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STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION

ASSOCIATIONS REPORT

The Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada (N4) is a Nevada 501(c)(3)

Statewide Transportation Associations Report

General Analysis

STA Purpose: to act as a single unifying body for all agencies, businesses, and individuals interested or involved in transportation.

States without associations: DE, HI, MA, MS, NV, NJ, RI (7)

Total number of associations: 42 (SD and ND have combined association)

States that have provided funding information: WI, CO, OR, VA, OK, CT, TN, FL, MT, SC (10)

States that have provided funding info and allow individual membership: CT, FL, MT, WI (4)

States that allow individual memberships: AL, AK, CT, FL, GA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MT, NM, NY, PA, WA, WI (15)

Associations without legislative advocacy/lobbying programs: AR, ND, SD, UT, VT(?), WV, WY (7)

* Activities across associations:
	+ Legislative advocacy (Federal, state, and local)
		- Bill tracking/legislative monitoring
		- Information dissemination
		- Direct lobbying
		- Secure continued direct access to elected officials and government professionals
		- Represent transit interests
	+ Work directly with state officials/organizations to help design and plan transit systems
	+ Secure capital/funding for public transportation systems and systems
	+ Secure/offer startup funds for new community transportation service (AK)
	+ Information/resource sharing/dissemination
		- To general public
		- To members
		- To business/orgs
		- To legislators
	+ Training and educational programs (development/creation, distribution and/or implementation)
		- Forums/panels
		- Webinars
		- Comprehensive directory of public transit systems/option
		- Lectures
		- Presentations
		- Informative websites
		- Newsletters
		- Classes
		- Public discussion groups
		- Professional development
		- Leadership training
		- Management training
		- Grant writing training
		- Marketing/media relations training
		- Finance/accounting training
		- Collective bargaining training
		- Transit vehicle maintenance
		- Communication tools for interaction with legislators
		- PASS (Passenger Service and Safety) training
		- Risk management
			* Driver training
			* Vehicle inspections and maintenance
			* Facility management
	+ Networking/information exchange opportunities
		- Promotes/facilitates collaboration/coordination within transit industry/individuals/state orgs/individual orgs
	+ Grassroots initiative building
		- Mobilization
	+ Research and development/report compilation
		- Assembles, analyzes, and disseminates data and information
	+ Coalition building to expand advocacy base
	+ Acts as a liaison between/within government organizations/agencies, trade organizations (in and out of state) etc.
	+ Public/media relations training/assistance
		- Drafting and distributing press releases, staging press conferences, arranging interviews, and responding to media inquiries
	+ Awards/recognition to transit providers/legislators
	+ Direct service
		- Transportation services
		- Drug and alcohol testing (AR)
		- Traffic violation reports (AR)
		- Workers’ Compensation Self-insured Trust Fund (?)(AR)
	+ Scholarships
	+ Promote public transit’s image
	+ General functions of a trade organization
	+ Maintain active membership in relevant national organizations
	+ Sponsor, administer, and report on projects and programs
	+ Help maximize federal/state resources in the development and expansion of public and specialized transportation systems
	+ Marketing support
		- Helps members build visibility, community support, and ridership

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# Alabama AL - Alabama Transportation Association

<https://atassociation.org/>

## Mission

The Alabama Transportation Association is the voice for the people in Alabama on all issues relating to transit services in the state. We support using our collective voices to advocate for the ability to mobilize people where they are and where they need to be. Our goal is to increase public awareness, serve as advocates for efficient transportation everywhere, enhance safety, provide statewide economic development opportunities all while supporting innovative ideas on public transportation.

## Activities

* Promotes collaboration within public transportation industry between individuals, state organizations, and individual organizations
* Facilitates research and development into key issues related to public transportation and potential solutions to those issues/educates members and the public via:
	+ Public discussion groups
	+ Forums
	+ Panels
	+ Lectures
	+ Presentations
* Committees track federal and state legislative developments that could have an impact on public transit
* Note: No specific activities noted on website

## Events

* None listed

## Who

* Officers include:
	+ Leaders in multiple transit authority and transit system organizations
* Board members include:
	+ Leaders in multiple city, county, regional, and state transit authorities/systems/services and public transportation agencies
	+ Private business person
* Transit system members include:
	+ Business members
		- Consists of organizations or individuals that are engaged in professional work and/or the manufacturing, supplying, or selling of goods or services relevant to public transportation
	+ Associate members
		- Consists of any individual, agency, organization, or corporation desiring to support the Corporation

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# Alaska AK - Alaska Mobility Coalition

<http://alaskamobility.org/>

## Mission

The Alaska Mobility Coalition is a membership organization that advocates for and empowers Alaskans to develop the transportation systems they need for economic vitality, improved quality of life, and healthy communities.

## Goals

* Secure improved and stable capital and operating funding for existing community public transportation systems and services available to the public using:
	+ Federal legislation and appropriations
	+ Established funding mechanisms in state and local budgets
	+ Taxes and user fees
* Safe and cost-effective rides to meet local, regional and state mobility needs through:
	+ Maximized resources through coordination
	+ Education and advocacy
* New sustainable coordinated community transportation with:
	+ Startup funding available for new community transportation services
	+ Community transportation designed to meet specific community needs
	+ Mobility incorporated into local, regional and state planning processes

## Events

* Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mobility Coalition
	+ Meeting Objectives:
		- Welcome new board members
		- “Coalesce around a Vision and our Mission + Goals”
		- Lay the groundwork for developing an annual work plan

## Who

* Board of Directors includes:
	+ Member of Governor’s Council on Disability and Special Education
	+ Member of Senior Services Organization
	+ ‘Transportation advocates’
	+ Member of Sitka Tribe of Alaska
	+ Member of city transit agency
	+ Member of health foundation
	+ Member of rural transit system
* Members include:
	+ Individuals
	+ Advocates
	+ Sponsors
	+ Businesses
	+ Government organizations

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# Arizona AZ - Arizona Transit Association

<https://www.azta.org/>

## Mission

Arizona Transit Association (AzTA) is a non-profit statewide organization dedicated to improving public transportation in all Arizona communities. AzTA's mission is to provide leadership in the funding, advocacy and education for public transportation services throughout Arizona.

## Goals

* Establish a permanent statewide transit funding source
* Prepare and promote a legislative program that supports AzTA membership at the local state and federal levels
* Provide proactive communications with members/partners and develop public educational materials to support AzTA's advocacy for transit funding and legislation
* Broaden both members and partners base by actively recruiting, and establish collaborative opportunities to support AzTA's mission
* Host, with partners, statewide forums that provide educational opportunities for members/partners, and broaden our outreach

## Events

* Annual Golf Classic Fundraiser
* Annual Statewide Transit Conference
	+ The conference you are participating in gives you the opportunity to imagine, and share ideas that can improve transit throughout Arizona. Just an inkling of an idea can lead to amazing changes and create opportunities to make a difference to the citizens of Arizona who need and use transit services. Workshops at this conference will provide you information and concepts that you can put into action. The networking while you are here gives you the chance to discuss and debate ideas. Big agencies can talk with small agencies and the private, nonprofit, and government organizations can discuss challenges and successes in operating transit programs — whether it is bus systems, planning, or dealing with small transportation needs of just being able to get to the doctor.

## Who

* 400 member organization of:
	+ Operators
	+ Service suppliers
	+ Vendors, agencies
	+ Local and regional governments

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# Arkansas AR - Arkansas Transit Association

<https://www.arkansastransit.com/>

## Mission

The Arkansas Transit Association (ATA) was incorporated in 1980 as a 501(3) (c) non-profit trade association to provide technical assistance and training for Arkansas's public transit systems. From the beginning, ATA has partnered with the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT) to advance safe passenger transportation.

## Programs

* Training:
	+ Program that specializes in passenger transportation safety
	+ Variety of low-cost courses
	+ Courses are adapted to each agency's specific needs
* Administers three Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Consortiums for employee testing and helps with policy development, training and legal compliance.
* Workers' Compensation Self-Insured Trust Fund
* Free traffic violation reports for public and non-profit members

## Events

* Annual Arkansas Public Transportation Conference
	+ No additional information

## Who

* 250 members including:
	+ 16 urban and rural transit agencies
	+ Community services organizations transporting the elderly or people with developmental disabilities
	+ Private passenger carriers
	+ State agencies
	+ Industry vendors.

## Funding

* Per 8/15 phone call with Executive Director Ann Gilbert:
	+ Initial:
		- Rural transit system funds/grant
		- RTAP
	+ Current:
		- 3 main grant sources:
			* RTAP
				+ For training
			* ‘State money from DoT’
				+ Allowed for the acquisition of a training and office center
			* 5311
				+ 80:20 match
		- Other
			* Dues
			* Training fees
			* Drug and alcohol testing
				+ Under contract with DoT

## Inclusivity

* Per 8/15 phone call with Executive Director Ann Gilbert:
	+ No individual members
	+ Membership includes:
		- Developmental disability schools
		- Human services agencies
		- Senior Centers
		- Area .. Disability.. Of Aging
	+ Dues kept low

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8/5 - Phone call with Ann Gilbert re funding and inclusivity

# California CA - California Transit Association

<https://caltransit.org/>

## Mission

Our Association's mission is: Support the needs of California’s public transit systems through advocacy and education.

Our Association's vision is: Fully funded, efficient and effective public transit systems operating in a balanced transportation network.

