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THOUGHT FOR APRIL 2026
IF THE PLAN DOESN'T WORK
CHANGE THE PLAN, NEVER THE
GOAL.

DTA 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE REMINDER

Jacque Senger, Executive Director

Your 2026 DTA Conference will be held in Huron, SD, September 19th through the 23rd, 2026. The conference will be held at the Huron Event Center and the Rodeo at the SD State Fairgrounds. We have secured rooms at the Crossroads Hotel. More information will be placed in the Tidbit as we finalize the conference.

NORTH DAKOTA TRANSIT AGENCIES

Jacque Senger, Executive Director

If any North Dakota Transit Agency would like to host the 2027 DTA Conference, please contact me.

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TRAINING UPDATE

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PASS training classes, to be held in Aberdeen SD, are in the planning stages. This class will be held sometime in late May. Please let me know if you are interested.

If you are interested in hosting a PASS training class in North Dakota please let me know as soon as possible.

Are you or someone from your agency interested in becoming a PASS trainer? CTAA now offers PASS - Train the Trainer online certification. 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 inquire about or schedule a class, please contact Rod using the information listed above.

MORE HOURS, MORE OPTIONS: BIS-MAN TRANSIT MAKES IT EASIER TO GET AROUND

**Deidre Hughes, Executive Director
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Big news for bus riders across Bismarck–Mandan: starting Wednesday, April 1, 2026, Bis-Man Transit has expanded service hours and added new Sunday public transit options, giving riders more flexibility to get where they need to go, when they need to get there.

Whether you're heading to work, catching an appointment, running errands, or meeting up with family, the updates are all about making public transportation work better for your life.

Earlier this month, the CAT Bus began running four extra hours each weekday and Saturdays.

Updated CAT Bus Schedule:

- Monday through Friday: 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

These changes have been a long time coming for the Bismarck-Mandan area, with the limited-service hours being the number one

complaint the organization has heard over the years.

While the CAT Bus won't run on Sundays or six holidays each year, Bis-Man Transit has added new transportation options for the general public on those days. As of April 1st, general public riders can schedule trips on Sundays from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on the six major holidays when the fixed route service is not running.

A few things to know:

- Trips must be scheduled at least one day in advance
- You can book up to 14 days ahead
- Each ride costs \$3.00

It's a simple, convenient option for anyone who needs transportation when regular routes aren't in service.

Paratransit riders will also see improved access on Sundays. Sunday paratransit service has expanded to 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., 3.5 more hours than the previous schedule. Service Monday through Saturday remains the same, running from 5:30 a.m. to midnight.

“These service changes reflect our commitment to better meeting the needs of our community,” said a. “By expanding our CAT Bus hours and adding Sunday and holiday service options, we are making it easier for riders to get to work, appointments, shopping, and spend time with their families.”

SUCK IT UP-THE PERSPECTIVE YOU PROBABLY NEED

Terry Hoffman, Co-Director CTWSI

Let's be honest, most of us don't have bad lives, but we sometimes have bad attitudes. We woke up irritated. Something small goes wrong. Someone cuts us off, a plan changes, we're inconvenienced and suddenly the whole day is "ruined." We sit in it. We feed it. We act like it's justified. Tuesday morning, I was doing exactly that.

Stuck in a mood, annoyed at things that, if I'm honest, didn't really matter. But I let it build anyway. Because sometimes it feels easier to stay irritated than to snap out of it. And then I spent time around Brian and his PCA—I'll call him Nick. Thanks to their collective attitudes on their situations, mine didn't hold up for long.

As I found out over the next few hours, these two have lived more life than most ever will—good and bad. They've had the kind of highs people chase—and the kind of lows that could break a person. The kind that gives you a real reason to be angry. A real reason to check out. A real reason to complain. But they don't. Not in the way most of us do over things that barely register in the grand scheme. I watched it happen.

Something didn't go right—plans shifted, timing was off, the kind of everyday

inconvenience that usually sets people off. The kind of thing I know would've fueled my bad mood that day.

But there was no attitude, no eye rolls, no frustration, no "this day sucks." Brian stayed steady, present and unbothered. Nick met it the same way—calm, patient, like it wasn't even worth getting worked up over. That's when it hit me, and I didn't like it. There I was, letting small, meaningless things control my mood, standing next to two people who had every right to have a worse outlook than me, but chose not to.

