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PASS IT ON!

The third edition of the new Missouri RTAP eNewsletter is here. We appreciate the comments that we received from those who saw the first two editions. We would like to ensure that our readership continues to grow, so please pass it on. If you know an individual or an agency who is not receiving the eNewsletter, please forward it to them or send us a quick note. We will be happy to add them to our email list. In addition, we would love to include news and events on what is happening with the transit providers we serve. We welcome your input and any articles or announcements that your agency would like to include in an upcoming issue. If you have an upcoming groundbreaking or ribbon cutting ceremony on a new facility or new staff that you would like to welcome, please let us know. We would like to hear about it and share it with other readers. Please send them to Heath Pickerill, MO-LTAP Manager, at pickerillh@mst.edu or by phone at 573-341-7637. We hope you enjoy the third edition.

SCHOLARSHIP REIMBURSEMENT REMINDER!

Hopefully most of you know by now but in case you don't, scholarship requests and reimbursements are now processed by the Missouri RTAP office. We now approve the requests for reimbursements and pay the invoices for approved expenses to conferences, training, etc. Reimbursement payments are now made by the University of Missouri but are still funded through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). There have not been any changes in what is allowed for reimbursement; however, because we now use the UM Travel Policy, there are a few differences in the rates. First, the mileage rate is \$0.535. Please note that the UM rate is sometimes slightly lower than the federal rate but likely a bit higher than some agency rates. Second, the reimbursement for meals is done on a per diem basis. Instead of being reimbursed for exactly what you spent on each meal, you are now reimbursed based on a number of hours in travel status for the day. Only travel over 8 hours is able to be reimbursed. Anything between 8 to 12 hours is \$21.00. Any travel over 12 hours is \$42.00/day. It is no longer necessary to submit meal receipts; however, the time of your departure and return is required. Please note, if meals are provided at a conference or training, they will not be reimbursed. It has been our intent to keep this as simple as possible and make it smooth and seamless for everyone. The forms necessary for completing requests and reimbursements are available on our website under the **Scholarship Reimbursement** tab. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Doreen Harkins at 573-341-6155.

CHECK IT OUT!

The new Missouri RTAP website continues to be developed and has some new features worth checking out. Please be patient as we continue to add more features and content. Current features of the website include information about the program and staff, resources that are available, a training calendar, training request forms, and scholarship request and reimbursement forms. It also includes related links to various resources and organizations, as well as other helpful items. One new feature is Mind Maximizer training. These online training modules allow individuals to learn at their own pace on topics such as Microsoft Word and Excel. Check it out at www.mortap.com.

LET US KNOW!

Let us know what you think of RTAP classes by filling out an evaluation at our trainings. We distribute an evaluation form to each attendee at each training session we hold. The forms provide an opportunity for feedback on the effectiveness of the material, instructor, location, as well as a chance to recommend other types of trainings you would like to see.

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About RTAP

National RTAP is a program of the Federal Transit Administration dedicated to creating rural transit solutions through technical assistance, partner collaboration and FREE training.

LETTER FROM THE MANAGER

Dear transit friends,

Hello and welcome to all the returning and new readers of our quarterly eNewsletter. We hope to continue to increase our readership. Please remember to forward this to anyone in your agency or beyond that may not be receiving it yet. Anyone that would like to receive it directly can call our office or go to the Missouri RTAP website at www.mortap.com and sign-up. In addition, there are other resources on the website, such as video clips and links to training information that will be helpful to all readers.

It was great seeing many of you at the MPTA Conference in Kansas City, which was a four state partnership meeting this year. The conference included Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. I had the opportunity to share updates on Missouri RTAP during the Missouri Rural Transit Network session. I spent significant time during the session explaining the changes in the scholarship reimbursement program that have occurred since we took over the reimbursements on April 1, 2013. These changes have been minimal and hopefully this has been a somewhat seamless transition; however, we realize there have been a couple significant changes. One is the mileage rate change to \$0.535/mile. The other is meals are now reimbursed on a per diem rate. Only travel over 8 hours is able to be reimbursed. Anything between 8 to 12 hours is \$21.00. Any travel over 12 hours is \$42.00/day. It will no longer be necessary to submit meal receipts; however, the time of your departure and return will be required. We provided copies of all of the reimbursement forms to everyone in attendance both printed and in electronic format on MO-RTAP jump/thumb drives. If you weren't able to attend the session, you can download the electronic documents from the MO-RTAP website under the Scholarship Reimbursement tab. We have provided these documents to everyone in attendance both printed and in electronic format on MO-RTAP jump/thumb drives. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Doreen Harkins at 571-341-6155.