## Programs

* Our team of legislative advocates works to promote multi-year transit funding and to represent transit's interests before the California State Legislature, the Governor and regulatory agencies on the local, state and federal levels. We maintain direct access to elected officials and government professionals, working closely with them to shape the future of transit.
* Our legislative advocates speak alongside, and on behalf of, our more than 200 member organizations consisting of all of California's largest urban transit operators, as well as dozens of agencies in suburban and rural areas. Our membership also extends to include commuter rail agencies, transit support groups, national and international transit suppliers, and government agencies.
* We empower our members to speak with a stronger voice, learn through education and training we provide, and collaborate with other similarly minded transit providers and stakeholders.
* With a motivated and informed membership base, our Association actively engages state decision makers to shape transit-friendly policy, secure increased transit funding and promote the benefits of a balanced transportation system.

## Events

* Fall Conference and Expo
	+ Our three-day signature event features dynamic presentations from industry experts on today’s pressing transit challenges and the novel solutions being implemented by innovative transit leaders. Attended by nearly 700 transit professionals of all levels and more than 100 suppliers, this is the preeminent networking event of the season.
* Spring Legislative Conference
	+ As one of the Association’s signature events, the Spring Legislative Conference blends professional development and networking activities with dynamic educational and informational sessions. Designed for transit organizations of all sizes and for transit industry professionals of all levels, this event highlights the Association’s highest-priority state legislative and regulatory efforts. This comprehensive review of transit policy fosters high-spirited discussion and problem solving from passionate colleagues, guest speakers and other industry experts.
* Transit 101
	+ Transit 101 is a biannual event for the purpose of educating new incoming legislators and their staffs about public transit, as well as to update returning legislators on transit priorities.
* Webinars
	+ From informative sessions on how transit funding works to detailed reports on global warming’s impact on our industry, the Association’s webinar series demonstrates our commitment to ongoing member education and professional development. These free interactive forums allow our diverse membership base to learn and collaborate without the cost or time commitment typically associated with attending in-person seminars.

## Who

* 200+ member organizations including:
	+ Transit systems
	+ Commuter rail agencies
	+ Transit support groups
	+ Business members

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# Colorado CO - Colorado Association of Transit Agencies

<https://coloradotransit.com/>

## Vision Statement

All Colorado residents and visitors enjoy safe, convenient, affordable and accessible public transportation. Transit in Colorado plays a significant role in promoting the economic vitality and environmental leadership of our state.

By 2025, Coloradans will enjoy seamless trip planning and execution on Colorado’s robust and effective regional and local transportation systems. Transit will be integrated with our aviation, rail, highway, biking and pedestrian systems to give Coloradoans access and options on every leg of their journeys.

## Strategies

* Strategy #1
	+ Customer Centered Service: Facilitate seamless transit trips throughout the region for the travelling public.
		- Provide a single source for statewide transit trip planning.
		- Provide a universal transportation pass for all transportation modes (heavy and light rail, bus, shuttle, taxi, tolls, and parking meters).
		- Provide reasonable accommodations for customers with disabilities.
		- Facilitate the transportation of luggage, bags, bicycles and skis along with their owners.
* Strategy #2
	+ Spin a Statewide Web of Transit: Build a regional transit network by eliminating gaps in the existing network and integrating transit with other transportation systems.
		- Provide connections between communities of regional significance.
		- Include enhancements to buses, airports, rail and transit priority highway improvements.
		- Provide connections for travelers landing at DIA to major economic and tourist centers, including resort communities.
		- Connect Colorado travelers to Cheyenne, Salt Lake City, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Farmington, and western Nebraska.
		- Create a statewide authority that can facilitate inter-regional transit services.
* Strategy #3
	+ Get it Right and Get it for the Right Price: Use technology and share best practices to provide consistency in service, reduce costs, and ensure safety.
		- Promote alternative energy sources for transit and facilities: wind, hydrogen, etc.
		- Create statewide group purchasing for fuel, insurance, supplies, vehicles, related capital and maintenance equipment.
		- Host an interactive website for transit agencies with question boards, employment opportunities, transportation planning, best practices and training opportunities.
		- Use the technologies most appropriate for the ridership, frequency demands, station location, and energy resources.
* Strategy #4
	+ Build it and They Will Come: Work with state, regional and local governments to implement planning models that are effective for transit, encourage transit-supportive land use, reduce transportation costs and maximize economic benefits for local communities.
		- Fund and build more infrastructure to support transit, i.e. intermodal stations, park-n-rides.
		- Integrate roads, bicycle paths, transit routes and transit stops.
		- Promote high density business and civic development near transit.
		- Mandate that land use codes include transit elements.
		- Integrate transit and highway planning.

## Activities

* Policy and Legislation activities
	+ CASTA advocates at both the state and federal level for effective transit policy, technical issues and equitable and sustainable transit funding. Efforts include legislation, cabinet-level policy discussions, rulemaking and building coalitions with like-minded organizations.
* Professional Development
	+ The Colorado Association of Transit Agencies proudly provides a variety of professional development services for the transit professionals throughout the state of Colorado. CASTA is dedicated to working with transit agencies to coordinate training classes for their agencies, secure training resources for classes, apply for training scholarships, or bring training sessions to the wider Colorado transit community at conference or regional training. Alongside of planning quality training opportunities, CASTA works to recognize Colorado transit professionals who are doing good work around the state and beyond as well as provide opportunities for transit employee appreciation and other fun activities which give value to the hard work our members do throughout the year.

## Events

* CASTA Spring Transit Conference
	+ The annual CASTA Spring Transit Conference is a three-day conference that provides training on a variety of topics, including: transit management, supervisor development, driver safety, system safety, human services issues, maintenance, and FTA and CDOT policy issues.
* CASTA/CDOT Fall Transit Conference and Expo
	+ The CASTA/CDOT Fall Transit Conference and EXPO provides training classes and workshops, speakers, forums exploring transit issues, a CASTA member meeting, the annual Colorado Transit Awards ceremony, and committee meetings.

## Who

* Membership includes:
	+ Transit providers
	+ Transit-related businesses
	+ Governmental entities

## Funding

* Administers RTAP for the state (⅓ of income)
* Member dues
* Registration fees for conferences

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# Connecticut CT - Connecticut Association for Community Transportation

[http://www.cact.info/](http://www.cact.info/index.php)

## Mission

The Connecticut Association for Community Transportation (CACT) is your voice and advocate for public transportation in the State of Connecticut.

## Activities

* A statewide forum for the exchange of public transportation information
* Advocates for public transportation and public transportation customers at local, state and federal levels
* Provides free training and technical assistance to members
* Serves as a vehicle for the collection and exchange of information of public transportation interest
* Encourages the efficient and effective use of all available public transportation vehicles
* Educational forums
* Updates and Alerts
* Newsletter
* Website with quick links to many transportational resources, including information on legislative actions that affects public transportation in Connecticut.

## Events

* Free training sessions and educational forums periodically throughout the year regarding transportation in Connecticut
	+ <http://www.cact.info/eventscact.php>
* CACT Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon
* CACT Statewide Transportation Expo
	+ Workshops, lunch, vendor exhibits

## Who

* The Connecticut Department of Transportation
* Public transit operators
* Not-for-profit transportation providers and brokerages
* Regional planning agencies
* Rideshare agencies
* Social service agency transportation providers
* Vendors
* Private for-profit providers
* Individuals involved in transportation and users of community transportation services

## Funding

* Per 6/17 from Executive Director May Tomolonius
	+ “When I became executive director in 2011 we relied on the **federal ConnectAbility Grants**, **member dues**, and **registration fees for workshops**. A few years later the federal government cut back on funding, so in order to make up for the lost revenue, I initiated an **Annual Golf Tournament** which was successful, but a lot of work for everyone. Now our income is generated from **member dues** (up 50% since I began), an **Annual Statewide Transportation Expo** (which has been very successful) held at our state Department of Transportation, a**dvertising in our newsletter and programs**, **workshop fees** and **an unrestricted grant from a member**. As the only employee (part time), I work hard to get speakers for our workshops who don’t charge and minimize any expenses.”

## Inclusivity

* Per 6/17 from Executive Director May Tomolonius
	+ “As an association our members include transit agencies, the state DOT, business vendors, regional planning associations, senior centers and individuals. I have encouraged our agencies to reach out to businesses and encourage them to join our association.”

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# Delaware DE - None Found

# Florida FL - Florida Public Transportation Association

<https://floridatransit.org/>

## Mission and Vision

Mission: To continuously support improved public transportation in Florida through advocacy, innovation, education, and partnerships.

Vision: Through the support of innovative public transportation and transit-supported land use, improve the quality of life in Florida.

## Objectives

* To provide a forum for public transit service providers and affiliated organizations to exchange experiences, studies and to engage in meaningful discussion of mutual problems, concerns and issues.
* To foster the improvement of public transportation in the state by promoting the beneficial use of research and factual study.
* To act as a collective voice in promoting the recognition, use, expansion and enhancement of public transportation in the state.
* To elicit cooperation efforts among member agencies, their employees, agents and customers, along with the general public to pursue and achieve common interests.
* To represent the interests of member agencies, individually or collectively, in forums appropriate for the prosecution, enforcement or defense of issues of interest to those members.
* To receive and apply funds for the achievement and furtherance of organizational purposes and objectives, including levying, assessing, charging and collecting dues from the membership of the Association.
* To acquire, hold and own land, facilities, equipment and furnishings and do all things necessary and incident to carrying out the organizational purposes and objectives.

## Programs/Activities

* Online “Find a Ride” web page that provides local transportation options
* Biannual newsletter
* Florida Transit Leadership Development Program
	+ A professional development program designed to develop and support those experienced managers and leaders aspiring to hold senior and executive leadership positions.

## Events

* FPTA/CTD Annual Conference
	+ The combined FPTA/CTD Annual Workshop allows participants to interact with each other all in one place. This event combines leisure activities, networking, education, social interaction, and recognition events for all.

