ready for a memorable week in Jamestown!

**We'll see y'all in September!**



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