I also highlighted the additional training beyond the classes of these additional opportunities provided by the National Training Institute (NTI) Safety Institute (TSI) related lift training, which I am

highlighted in the coming months. This training will likely be held in a centralized location; however, if you have an interest in this training being held in your area of the state, please contact me. We will do our best to host this training to make it available to the largest audience. Also don't forget that the bus simulator training is available. Jim and Michele Eastwood with Paducah Area Transit System will be coming to Macon on September 24 and 26 as well as October 1-3 at the OATS Northeast Region facility. Don't get left out on this opportunity to hold one of these unique and useful trainings. 24 individuals can be trained in an 8 hour day. If your agency isn't large enough to fill a training session, contact us, and we can coordinate with surrounding agencies to fill a class.

Please feel free to offer input at any time. We welcome hearing from you and feel it is important to offer expanded services that are designed around best serving you our customers. Please feel free to contact me at pickerillh@mst.edu or by phone at 573-341-7637 with any questions, comments or suggestion you have. I hope you enjoy this third installment of the Missouri RTAP eNewsletter.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heath Pickerill".

Heath Pickerill

Missouri RTAP Manager

MoDOT CONNECTION

MoDOT to Offer Title VI Workshops

The Missouri Department of Transportation's External Civil Rights and Multimodal Divisions are sponsoring a Title VI workshop across the state in the upcoming months. This workshop will help you and your agency gain a better understanding of the Title VI Program and the requirements necessary to comply with Circular FTA C4702.1B for the Federal Transit Administration.

Per that FTA circular, every agency receiving federal transit funds from MoDOT and every agency with an FTA funded vehicle still in service will be required to submit to MoDOT a Title VI Civil Rights plan, including the Limited English Proficiency component. This workshop provides technical assistance in the development of those Title VI plans.

MoDOT will host a total of five workshops. To the right you will find the dates, location and registration links for each workshop. Once you have selected a date or location, please follow the link to access the registration site.



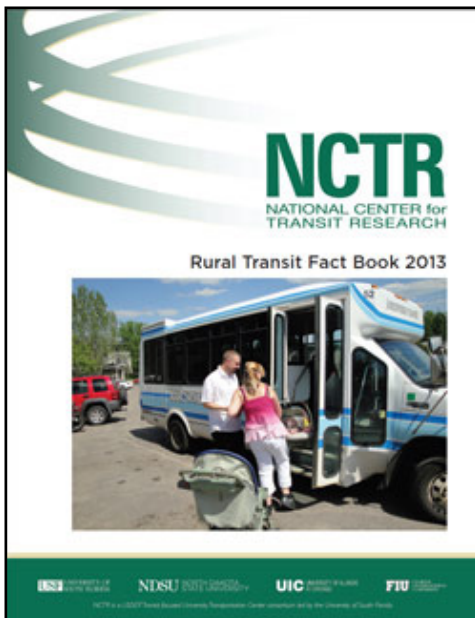
- September 26 - Jefferson City,
<http://titlevijeffersoncity.eventbrite.com>
- October 11 - Springfield,
<http://titlevispringfield.eventbrite.com>
- October 23 - Sikeston,
<http://titlevisikeston.eventbrite.com>

- November 5 - Kansas City,
<http://titlevikansascity.eventbrite.com>
- November 20 - St. Louis,
<http://titlevistlouis.eventbrite.com>

Please direct any questions regarding the workshops to:

Angela Sutton
MoDOT ~ External Civil Rights
Intermediate Civil Rights Specialist
P: 573/751-1355

REPORTS & MATERIALS



Download:

2013 Rural Transit Fact Book

Rural Transit Fact Book

Public transportation plays a fundamental role in the livability of all communities. Information on transit service availability and cost is necessary to efficiently and effectively meet rural community mobility needs. Financial and operating statistics can be used by agency managers, local decision makers, state directors, the FTA, and lawmakers to assist in policy making, planning, managing operations, and evaluating performance. Despite the widespread benefits, no regularly-published national rural transit information resource has been previously made available. The Rural Transit Fact Book is being initiated to provide information to assist the transit industry in the United States provide efficient and effective service to rural communities.