## Who

* Members include:
	+ Major public transit agencies
	+ Citizens
	+ Businesses
	+ Fixed route and Paratransit systems
	+ Commuter railroad
	+ Heavy-rail commuter system
	+ People mover systems

## Funding

* From 6/21 email from Executive Director Lisa Bacot
	+ “... previous Executive Director .. was not aware of any special grants used. The larger, fixed route systems got together to start the Association and came up with a dues schedule. A few years after they had incorporated, they hired an Executive Director.”

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# Georgia GA - Georgia Transit Association

<https://www.gatransit.org/>

## Mission

Our mission is essential to the future health of public transportation in Georgia. Quality of life, environmental concerns, economic development and personal mobility options are issues that can be greatly enhanced in this state by a balanced approach to transportation investment.

## Activities

* Work with state legislators to achieve equitable transit outcomes throughout the 123 counties served by public transit in Georgia.
* Work for stable transit funding throughout the state.
* Provide a forum exchanging information, ideas and experiences.
* Promote public transit's image throughout Georgia.

## Events

* GTA Annual Conference
	+ The GTA Conference is where transit leaders from across the state meet to share best practices, find solutions, and improve services throughout communities in Georgia.

## Who

* Individual/Student Associates
* Business Members
* Urban System Members
* Specialized/Rural System Members
* Non-State and/or Division Governmental Agency Members
* Large and/or Statewide Governmental Agency Members

## Contact

<https://www.gatransit.org/general/?type=CONTACT>

# Hawaii HI - None Found

(Note: the Hawaii Transportation Association exists but serves the commercial ground transportation industry)

# Idaho ID - Community Transportation Association of Idaho

<http://ctai.org/>

## Mission

Since our establishment in 1979, the Community Transportation Association of Idaho (CTAI) has worked to empower individuals and communities to develop the transportation systems they need for economic vitality and quality of life. CTAI promotes alternative transportation modalities and mobility at the local, state, and federal levels.

CTAI facilitates a variety of advocacy programs, trainings, and webinars to educate and engage our members, local mobility supporters, transportation providers, and community leaders.

## Activities

* CTAI leverages membership dues to provide insider networking opportunities and professional development offerings.
* CTAI advocates for the full range of transportation options to better connect rural and urban communities in Idaho.

## Goals and Strategies

* Goal 1: Develop and implement a public education and awareness program that encourages individuals and communities to develop transportation options.
	+ Strategies:
		- Work directly with the Idaho Transportation Board and local Chambers of Commerce to make the business case for improved public transportation.
		- Establish and maintain online venues that reach a wide range of individuals and interest groups.
		- Provide public outreach and education through a variety of forums.
* Goal 2: Develop and implement a public policy and advocacy program that promotes transportation options.
	+ Strategies:
		- Facilitate understanding of the State Legislature, Idaho Transportation Board, County and City elected officials, and Chambers of Commerce on the positive economic impacts from improving transportation options in Idaho.
		- Continue to grow support from Idahoans through I’M 4 Transportation Options campaign.
		- Monitor and influence transportation legislation at the local, state and federal level.
* Goal 3: Become sustainable through diversified revenue streams that include increasing general membership investments, securing grants, and building value-added programs.
	+ Strategies:
		- Research the pros/cons of 501c3 vs. 501c6.
		- Build upon the CTAI value-added programs.
		- Increase the membership numbers and investments.
		- Identify and secure grants and sponsorships.
* Goal 4: Build the institutional and resource capacity of the statewide public transportation and mobility system through collaboration, coordination and technical assistance.
	+ Strategies:
		- Provide local and district level support and guidance to all stakeholders and facilitate the non-metropolitan public transportation planning and coordination process.
		- Provide technical assistance for training and grants through the Idaho RTAP Program.
		- Provide opportunities for leadership mentoring and growth.

## Events

* GTA Annual Conference
	+ The GTA Conference is where transit leaders from across the state meet to share best practices, find solutions, and improve services throughout communities in Georgia.

## Who

* No information available

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# Illinois IL - Illinois Public Transportation Association

[https://www.ipta-net.org/](https://www.ipta-net.org/eweb/startpage.aspx)

## Mission

The Illinois Public Transportation Association (IPTA) is dedicated to achieving the best public transportation service possible. We accomplish this through advocating the value of public transportation; representing the legislative, regulatory and administrative interests of members; and providing a forum for the exchange of information, ideas, and experience.

## Activities

* Two statewide conferences are held each year to facilitate active involvement in the organization.
* Recognizes ‘Legislators of the Year’ with awards at the fall conference.
* IPTA supports its members in the individual attainment of professionalism through programs such as Leadership APTA (American Public Transportation Association) and the Certified Community Transit Manager designation through the Community Transportation Association of America.
* Advocacy: IPTA keeps its members apprised of state and federal legislative issues and provides advocacy on behalf of the membership.
* IPTA maintains close ties with the Illinois Rural Transit Assistance Center (RTAC) and the Illinois Department of Transportation, to update members on funding, reporting and industry issues.
* Provides forums to discuss day-to-day operating issues
* Identifies common problems and solutions
* Provides insight into future trends in the industry,
* Provides training in all aspects of management and leadership

## Events

* IPTA Fall Conference
	+ No further information available

## Who

* 60 regular members include:
	+ Transit operations in the Chicago metropolitan region
	+ 16 major downstate metropolitan areas
	+ 34 rural/county operations.
* Works closely with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the Illinois Rural Transit Assistance Center (RTAC) and the Transportation for Illinois Coalition (TFIC) to ensure that our members have maximum access to funding, technical resources, and up-to-date research and industry data

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# Indiana IN - Indiana Transportation Association

[https://www.ipta-net.org/](https://www.ipta-net.org/eweb/startpage.aspx)

## Mission

Since 1935, ITA has represented public transportation, intercity, and private charter bus operators in Indiana, in addition to a commuter railroad and other transportation-related agencies (including manufacturers, insurance companies, consultants, and government and planning agencies).

## Activities

* Carries out the general functions of a trade organization and provides information for its members through publications and the sponsorship of meetings and conferences.
* Promotes the interests of its members through programs of education and information outreach for its members, the general public, and special publics in Indiana and elsewhere.
* Disseminates Association information to local, state, and federal levels of government to protect, advocate, and advance the interests of its members.
* Acts as a liaison with government on the state and local level in Indiana and with key governmental agencies, such as the Indiana Department of Transportation, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the Federal Transit Administration.
* Acts as a liaison with other trade organizations in Indiana, such as the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, and the State Chamber of Commerce; to work with trade organizations in other states; and to act as a liaison with such national organizations such as the American Bus Association, the United Motorcoach Association, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, and the American Public Transportation Association.
* Legislative Work
	+ Helps formulate positive Indiana public policy related to public transit.
	+ Legislative counsel works directly with members of the Indiana General Assembly, as well as Indiana's executive branch, to improve the availability, effectiveness and funding of public transit in Indiana.

## Events

None found

## Who

* Public transportation operators
	+ Publicly owned common carriers of passengers operating within cities and/or suburban territory in the State of Indiana, including carriers operating in multi‑state urbanized areas. Any operator receiving funding from the Public Mass Transportation Fund (PMTF) shall be included in this division, but receipt of PMTF shall not be considered a prerequisite.
* Associate members
	+ Governmental agencies
	+ Planning agencies
	+ Service providers
		- Includes human service agencies engaged in transportation of passengers for their own programs
		- University shuttle services
		- Taxicab companies
		- Medical transportation providers
		- Agencies providing service to the general public are also members of this division as long as it is not-for-profit and does not receive funding from the Indiana Public Mass Transportation Fund.
	+ Private operators
		- Common and private operators engaged in charter and/or special operations and other carriers of passengers operating service between cities and towns
	+ Business members
		- Manufacturers, suppliers, consultants, or other vendors of services or materials supporting the operation of carrier members, and other members

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# Iowa IA - Iowa Public Transit Association

<https://www.iapublictransit.com/>

## Mission

The mission of the Iowa Public Transit Association is to unify, advocate, and advance the interests of Iowa transit systems to influence and gain support from government agencies, legislators, and other entities.

It also is our mission to support the professional development and improvement of members and their systems by providing industry information, training, technical assistance and other opportunities for networking, collaboration, and sharing of ideas and best practices.

## Activities

* Provides information, materials and resources to members
* Assists in educating public policy leaders about the benefits of public transit
* Facilitates member input into laws and policies governing our industry
* Advocates and communicates the public transit position to all key public agencies
* Acts as a medium for exchange of ideas and experiences among operators
* Acts as a forum for dealing with special issues and challenges
* Helps to bring federal funding into Iowa and seek out other potential funding sources
* Coordination of state-funded transportation programs will minimize duplication of services, and help to ensure maximum service delivery from limited funding
* Legislative work
	+ Federal
	+ State

## Events

* Training Conference and Annual Meeting
	+ 3-day conference provides consecutive trainings on a variety of topics to benefit multiple staff positions such as transit leaders, managers, maintenance, drivers, administrators and mobility coordinators. The agenda includes both general sessions and breakout sessions. Businesses within the transit industry are also invited to exhibit. There are multiple evening receptions where attendees and exhibitors can visit with each other in a relaxed environment.
* Legislative Conference
	+ Every year, IPTA members are invited to the Iowa State Capitol for a legislative breakfast to discuss the transit industry with local representatives. IPTA membership meetings are held prior to the Capitol breakfast to discuss the projections for the current year's legislative session.
* Mid-year Meeting
	+ Mid-year meeting to hear updates on the association, provide trainings and host opportunities for conversation between Iowa transit agencies.
* Midwest Transit Conference
	+ Every three years, a Midwest Transit Conference is held. Transit agencies within Iowa and the surrounding states are invited to attend. The hosting state rotates each conference.
* Two trade shows each year introducing the latest transit technology
* Meetings that provide educational opportunities, professional development and personal leadership growth
* Members-only regional meeting

## Who

* 35 public transit systems that provide local transit services in all of the state’s 99 counties
* Urban and regional transit operators

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# Kansas KS - Kansas Public Transit Association

<http://kstransit.org/>

## Mission

The Mission of the Kansas Public Transit Association is to:

* Promote Public Transportation in Kansas.
* Promote the general welfare of its members.
* Foster sound management of public transportation.
* Encourage the exchange of ideas

## Activities

* Training
	+ Annual meetings
	+ Forums
* Information sharing
	+ Provides via e-mail bulletins, newsletters, and mailings.
* Advocacy
	+ Provides representation before the Kansas Legislature and though communication with the Kansas Congressional Delegation
		- Issues addressed
			* Transit funding
			* Rulemaking
			* State and federal transportation plans
* Active national role
	+ Member of:
		- American Public Transit Association
		- Community Transportation Association of America
		- Southwest Transit Association
		- Kansas Economic Lifelines.