That's the part people don't always want to hear. A lot of the time, it's a choice. Not everything. Life can be brutal. People go through things that deserve real weight. This isn't about ignoring that. But your reaction? Your attitude? The way you carry yourself through the day? That's on you and I.

Brian and Nick didn't pretend life was easy. They just refused to let every inconvenience turn into a bad day. And most of us? We do the opposite. We turn minor problems into major moods. We act like discomfort is the same as hardship. We give small things way too much control over how we show up. So yeah—sometimes the answer is simple: "*Suck it up.*"

Not because your problems are fake, not because you should ignore everything, but because you're handing over control way too easily. Because you're stronger than a delayed plan, a bad interaction, or a minor inconvenience. Because there are people out there carrying real weight, every single day, who still show up better than you are in your worst moods. That's not meant to shame you, it's meant to wake you up. It did for me. I entered work that day thinking I had every reason to be in a funk. I walked out realizing I didn't, but going forward, I will be trying to

catch it quicker, shut it down sooner. Call it what it is a bad moment, not a bad life. So, the next time you feel that irritation building, that “this day sucks” mindset digging in, check yourself and ask, is this actually that serious? And if it’s not? You already know the answer.

During my time spent with these two individuals, I learned Brian was paralyzed from the waist down due to an accident. He is also a father and a very positive individual, very thoughtful, polite and appreciative of what he has in his life, not what he has lost.

Nick’s life had ranged from being “well off” as he termed it to being homeless following a tour in Afghanistan and a debilitating accident following his return.

All of this information was related in easy, unassuming conversations with the two. The disclosure of their experiences was also done in a very positive manner, with no assumption, no excuses, no blaming anyone or anything and no “woe is me” attitude. It was very refreshing and hopefully I will have the opportunity to transport these two again in the future.

ABERDEEN RIDE LINE PROVIDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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2025

RIDE INFO

- **Hours of Service**
 - Monday to Friday
 - 7 am to 7 pm
- **Office Hours**
 - 7 am to 5 pm
- **Rides must be reserved by 4 pm the business day prior. No rides or changes will be made same day.**
- **In town rides can be scheduled up to a week in advance.**
- **Medicaid out of town rides should be made a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the appointment.**
- **The current cost is \$3 per boarding with correct cash or check.**
- **Drives do NOT carry change.**
- **Passes are available to 10 rides for \$30 and 20 rides for \$60 from the office, on line or from the drivers.**

BUY TICKETS ON LINE

Use the QR code to buy ride tickets. Aberdeen Ride Line will send the ticket out with your next ride.
\$1.25 processing fee does apply.

BUS TOUR

Aberdeen Ride Line’s mechanic attended a tour of our bus manufacturers. This knowledge will assist in keeping the buses in top condition.

MEDICAID RIDES

Ride Line provides Medicaid rides for medical appointments within the city of Aberdeen daily. Medicaid appointments outside of Aberdeen can be arranged by calling the office at least 2 weeks in advance. All rides are based on availability. Tuesdays and Wednesdays have the best availability overall.

ABERDEEN RIDE LINE

Providing Public Transportation

2025



2026 HOLIDAYS

- January 1 & 2, 2026
- January 19, 2026
- February 16,, 2026
- May 25, 2026
- June 19, 2026
- July 3 & 4, 20226
- September 7, 20226
- October 12, 2026
- November 11, 2026
- November 26 & 27, 2026
- December 24, 2026 ½ day
- December 25, 2026

Ride Line is excited to have a propane fueled bus coming in 2028. Performance will be evaluated to see how an environmental impact can be made.



NSU Wolf Line

In November Aberdeen Ride Line partnered with NSU to provide rides to students without transportation. Rides are provided once a week to local stores.



Jefferson Lines

Aberdeen Ride Line is the connector to Jefferson Lines twice daily on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. The am connection is to Fargo, ND and the pm connection is to Sioux Falls, SD.

2025 Results

Ride Line provided over 88,000 rides in 2025.

The goal for 2026 is 70,000 rides. Watch for announcements as our goal gets closer.

Rides are provided for employment, school, medical and recreation and shopping.

The main groups are general public, elderly/disabled and school age.



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