The intent of the Rural Transit Fact Book is to serve as a national resource for statistics and information on rural transit in America. This publication includes rural demographic and travel behavior data as well as financial and operating statistics for agencies receiving section 5311 funding. In addition to national level data, statistics are presented by state, FTA region, tribe, and mode, as well as other agency characteristics.

The Rural Transit Fact Book uses agency level data from the Rural National Transit Database (NTD) and rural demographic and travel data from the American Community Survey and the National Household Travel Survey.

Resource: <http://www.surtc.org/transitfactbook/>

NATIONAL RTAP CONNECTION

National RTAP Launching a 101 Webinar Series



National RTAP is excited to announce the start of a 101 Webinar Series for transit agencies and other stakeholders. Webinars will be held every two months, and will focus on topics such as MAP-21 safety and asset management requirements, FTA charter regulations, drug and alcohol testing programs, and marketing transit services. The first webinar is going to take place on September 25th at 3PM, and will cover social media for transit agencies, including how to use social media to market services and provide service updates to passengers. Registration information will be available in the next National RTAP eNews, so keep an eye out and save the date!

National Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) Announces the Release of New Free Training Product, 2 the Point Training

June 2013, Woburn, MA – National Rural Transit Assistance Program (National RTAP) announces the release of a new training product, 2 the Point Training.

National RTAP's newest training product, 2 the Point Training, is a series of refresher training cards that can be given to drivers to review in the break room, at a safety meeting, and while waiting for a passenger to finish an appointment. Designed to be completed quickly, this product gives drivers the opportunity to use brief periods of down time on the job to review important training concepts. Cards cover various topic areas, and each card has training content on the front and includes a quiz and sign-off area for both the trainee and supervisor on the back.

2 the Point Training cards address the following topic areas:

- ADA and Sensitivity
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Customer Service
- Defensive Driving
- Distracted Driving
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Emergency Management
- Passenger Safety
- Transporting Non-Ambulatory Passengers

The product also includes resources, such as a spreadsheet and answer key, that the training manager can

use to track each drivers' training progress. The training manager can also use the blank MS Publisher template to create training cards specific to his/her agency's policies.

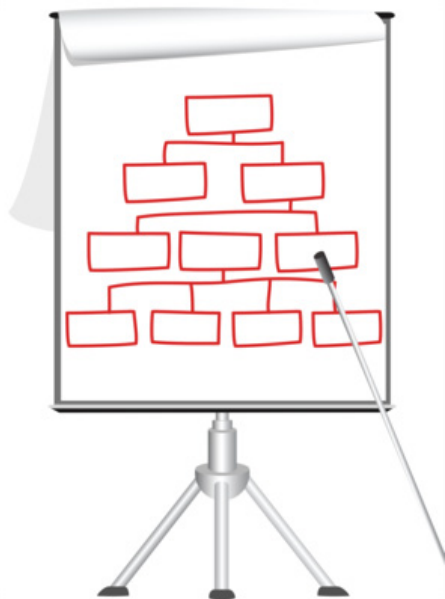
Patti Monahan, Executive Director of National RTAP, says: "2 the Point Training was suggested by National RTAP Review Board members as a convenient, effective way to remind their transit drivers about key policies and procedures in between formal training classes. Go to <http://www.nationalrtap.org/2ThePointTraining.aspx> and check out the current 2 the Point Training cards!"

This product is available to download for free on the National RTAP website, <http://www.nationalrtap.org/2ThePointTraining.aspx>, and it includes the following materials:

- Training cards in pdf format
- Tracking spreadsheet for managers
- Answer key for all quizzes
- Blank MS Publisher template that allows you to create new cards specific to your agency's policies

National RTAP is a program of the Federal Transit Administration administered by the Neponset Valley Transportation Management Association and serves as the national arm for the Rural Transit Assistance Program. The mission of National RTAP is to improve mobility in all rural, small urban and tribal communities across the country through technical assistance. Since its inception in 1987 National RTAP has developed and distributed training materials, provided technical assistance, generated reports, published best practices, conducted research and offered Peer Assistance with the goal of improved mobility for the millions of Americans living in communities with populations under 50,000.

For more information about this product, please contact Shannon Greenwell at 781-404-5013 or sgreenwell@nationalrtap.org.



NATIONAL RTAP (cont.)