## Events

* Annual Conference
	+ Educational programs
	+ Provides the opportunity to network with industry professionals and exchange ideas and information

## Who

* Over 160 members
	+ Voluntary association (501(c)6)
	+ Public transportation operators
	+ Public transportation agencies
	+ Public transportation industry businesses across the U.S.
		- 21 members across US states and Canada

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# Kentucky KY - Kentucky Public Transit Association

<http://kypublictransit.org/>

## Mission

None found

## Purpose

* To disseminate information to the public and to officials of government agencies at all levels concerning the capability of public transportation to assist in the solution of pressing social problems including, but not by way of limitation, energy conservation, economic inflation, environmental pollution, and urban congestion
* To sponsor, administer, and report upon projects and programs of all types designed to improve the efficiency, economy, and utility of public transportation systems
* To coordinate research and investigations and to provide a forum for the sharing of the results of such research and investigations
* To promote the further development and use of all forms of public transportation facilities and services
* To establish and maintain cooperative relations with federal, state, and local government agencies, officials and employees

## Events

* Golf Fundraiser
* Vendor’s Trade Show
* Biannual membership meeting
* Biannual Conference (held in conjunction with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Office of Transportation Delivery)
	+ Presentations on topics of interest
	+ Updates on federal and state funding
	+ Training sessions
	+ Displays of equipment and information

## Who

* 60 members include:
	+ Transportation systems
	+ Vendors and suppliers serving the transportation industry

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# Louisiana LA - Louisiana Public Transit Association

<http://www.lptaonline.org/>

## Mission

The Louisiana Public Transit Association will promote and educate the people of Louisiana about issues affecting the importance of the public transit industry within the state. Additionally, LPTA will advise, counsel, and conduct educational programs on transit related matters.

## Activities

* Educates and advocates for community and public transportation
* Disseminates information about issues of national significance with respect to policy, funding and advocacy
* Shares resources significant to community and public transportation
* Shares eNews and online resources

## Events

* Louisiana Public Transit Conference
	+ No further information provided

## Who

* Regular members
	+ Publicly funded transit providers operating or providing any-form of organized urban and/or rural, and/or small urban public transportation service
	+ Representative(s) of the Office of Public Transportation of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
* Professional members
	+ Persons, non-profit organizations, groups, or public agencies active in the development, promotion of operation of public transportation
	+ Municipalities or transit authorities contemplating the operation of an urban -and/or rural, small urban transit system but not actually in operation
	+ Representatives of publications dealing with public transportation matters.
* Business members
	+ Persons, firms or corporations, engaged in manufacturing for, or supplying materials or rendering services to the public transportation field
	+ Professional consultants of consultant firms that are engaged in professional transportation work.

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# Maine ME - Maine Better Transportation Association

<http://www.mbtaonline.org/>

## Mission

Founded in 1939, the MBTA is a non-partisan voice for investment in a safe, efficient transportation network for Maine. With 700 members representing municipalities, businesses and individuals from all walks of life, we advocate for funding of a multimodal transportation system – air, roads, rail, port, transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities – to serve communities and citizens throughout the state.

## Activities

* Advocates at State Legislature for:
	+ Funding for roads and bridges, ports and rail facilities, airports and bicycle and pedestrian facilities
	+ Employs a contract lobbyist to promote the association’s legislative agenda
* Works with transportation leaders and agencies including:
	+ Office of the Governor
	+ Maine Department of Transportation
	+ Maine Turnpike Authority
* Advocates on federal transportation funding issues
* Runs the MBTA Educational Foundation (a tax-exempt, non-profit charitable organization)
	+ Awards scholarships (6) annually to deserving Maine students studying transportation-related fields of study

## Events

* Maine Transportation Conference
	+ Technical and policy track discussions
		- Topics include technical advancements in ITS to state and local governments that are leading the way to establish connected vehicle networks.
	+ Networking opportunities
	+ Student papers
	+ Bridge Breaking Competition
	+ Speakers
	+ Exhibitor tables
* County meetings
* Golf Tournaments
* Fall Convention/Outing
* Transportation Awards
* Dempsey Challenge
* PDH Tour
* Annual Meeting

## Who

* 700 members from both public and private sectors
	+ State transportation officials
	+ Transportation planners
	+ Municipalities
	+ Transportation construction and supplier firms
	+ Rail companies
	+ Trucking and shipping interests
	+ Bus companies
	+ Manufacturing
	+ Travel and tourism interests

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# Maryland MD - Transportation Association of Maryland

<http://www.taminc.org/>

## Mission

To strengthen community transportation in Maryland through advocacy and professional development.

## Activities

* Advocacy
	+ Opposes legislation harmful to community transportation
	+ Works to increase the financial resources and decrease unnecessary regulatory burdens
	+ Works to help legislators understand the needs of their transportation providers and provide a counterweight to opposing claims and interests.
* Professional development
* Training/Education
	+ The Training Committee, serving as the voice for its members, will provide education and training opportunities, as well as tools to enhance safe, accountable, flexible, and efficient transportation services within the state of Maryland TAM training goals are to:
		- Develop and implement training initiatives that will foster teamwork, providing forums for TAM members to network and gain information to help them improve internal and external customer services.
		- Partner with the MTA by identifying RTAP training and initiatives.
		- Make sure initiatives are delivered in a timely manner.
		- Be proactive and not reactive in identifying and delivering training initiatives to enable TAM members to operate efficiently
* Forums
* Direct transportation services
	+ 40 million one-way passenger trips in 2015
* Shares information about:
	+ Grant opportunities
	+ Regulations
	+ Training opportunities

## Events

* Legislative reception
	+ Kick-off to the legislative session
	+ Attendance:
		- Governor
		- Community transit professionals
		- Elected leaders
		- Government officials
* Conference and expo
	+ Designed to keep attendees up to date with innovative technology, workforce development, communication strategies, funding, and regulations.
	+ Activities:
		- Conference Breakout Sessions:
			* Sessions geared to bringing participants the knowledge and expertise they need to thrive in today's changing environment.
		- Vendor Sponsored Sessions:
			* Workshops presented by industry experts talking about the latest products and services.
		- General Sessions:
			* Informative sessions with a focus on professional development.
		- Bus/Vendor Showcase:
			* An afternoon/evening trade show and reception where vendors will show off the latest goods and services.
		- Networking:
			* The Conference has many social events, meals and other opportunities for participants to meet with and learn from their peers
* Wheelchair securement month
	+ “By bringing awareness to this issue, TAM hopes that all those who participate in the transportation of individuals with disabilities will take a moment during the month of March and review their processes and procedures for conducting these types of activities.”
* General meetings
* Annual ‘Roadeo’
	+ Drivers compete in three separate areas: a driving skills challenge in the form of an obstacle course, a wheelchair securement test, and a pre-trip inspection. The top three scorers are given scholarships to attend and compete against the best in the country at the CTAA Roadeo
* Awards Ceremonies
	+ Winners exemplify the driving force moving community transportation forward in Maryland

## Who

* Every jurisdiction in the State of Maryland is represented by a Full Member
* 80 organizations
* Members include:
	+ Public, private, and non-profit organizations that provide community transportation services
	+ Businesses who provide services including:
		- Vehicle and equipment suppliers
		- Transportation consultants
		- Insurance companies
		- Cellular phone companies
* Membership types:
	+ Full members
		- Public or private entities directly involved in coordinating, brokering, or providing public transit or para-transit services, or human service transportation
	+ Associate members
		- Public or private organizations, entities or individuals (i.e., suppliers, vendors, planning agencies, consultants, rideshare programs, intra- and inter-city bus companies, taxicab companies or other classes) who have a business or professional interest in public transit or para-transit activities.
	+ Community members
		- Consists of state or local private nonprofit organizations involved in providing community services and not otherwise eligible for full membership.
	+ Individual members
		- Individual persons, not otherwise eligible for membership, who support the goals of the association

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# Massachusetts MA - None found

# Michigan MI - Michigan Public Transit Association

<http://www.mptaonline.org/>

## Mission

None found

## Activities

* TransitSHARE
	+ Self-managed electronic resource library
		- Designed to encourage information and knowledge sharing and collaboration among transportation providers statewide to promote best practices and improve efficiencies.
		- Development was funded by grants from the Federal Transportation Administration
* Advocacy
	+ No further information found
* Training
	+ Advanced Fundamentals of Transit Management and applicable Michigan Laws
	+ Finance (Accounting) Training
	+ PASS Training
	+ Collective Bargaining Training
	+ Transit vehicle maintenance seminar

## Events

* Statewide annual meeting/conference
	+ No further information found

## Who

* Membership types:
	+ Transit Systems
		- Comprised of transit operators from throughout Michigan
	+ Associate Members (Specialized Service Providers and Manufacturing/Service Partners)
		- Vendors and suppliers to the transit industry
		- Individuals
		- Other organizations
		- Businesses
		- Unions
		- Governmental entities
		- Advocacy groups.

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# Minnesota MN - Minnesota Public Transit Association

<https://www.mpta-transit.org/>

## Mission

MPTA's mission is to advocate for public transit systems in providing mobility for all Minnesotans through training, research and communication.

## Activities

* Provides the latest information on transit activities
* Provides in-depth research on key issues
* Hosts training sessions and events
* Advocates for transit with elected officials at both the state and federal levels.
	+ Acts as the statewide voice of public transit at the Minnesota legislature and with Minnesota's congressional delegation.
* Supports a network of professionals where ideas and experiences can be exchanged.
* Provides a forum to discuss and study issues that affect the industry.
* Supports and enhances the operations of public transit services.
* Provides members with communication tools to help in effectively communicating with legislators, local media, and community leaders.

## Events

* Annual Minnesota Public Transit Conference
	+ Features sessions on bus operations and critical transit issues
* Minnesota Bus Roadeo
	+ Works to improve driver skills to enhance safety.
* Transportation Day at the Capitol
	+ An opportunity to join with other transit advocates in speaking out for transit in Minnesota
* Regional meetings
	+ Networking opportunities

## Who

* Operators
* Associates/vendors
	+ Bus
	+ Rail Sales
	+ Manufacturing
	+ Contractors
	+ Consultants
* Individuals
* Advocacy Groups
* Social Services

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# Mississippi MS - None found

# Missouri MO - Missouri Public Transit Association

<https://mopublictransit.org/>

## Mission

The Missouri Public Transit Association values personal mobility as a basic quality of life by promoting access to public transit services.

## Goals

* Build new coalitions to expand advocacy base
* Provide a legislative liaison
* Serve as a central clearinghouse for member information and requests for assistance.
* Facilitate education and networking among transit professionals
* Represent the interests, policies, requirements and purposes of public transit
* Exchange experiences, discussions and comparative studies of industry affairs relating to transportation.
* Promote research and investigations toward improving public transit in Missouri.
* Aid member organizations with special issues and legislation pertaining to public transit.
* Encourage cooperation among its members, its employees and the general public.
* Inform members by the collection, and the compilation of data and information relative to public transit in Missouri.

## Activities

* Legislative advocacy program
	+ National and state levels
		- Keeps a close eye on legislation affecting public transit
		- Advocates for equitable public funding for transit services.
* Information distribution/publications
	+ Weekly e-blast newsletter
	+ Annual membership directory
	+ “Legislative Alerts”
		- Gives members information on late breaking legislative action.
			* Members receive descriptions of pending legislation and regulatory actions and concise instructions on what they can do to ensure the interests of public transit are protected.

## Events

* Total Transportation Day
	+ Brings elected officials into direct contact with hundreds of transit-dependent citizens from across the State
* Annual Meeting
	+ Presentations
		- Topics range from marketing to vehicle maintenance
		- Nationally recognized experts in the transit industry bring their knowledge and experiences
	+ Opportunity to network with other professionals to exchange experiences and solutions to common challenges

## Who

* Representatives of:
	+ Sheltered workshops
	+ Community organizations
	+ Citizen advocacy groups
	+ Government and quasi-government agencies
	+ Industry suppliers
* Member types:
	+ Individual
	+ Transit systems
	+ Transit partner
		- Metropolitan planning organizations
		- Regional planning commissions
	+ Supplier (vendor) member
		- Corporations engaged in supplying goods or services to the public transit industry
	+ Associate member
		- Organizations that use transit to provide service to the organization’s clients; or, represent clients who are dependent on public transit
			* Social service agencies
			* Sheltered workshops
			* Advocacy organizations for the disabled
			* Non-profits

## Contact

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# Montana MT - Montana Transit Association

<http://www.mttransit.org/>

## Mission

* To encourage cooperation among members in dealing with public transportation issues.
* To provide a medium for the exchange of ideas, information, and experiences.
* To collect, compile, and make available to members, comparative data and information relative to public transportation in Montana.
* To promote training for members through joint development, sponsorship, and implementation of workshops, seminars, courses, employee exchanges, etc.
* To provide a forum for the voluntary discussion of mutual and individual members' problems.
* To represent to the people of Montana the importance of public transportation.
* To encourage the use and improvement of public transportation systems in Montana.
* To keep the citizens of Montana informed on project plans and progress.
* To solicit public input on select issues affecting public transportation in Montana.
* To advise and counsel both executive and legislative branches of local, state, and federal governments on public transportation issues.
* To study and make recommendations on the design and improvement of legislation, regulatory, training and education provisions under which public transportation systems operate with a view of assuring the efficiency and effectiveness of operations.
* To keep elected and appointed representatives informed on the importance of public transportation in Montana, its problems and its progress.
* To formally represent the collective interests and goals of Association members.

## Activities

* Quarterly newsletter
* Member directory resource
* Advocates for transit legislation

## Events

* ‘Bus Roadeo’
	+ One-day competition promoting safety by encouraging and rewarding professional driving skills.
		- Provides participants with positive job-related motivation by emphasizing the important role they play in providing safe and reliable transportation
		- Encourages camaraderie among the drivers and various Transportation providers by the sportsmanship and pride the event fosters
* Fall business meeting
	+ Brings transit providers together to plan for MTA's future endeavors
	+ Educational opportunities
	+ Networking/socializing opportunities
		- Networking luncheon
	+ Vendor expo
	+ Round-table discussions

## Who

* No specific information found
* Member list:
	+ <http://www.mttransit.org/mta-membership-list.html>

## Funding

* Per 6/21 email with Lyn Hellegaard
	+ “Funded with RTAP funds through our DOT. We have been able to grow the association with support from our vendor members and grants, as our DOT does not routinely increase our funding.”

## Inclusivity

* Per 6/21 email with Lyn Hellegaard
	+ “Our membership is made up of most of the Councils on Aging in the state that house transportation programs and members you (sic) represent the disabled community, but do not provide transportation.”

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# Nebraska NE - Nebraska Association of Transportation Providers

<https://www.neatp.org/>

## Mission/Goals

Nebraska Association of Transportation Providers was formed to promote effective, efficient public transportation throughout Nebraska. NATP supports acceptable public transportation that is accessible to all, particularly older adults, people with disabilities and anyone who would otherwise be without affordable transportation

Our goal is to provide adequate, safe and affordable transportation that is essential to the economic health and vitality of our communities, large or small. Public transportation is a major key to maintaining an independent and productive life for all members of our communities.

## Activities

* Helps maximize Federal/State resources in the development and expansion of public and specialized transportation systems
* Promotes the development and coordination of these systems to ensure maximum use of all resources
* Educates the public about the importance of public transportation systems.
* Encourages local support, diversity and innovation in the delivery of transportation services
* Actively promotes the development and continuation of public transportation systems
* Actively promotes information sharing and coordination among Nebraska’s transit systems.
* Assists in the development of a statewide platform to address transportation issues/needs
* Works to professionalize the transportation industry in Nebraska
* Actively promotes communication/cooperation among all persons, professions, and organizations concerned with public transportation
* Actively promotes better understanding and interest in the field of public transportation
* Actively promotes and encourages professionalism in public transportation operators through:
	+ Research
	+ Training
	+ Educational opportunities.

## Events

* Legislative event and proclamation
	+ Training
	+ Breakfast with Senators
	+ Signing of the Public Transit Week Proclamation
* NATP Training and ‘Roadeo’

## Who

* Represents:
	+ Rural transit systems
	+ All urban systems
	+ Membership covers the entire state

## Contact

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# Nevada NV - None found

# New Hampshire NH - New Hampshire Transit Association

<http://nhtransit.com/>

## Mission

Our mission is to provide information, education, and support to New Hampshire transportation providers, and to improve mobility for New Hampshire citizens.

## Goals

* Promote general awareness and support of public and paratransit service
* Encourage cooperation among its members and the general public
* Aid members in dealing with special issues and legislation pertaining to public and paratransit
* Collect, compile and make available to members and others data and information relative to public and paratransit
* Provide a medium for an exchange of experiences, discussion and comparative study of transportation issues

## Activities

* Provides access to state legislative initiatives involving community transportation to members
* Acts as a voice in the legislative process through the Association and its lobbyist
* Provides monthly updates by representatives of the New Hampshire Departments of Transportation and Health & Human Services
* Creates a forum for discussion with transportation providers from across the state
* Provides access to vendors of transportation assets

## Events

* Annual meeting
	+ Statewide Strategic Transit Assessment update
	+ Interactive sessions
	+ Talks
	+ Vendor tables
	+ Business meetings
		- Election of officers
		- Set dues for new FY
* Participation in Tri-State Transit Conference
	+ Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire
	+ Provides up-to-date transit information to: managers, employees and key decision makers from small urban and rural transit systems, State Department of Transportation offices, municipal planning organizations and business associates.
	+ Includes an interactive forum to discuss transit topics, share important updates, visit with and support the industry vendors with ample networking opportunities.

## Who

* 12 transit providers
* 5 intercity providers
* 18 agency members
* 4 vendor members
* 8 paratransit providers

## Contact

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# New Jersey NJ - None found

# New Mexico NM - New Mexico Transit Association

<http://www.nm-ta.com/>

## Mission

The mission of NMTA is as follows:

* To promote, support, and develop quality passenger transportation services in New Mexico.
* The Association’s mission is accomplished through the participation, enthusiasm, and energy of those that support public transportation in New Mexico.
* Direction is provided by NMTA goals that reflect constituent ideas to further public transportation and better serve the citizens of the state.
* NMTA works diligently to meet its mission and prepare for the future.

## Activities

* Helps create an active and vital state transportation association in New Mexico
	+ Encourages participation by a broad cross section of public transportation providers to address public transportation issues in the rural, urban, and suburban regions
* Provides effective training for our members
	+ Through its partnership with Passenger Transportation Programs Bureau, NMTA funds quarterly training for drivers and management.
* NMTA connects communities by:
	+ - Sponsoring its annual conference
		- Providing the most current safety updates
		- Hosting the annual bus and van Roadeo.
* Provides an effective education program for internal and external uses
	+ Develops informational literature and public education tools
	+ NMTA analyzes the impacts of national and statewide agency and legislative actions, and publishes a quarterly newsletter.
* Advocates for statewide support and development of public transportation
	+ Works with state lawmakers and agencies to promote sustainable and equitable access to public transit
	+ Identifies and disseminates information to members that may be used for promoting additional funding at the federal, state and local levels.
	+ Provides member training for effective grant writing
	+ Monitors and evaluates state legislation

## Events

* Annual conference
* Annual bus and van ‘roadeo’
* Weekly board meetings

## Who

* Public Transit
	+ Regional Transit District Members
	+ Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (5310 Programs)
	+ Rural Transit (5311 Programs)
	+ Tribal Agencies
	+ Metropolitan Agencies (5307 Agencies)
* Non-Transit
	+ ​State, County, Municipal Agencies, including:
		- Metropolitan Planning Organizations not affiliated with Regional Planning Organizations
	+ Professional Consultant, Vendor or Contractor
* Associate Members (This includes area agencies on aging or similar types of agencies and Educational Institutes)
	+ Educational Institution
	+ Non-Profit/Individual/Small Business
	+ Community Supporter (Non-Transit)
	+ Vendor/Exhibitor

## Contact

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# New York NY - New York Public Transit Association

<https://nytransit.org/>

## Mission

An investment in public transit is a commitment to mobility and quality of life for the people of New York State. It is also a commitment to building a stronger economy, to reducing congestion and to improving the quality of air we breathe.

## Activities

* Supports the advancement of public transportation through advocacy for:
	+ Investment in public transportation
	+ Promotion of legislation and policies that foster growth in accessibility
	+ Activities include:
		- Daily monitoring of state legislation
		- Rules and regulations that may impact the public transit industry
		- Hosting an annual Transit Awareness Day
		- Active lobbying by registered professionals to inform legislators and policymakers of the needs of public transit systems
* Public transit training program
	+ Program contains:
		- Timely webinars
		- Regional training opportunities
		- Digital library of training materials
			* Designed for:
				+ Transit managers
				+ Maintenance personnel, drivers
				+ HR managers
				+ IT staff
				+ Other transit professionals
* Tuesday Transit News is a weekly eNewsletter
	+ Information from:
		- New York transit systems
		- Other transit news from the state, federal government and around the nation
	+ Features a rundown of upcoming training and events for New York's transit professionals.\
* Public transit system directory
* The Public Transit Leadership Institute (PTLI)
	+ Year-long program for mid- to senior-level managers aspiring to serve in an executive leadership role.
	+ Instruction and mentoring by experienced NYPTA and transit industry executives
	+ Provides enhanced opportunities for professional development and career advancement in the transit industry
	+ Activities include:
		- Tours of transit operations large and small
		- Roundtable discussions
		- Webinars
		- Advocacy events
		- Observation of boards of directors meetings
		- Small independent assignments
	+ Curriculum includes:
		- Leadership
		- Strategic Management
		- Operations & Management
		- Advocacy
		- Procurement/Contractor Relationships
		- Finance & Budgeting
		- Crisis Management
		- Board & Labor Relations
		- Public Speaking & Media Relations
		- Hiring/Employee Motivation

## Events

* Transit Awareness Day
	+ Breakfast
	+ Meetings with lawmakers in the State Capitol and Legislative Office Building (LOB)
* Intelligent Public Transportation - Fall conference
	+ learn and exchange ideas about how transit and community leaders successfully partner to implement and reform transit, technology to enhance the rider experience, and overall community investment.
* Bus ‘Roadeo’ event

## Who

* 120 members including:
	+ Public transit systems located throughout the state which
	+ Association members consist of upstate and downstate systems in rural, suburban, city and large metropolitan localities.
* Memberships:
	+ Business Partner Membership
		- Transit Industry Company
	+ Affiliate Membership
		- Private Bus Company
	+ Associate & Mobility Manager Membership
		- Organization
	+ Transit Industry Partner Membership
		- Individual

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# North Carolina NC - North Carolina Public Transportation Association

<https://www.nctransit.org/>

## Mission

Supporting our members and the public they serve through advocacy, education, and collaboration.

## Activities

* Advocacy
	+ Federal and legislative fact sheet distributed
* Creates and distributes transportation-oriented reports
	+ Recent discussion paper documented the events and practices of the coordinated services delivery model employed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation/Public Transportation Division (PTD) in the development and operation of coordinated public transit/human service agency transportation
	+ Driver wage study

## Events

* Annual Conference & Expo, Roadeo & Golf

## Who

* Transportation providers in all counties
	+ System Members comprises:
		- Large market urban transit systems
		- Smaller market rural transit systems operating
* 100 business partners (Associate Members) representing:
	+ Educational institutions
	+ Governmental agencies
	+ Local and state elected officials
	+ Transit industry product and professional service providers
	+ Vehicle manufacturers

## Contact

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# North Dakota ND - Dakota Transit Association (serves both North and South Dakota)

<https://www.nctransit.org/>

## Mission

Dakota Transit Association is a coalition of public agencies and private organizations that promote and support public and special passenger transportation programs within North and South Dakota.

## Activities

* Passenger Service and Safety (PASS) Training
	+ Driver Certification Program designed to ensure that community transportation drivers have current expertise in passenger assistance techniques and sensitivity skills appropriate for serving persons with disabilities.
		- Two-day Driver program
		- Advantages of offering the PASS certification program:
			* Ability to reduce organizational liability
			* Comprehensive, up-to-date training on the assistance drivers should be providing to passengers with special needs
			* Intensive emergency situation training
			* Certification oversight provided by national leaders in the community transportation field
			* Updates for all participants on relevant regulatory changes
* Seminars
* Employee exchanges
* ‘Monthly tidbits’
	+ Articles on transit events in North and South Dakota
	+ Updates from FTA
	+ Safety Concerns
	+ Sales Promotion Ideas
	+ Legislative Changes

## Events

* Annual Conference and ‘Roadeo’
	+ Driver dispatch training
	+ Professional training services
	+ Meeting/presentation from:
		- Mayor FTA Representative
		- CTAA Representative
		- NDDOT Representative
		- SDDOT Representative
	+ Talks/presentations from transportation organization representatives

## Who

* Coalition of public agencies and private organizations

## Contact

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# Ohio OH - Ohio Public Transit Association

<https://www.ohioneedstransit.org/>

## Mission

OPTA is the primary advocate for public transportation in Ohio. Now nearly 400 members strong, the Association provides leadership, resources, training, support, technical assistance, media outreach, public engagement, and governmental relations services to public and private transit agencies across the state.

## Activities

* Maintains an active and robust governmental affairs program designed to influence public policy, legislation, and regulation at the local, state, and national level
* Assembles, analyzes, and widely disseminates data and information on mobility, environmental and other issues affecting transit
* Builds broad-based coalitions committed to promoting and achieving OPTA’s goals
* Serves as a secure conduit for communication, dialogue, and the exchange of information among OPTA members regarding legislative, professional and technical matters
* Provides public and media relations services that include drafting and distributing press releases, staging press conferences, arranging interviews, and responding to media inquiries
* Manages a multi-faceted digital program that includes a fully-developed website and social media presence

## Events

* OPTA annual conference (‘Ohio Needs Transit’)
	+ Brings together transit agencies, vendors, industry experts, the media, government leaders and other interested parties
	+ Certification courses
	+ Break out sessions
	+ Keynote speakers
	+ Trade show
	+ <https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/fbcf31_08eba9e9fcea4b03a5441b2eb88a9311.pdf>
	+ Has its own app
* ‘Ohio Loves Transit’
	+ Week long statewide initiative to celebrate public transit
	+ Transit agencies will highlight the way public transit moves communities forward and to promote the need of funding and support for transit in their communities
	+ On culminating day, agencies ask consumers why they support public transit and why state and federal leaders should too

## Who

* 400 members
	+ Public and private transit systems
* Associate membership
	+ Businesses that offer products or services directly or indirectly to the transit industry
	+ Organizations headquartered and/or located outside Ohio
	+ Transit providers that do not operate vehicles in Ohio
	+ Non-profit organizations with gross revenues exceeding $25,000
	+ Non-profit organizations with gross revenues under $25,000 (lower membership dues)

## Contact

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# Oklahoma OK - Oklahoma Transit Association

<https://oktransitassociation.com/>

## Mission

OTA’s mission is to support public transit through advocacy, education, communication and partnerships. The organization’s vision is to be distinguished as a leader in the public transit industry by facilitating the enhancement of mobility and access for all Oklahomans.

## Activities

* Advocacy
	+ Advocates on behalf of its members on public transit policy at all levels of government and through public outreach
* Education
	+ Provides continuing education opportunities for public transit officials, staff and drivers via a vibrant program that includes state, regional, and local training sessions
* Networking
	+ Provides networking opportunities for transit colleagues to interact and share best practices to ensure quality public transportation
* Communication
	+ Acts as the voice for public transit in Oklahoma and provides several channels of communications for its members
* Marketing
	+ Helps its members build visibility, community support and ridership
* Grant Writing
	+ Provides expertise and assistance to its members when applying for grants
* Provides updated and comprehensive calendar of transportation related events and activities
* May offer grants

## Events

* None found

## Who

* 34 urban, small urban, suburban, rural and tribal transit agencies
	+ Agencies
	+ Associates
	+ Affiliates
	+ Partners in transit

## Funding

* Per 6/15 email with Executive Director Mark Nestlen:
	+ “Funding is from transit system membership fees, sponsorships, and vendor memberships. We do have some investments that produce funds for training. These came from a terminated insurance fund.”
	+ “ We have received one small grant from APTA’s local coalitions (advocacy) program.”

## Contact

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# Oregon OR - Oregon Transit Association

<https://oregontransit.com/>

## Purpose

The purpose of the Association is to assist members in the development and improvement of efficient, safe and convenient transportation services, techniques and methods, facilities and equipment. We do so by:

* Providing assistance with professional development and management through educational programs, technical assistance and networking opportunities
* Initiating research, investigation and information development and distribution to improve public transportation
* Formulating & promoting legislation of common interest to providers statewide
* Promoting effective communication between governmental bodies, agencies and providers
* Cooperating with and contributing recommendations to the Oregon Congressional delegation and APTA
* All other things necessary and proper for the benefit of transportation providers within the state

## Activities

* Grassroots efforts including mobilization and education on state, local and federal issues
* Develops programs to heighten public awareness on the improvement public transit
* Lobbies the State for increased support for local public transportation projects, programs and services
* Provides educational public transportation conferences, workshops and seminars for policy makers, transportation professionals, businesses and community leaders
* Inform members with useful and relevant public transportation information through emails, website, monthly board meetings and our annual conference

## Events

* Annual Oregon Transportation Conference
	+ Tracks/breakout sessions/speakers include:
		- Best practices
		- General session
		- Tech session
		- STIF session
* Legislative Days at the Capitol
* Monthly Board of Directors meetings open to everyone

## Funding

Funded 100% through member dues. No grants received.

## Who

* Membership includes:
	+ Local governments
	+ Transit districts
	+ Transportation districts
	+ Dial-a-rides
	+ Transit suppliers and contractors
	+ Small businesses
	+ Non-profit community agencies
	+ Transportation consultants

## Funding

* Per 6/14 email from Executive Director Kelly Ross:
	+ Funded 100% through member dues

## Contact

Kelly Ross – Association Manager

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# Pennsylvania PA - Pennsylvania Public Transportation Association

<http://www.ppta.net/>

## Mission

The mission of PPTA is to be the foremost advocate for public transportation and mobility management in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and to be of support to all association members in achieving their defined missions.

## Activities

* Develops and maintains communication with Federal, State and Local governments in order to foster and promote an awareness and support of public transportation and mobility of citizens throughout the Commonwealth
* Builds public understanding and support for public transportation by promoting the value of public transportation and mobility services at every opportunity
* Advocates investment in public transportation services, equipment and infrastructure
* Provides a forum for members and other key stakeholders to interact, exchange information and ideas, and to continuously improve mobility services
* Promotes equitable and fair representation of all members and to provide response member service

## Events

* Roadeo and summer meeting
* Fall conference
* Spring conference and expo
	+ Training Transit for Tomorrow
	+ Committee meetings
	+ Intensive trainings
	+ Vendor session
	+ Board meetings
* Winter meeting
* PPTA classic golf tournament

## Who

* Comprised of:
	+ Individuals interested in public and community transportation
	+ Shared-ride programs
	+ Medical assistance transportation programs
	+ Providers of coordinated transportation
	+ Urban systems
	+ Rural providers
	+ the multi-modal systems of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia
	+ Industry suppliers
	+ Consultants
	+ Government agencies interested and involved in the delivery of public transportation

## Funding

* Received email back from Sara Bowden 6/14, who forwarded message to Executive Director Shawna Russell. No response.

## Contact

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# Rhode Island RI - None found

# South Carolina SC - Transportation Association of South Carolina

<https://transitsc.org/>

## Mission

The Transportation Association of South Carolina is an organization comprised of numerous entities involved in the business of providing quality transportation services.

## Activities

* Promotes and advocates for transit friendly legislation
	+ Has engaged a public relations firm to work on the development of a new message focusing on transit’s importance in connecting people to business and industry, job training and supporting economic development
* Provides news on pending legislation that would require RTA’s to provide free transit to qualifying veterans, an anticipated AG ruling on the composition of RTA Boards and other actions at the state level
* Provides access to peer expertise in numerous areas. Peer networks include:
	+ Involvement with the SC Chamber of Commerce on behalf of transit statewide and developing a relationship with business leaders on behalf of transit through that channel
	+ Periodic meetings with the leadership of SCDOT to advocate for transit’s place at the table in discussing infrastructure
	+ A place at the table with the State Public and Human Services Transit Coordinating Council, which is studying alternate models for human service transportation coordination and brokerage.

## Events

* Annual Training Event, Expo & Bus Roadeo
	+ Training programs for all aspects of transit planning and operations
	+ Statewide Driver and Mechanics Roadeo
* Trainings
	+ Weekend training classes for members of transit industry
	+ Members-only training opportunities include:
	+ Maintenance Plan Workshop
		- Yields an FTA-compliant maintenance plan customized for their operation.

## Who

* Members include (but are not limited to):
	+ Regional transportation authorities
	+ Municipal transit systems
	+ South Carolina Department of Education Councils on Aging, Disabilities and Special Needs Boards
	+ South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT)
	+ State universities
	+ Private transportation services companies
	+ Businesses that supply products and services to these organizations.

## Funding

* Per 6/20 email with Director Terecia Wilson:
	+ “Currently, we are funded through annual member dues. The dues structure is included in our Constitution and By-laws, and includes different rates for transit agencies of various sizes; business members; government agencies, etc. We also receive some limited grant funding through the state's Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) to assist in covering speaker expenses for our annual conference and training event. We also earn money to fund the organization and its programs through our annual conference and training event, and its associated trade show.”

## Contact

<https://transitsc.org/contact-us/>

# South Dakota SD - Dakota Transit Association (serves both North and South Dakota)

<https://www.dakotatransit.org/>

## Mission

Dakota Transit Association is a coalition of public agencies and private organizations that promote and support public and special passenger transportation programs within North and South Dakota.

## Activities

* Passenger Service and Safety (PASS) Training
	+ Driver Certification Program designed to ensure that community transportation drivers have current expertise in passenger assistance techniques and sensitivity skills appropriate for serving persons with disabilities.
		- Two-day Driver program
		- Advantages of offering the PASS certification program:
			* Ability to reduce organizational liability
			* Comprehensive, up-to-date training on the assistance drivers should be providing to passengers with special needs
			* Intensive emergency situation training
			* Certification oversight provided by national leaders in the community transportation field
			* Updates for all participants on relevant regulatory changes
* Seminars
* Employee exchanges
* ‘Monthly tidbits’
	+ Articles on transit events in North and South Dakota
	+ Updates from FTA
	+ Safety Concerns
	+ Sales Promotion Ideas
	+ Legislative Changes

## Events

* Annual Conference and ‘Roadeo’
	+ Driver dispatch training
	+ Professional training services
	+ Meeting/presentation from:
		- Mayor FTA Representative
		- CTAA Representative
		- NDDOT Representative
		- SDDOT Representative
	+ Talks/presentations from transportation organization representatives

## Who

* Coalition of public agencies and private organizations

## Contact

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# Tennessee TN - Tennessee Public Transportation Association

<http://www.tntransit.org/>

## Mission

The Tennessee Public Transportation Association (TPTA) is a non-profit statewide organization dedicated to improving public transportation in all Tennessee communities.

## Activities

* Works to increase the use of public transportation
* Advocates for increased funding for public transportation
* Shares best practices in public transportation among members
* Disseminates public transportation research and information
* Runs Tennessee Transit Coalition
	+ Grassroots initiative
	+ Coalition's goals are the following:
		- Build a statewide group of transit riders and supporters
		- Give them an outlet to make their voices heard at the state legislature
		- Improve public transit for all Tennessee communities
		- Raise awareness about the need for more funding for transit on the state level

## Events

* Annual conference and expo
	+ Hosted with Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA)
	+ General sessions and workshops focused on current issues facing public transportation
	+ Speakers
	+ Vendor expo
	+ State Roadeo Competition.
* ‘Day on the Hill’
* Congressional visit
* Strategic planning meeting

## Who

* Membership includes:
	+ Transportation program operators
	+ Transportation suppliers and contractors
	+ Local governments
	+ Chambers of Commerce
	+ Major employers
	+ Small businesses
	+ Non-profit community organizations
	+ Transportation consultants

## Funding

* Per 6/17 email with Executive Director Jason Spain
	+ “...We are primarily funded by membership dues and our annual conference. Dues make up about 67% of our budget, while the conference accounts for about 30%. Our dues are derived from a formula that is based on the member agency’s operating budget. While we apply for grants to benefit our member agencies, the association does not apply for or directly receive any state or federal funding.”

## Contact

Jason Spain

Executive Director

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# Texas TX - Texas Transit Association

<http://txtransit.org/>

## Mission

The mission of the Texas Transit Association is to support the needs of Texas public transportation systems through statewide advocacy and education.

## Activities

* Legislative work/advocacy
	+ Supports public transportation and works with members of the state legislature in the pursuit of additional resources to support public transportation
* Education
	+ No specific information found

## Events

* TTA & SWTA (Southwest Transit Association) Freedom Through Transit Annual Conference, EXPO and Roadeo
	+ Talks from notable industry leaders
	+ Presentations of latest transit technology.
		- Transit’s challenges and visionary solutions
	+ Networking
	+ Breakout sessions
	+ Workshops
	+ ‘Roadeo’

## Who

* Regular members include:
	+ Public transit agencies serving metropolitan areas, small urban areas and rural areas
* Associates members include:
	+ Governmental entities
	+ City or county administrative offices
	+ Metropolitan planning organizations
	+ Other associations
	+ Consultants and subcontractors to transit operators, vendors, manufacturers, suppliers and similar entities not actually in the business of operating public transit systems

## Contact

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# Utah UT - Utah’s Urban and Rural Transportation Association

<http://www.ursta.org/>

## Mission

A Better Life Through Better Transportation

## Activities

* Promotes safe, efficient, effective and economical transportation for clients in human service agencies and organizations
* Promotes risk management programs including driver training, vehicle inspections and maintenance, and facility management training
* Arranges State and regional training based on the needs of transportation agencies and their employees
* Provides information and updates on the URSTA website and through the URSTA newsletter
* Assists in the coordination of available transit services
* Acts as an advocate for transit and our members and to increase public awareness of transportation issues
* Increases public awareness of special transportation services and problems

## Events

* Hosts regional and State ‘Roadeos’ to bring drivers together to test their skills on a challenging obstacle course and sending the winner to the CTAA National Roadeo
* Spring conference
	+ Sessions include:
		- Conflict Management
		- Service Planning
		- Sensitivity Training
		- Wheelchair Securement
		- Pre-Trip Inspections
		- Perfecting Roadeo Skills
		- Utilizing National RTAP Trainings
		- Effective Leadership
	+ Presentations
	+ Vendor expo

## Who

* No information regarding existing membership or how to join

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# Vermont VT - Vermont Public Transportation Association

<http://www.vpta.net/>

## Mission

Need a Ride? We can help! The Vermont Public Transportation Association is expanding economic opportunity and improving community life for Vermonters by providing and promoting transportation services so that you can get to your job, school, medical services, adult day care, and meal sites.

## Activities

* Offers information about public transportation to the public and to policy makers
* Helps to coordinate resources and information sharing for our members
* Contracts with government agencies to administer and develop transportation services throughout the state

## Events

* No information found

## Who

* No information regarding existing membership or how to join

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# Virginia VA - Virginia Transit Association

<https://vatransit.com/>

## Mission and Vision

VTA supports the success of its members through legislative advocacy, member education, and growing appreciation of the role and impact of Virginia’s public transit industry on the state and the communities we serve.

VTA’s vision is for fully-funded public transit systems to be at the center of every community’s network of seamlessly integrated mobility options that improve the environment, quality of life, resiliency and economic prosperity of the state and of all Virginia communities.

## Activities

* Assists the operators of public transportation in representing the public interest through the development of common policies, goals, and objectives
* Provides a medium for exchange of ideas and experiences and to increase communication among members
* Aids VTA members in dealing with special issues
* Acts as members’ voice to the state, local and federal governments and appropriate agencies

## Events

* Annual conference
	+ Roundtable sessions
	+ Keynotes
	+ Vendor expo
	+ General session (speakers/presentations)
	+ Awards

## Who

* Public Transit Systems Members
	+ Municipal or other governmental nonprofit agencies with officially recognized public transportation systems
* Business Members
	+ Organizations include:
	+ Intra- and inter-city bus companies
	+ Taxicab companies
	+ Consulting firms
	+ Transit management companies
	+ Research organizations
	+ Manufacturers/suppliers.
* Associate Members – TDM Professionals
	+ Transportation Demand Management (TDM) agencies that apply strategies and policies to reduce or redistribute travel demand
* Associate Members — Other
	+ Federal, state and local public and nonprofit agency staff
	+ Researchers and university faculty
	+ Nonprofit organizations supporting public transportation.

## Funding

* Per 6/14 email from Executive Director Lisa Guthrie:
	+ “ Our organization was started in 1977 as a trade association, a 501(c)(6). It is nonprofit but it is not a 501(c)(3) charity. Our main source of funding is membership dues. We only get one grant and that is from our DOT to offset expenses for our annual conference and professional development. We mostly advocate for our members through legislative and policy advocacy so we are not as focused on community transportation as some others may be.“
* Mainly member dues
* 501(c)(6)
* One grant from our DOT to offset expenses for annual conference and professional development

## Contact

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# Washington WA - Washington State Transit Association

<https://watransit.com/>

## Mission

WSTA advances the value of public transit through public education and outreach, advocacy of positive and effective public policy and fostering the collaboration and professional development of public transit employees

## Activities

* Committees act as a training tool, often bringing in outside trainers and experts to address current issues, and also provide opportunities for problem-solving, idea-sharing, and networking
	+ Committees include:
		- Clerks of the Authority
		- Finance Officer Leadership
		- Human Resources Roundtable
		- Information Services (IS)
		- Legal Affairs Roundtable
		- Legislative
		- Maintenance and Facilities Maintenance Committee
		- Marketing & Communications
		- Operations
		- Planners Committee
		- Roadeo Steering Committee
		- Transit Security Council
		- Vanpool
* Advocacy Team in consultation of the Legislative Committee and partnership with mobility advocates monitors hundreds of bills impacting transit
	+ Actively seeks and monitors relevant bills

## Events

* Public Transportation Conference, Vendor Expo and State Roadeo
	+ 40 sessions focused on training, professional development, best practices, networking, and innovation
* Spring maintenance forum

## Who

* Associate members include:
	+ Business Associate Member
		- Business firms
		- Vendors or corporations that manufacture transportation equipment or supply products, materials and services to the transportation industry and transit agencies
		- Private transportation providers
		- Professional consultants & consulting firms
		- Law firms that are engaged in professional transportation work
	+ Non-profit/Government Associate Member
		- Community health or human services providers
		- Nonprofit transportation provider organizations
		- Transit agencies outside of Washington
		- Transit insurance pools
		- All federal, State and local government organizations (except WSDOT)
		- Metropolitan planning organizations
		- Rural planning organizations
		- Tribal transit
	+ Individual Associate Member
		- Industry retirees
		- Students
		- Anyone interested in supporting public transportation when not representing any specific agency/business or advocacy group
	+ Transit Agency Associate Member (TAAM's):
		- Transit Agencies outside of Washington

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# West Virginia WV - West Virginia Public Transit Association

<https://wvtransit.com/>

## Mission

West Virginia Public Transportation Plays an Essential Role in Everyday Life. We connect senior citizens to the grocery store and pharmacy, moms and dads to work, people to education, and rides to meet the independent living needs of people with disabilities. We provide critical service to thousands of our friends, families and neighbors.

## Activities

* WVPTA consists of 18 public transit agencies serving 32 counties providing services to citizens on fixed routes, deviated fixed routes, demand response and non-emergency medical transportation services

## Events

* Annual conference

## Who

* 18 public transit agencies serving 32 counties

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# Wisconsin WI - Transportation Development Association of Wisconsin

<http://www.tdawisconsin.org/>

## Mission

The Transportation Development Association of Wisconsin is a statewide alliance of 400-plus transportation stakeholders committed to advancing the best in transportation. TDA members include businesses, labor unions, citizen groups, units of government and individuals. All share one important goal: the development and maintenance of a strong, interconnected transportation network that will support a robust economy and enhance the quality of life for everyone in Wisconsin.

## Activities

* Public Awareness
	+ Provides information about transportation to members, journalists and policymakers at every level of government
		- Publishes:
			* Newsletters
			* Policy updates
			* Major studies related to transportation
	+ Holds public forums
	+ Participates in key grassroots alliances
	+ Responds to media inquiries with content that is credible, thoughtful and useful
	+ Meets regularly with:
		- Editorial boards
		- Civic organizations
		- Business groups throughout Wisconsin
* Leadership & Advocacy
	+ Built and maintained a broad-based coalition
		- Garnered support from 80 percent of the electorate in order to amend the state’s constitution and protect the transportation fund
	+ Puts gubernatorial and legislative candidates on the record regarding transportation funding
	+ Works with Wisconsin business, industry leaders and local officials as they call for better public transportation
	+ Promotes the importance of Wisconsin’s commercial ports and all other modes of transportation, and takes a stand for responsible transportation funding
	+ Informs the discussion of nearly every transportation issue in Wisconsin.
* TDA ‘On the Go’ podcast

## Events

* TDA 2019 Fly-in
	+ Participants attend an afternoon briefing session – typically legislators and experts on the national level bring attendees up-to-date on pressing federal transportation issues
	+ In the evening there is a group reception and dinner, a perfect opportunity for networking. The speakers at the morning session on the second day delve deeper into the issues of concern to Wisconsin’s transportation community.
	+ Activities in Washington, D.C. culminate with the ever-popular small group office visits with Wisconsin’s congressional delegation.
* ‘Just Fix It. Turnout for Transportation’ Capitol Day
	+ Started a statewide dialogue about the condition of Wisconsin’s infrastructure
* Annual meeting

## Who

* 400-plus transportation stakeholders
* TDA members include:
	+ Businesses
	+ Labor unions
	+ Citizen groups
	+ Units of government
	+ Individuals
	+ Regional planning associations
	+ Transportation users
	+ Professionals who design and build Wisconsin’s transportation system

## Funding

* Per 6/17 email with Executive Director Debby Jackson:
	+ Membership dues and contributions

## Contact

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# Wyoming WY - Wytrans

<http://www.wytrans.org/>

## Mission

WYTRANS has been working since 1995 to advocate for transit, coordinate transit and educate the public about transit.

## Activities

* Trainings
	+ 16 certified trainers to keep transit drivers up-to-date and keep passengers safe

## Events

* Annual conference
	+ Training
	+ Speakers
	+ Board meeting
* ‘Roadeo’

## Who

* 45 WYTRANS Member Agencies
* 7 Associate Members
* Transit providers

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