Using ProcurementPRO Web App

ProcurementPRO is a free web-based application that guides rural and tribal grantees and state DOTs through FTA procurement procedures. Using basic project information entered by the user, the program provides the required Federal clauses and certifications that must be included in procurement documents. In addition to the Federal clauses and certifications, the program provides helpful check lists and guidance. The printed document is also a great template for your procurement file. In six easy steps and less than a few minutes, ProcurementPRO does what it may have taken you days or weeks to do. Read the Getting Started Guide (LINK) to learn more about how to start using ProcurementPRO!



Product Features

- Six easy steps
- User-friendly interface
- Choose your procurement method based on type and cost threshold
- Receive the necessary Federal clauses and certifications
- Comes with check lists and guidance based on FTA Circular 4220.1F
- Save and archive projects in the National RTAP Cloud
- Create a procurement document template to which you can add other documentation generated during the procurement process
- Two versions: full version to save to the National RTAP Cloud and a quick version (QuickPRO) if you just need the Federal clauses and certifications
- FTA procurement requirements are monitored by a procurement specialist to ensure ProcurementPRO application is always up-to-date
- Infrastructure (portal) available to include state, tribal and local government procurement requirements

ProcurementPRO is a six-step process:

This screenshot shows the "Procurement Type" screen, which is Step 1 of 6. It instructs the user to check the appropriate procurement type from a list. The list includes: Rolling Stock, Materials and Supplies, Professional Services (checked), Architecture, Engineering, Architecture & Engineering, Operations and Management, and Construction. Each item has a "Help" link and an "Example" link. At the bottom, there are "Back" and "Next" buttons.

Steps 5 and 6 are related to the final document that is produced by ProcurementPRO, which includes the Federal clauses and certifications based on the information you input in Steps 1-4.

Get Started Today!

Get started using ProcurementPRO today by creating a new Cloud account or logging into your existing Cloud account:

Create a Cloud Account

Log into your Cloud Account

This screenshot shows the "Procurement Cost" screen, which is Step 2 of 6. It asks the user to enter the cost estimated for the acquisition of a particular item or service. It provides two methods: "By Units" and "Lump Sum". The "By Units" method includes fields for "# of Units?", "Cost Per Unit", and "Total Cost". The "Lump Sum" method includes a field for "Estimated Budget". There is a "Calculate" button next to the "Cost Per Unit" field. At the bottom, there are "Back" and "Next" buttons.This screenshot shows the "Procurement Threshold" screen, which is Step 3 of 6. It states that based on the user's calculation, the project's federal procurement threshold falls within a range. It provides a "Sealed Bid or Competitive Proposal" option, which is checked. There are "Help" and "Example" links. At the bottom, there are "Back" and "Next" buttons.

Have you already started using ProcurementPRO and need technical assistance? Visit the National RTAP in the Cloud Support Center!

"ProcurementPRO has saved us so much time in creating agreements that include all of the required clauses. No more guesswork! Thank you for making this program available." - Anne Donahue, Quality of Life Community Services, Tampa, FL

This screenshot shows the "Procurement Method" screen, which is Step 4 of 6. It lists the minimum competitive procedure(s) that can be used for this project based on federal procurement thresholds. The options are: Invitation for Bid (IFB), Request for Proposal (RFP), and Sole Source. Each option has a "Help" link and an "Example" link. At the bottom, there are "Back" and "Next" buttons.

TRAINING CONNECTION

Upcoming Courses from NTI

The National Transit Institute is pleased to announce the following upcoming training sessions. Click below for more information on each course or to register:

Comprehensive ADA Paratransit Eligibility

- December 10-11, 2013 North Little Rock, AR

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Course

- October 29-31, 2013 Charlotte, NC

Management of Transit Construction Projects

- March 3-5, 2014 Colorado Springs, CO

Managing Community Mobility

- October 10-11, 2013 San Diego, CA

Quality Assurance & Quality Control

- November 13-14, 2013 Boston, MA

Risk Assessment for Transit Capital Projects

- November 14-15, 2013 - Atlanta, GA
- December 5-6, 2013 - Orange, CA

Procurement Series I - Orientation to Transit Procurement

- November 19-22, 2013 - Boston, MA
- December 3-6, 2013 - San Jose, CA
- December 9-12, 2013 - Cincinnati, OH
- March 25-28, 2014 - Salt Lake City, UT

Procurement Series II -

Risk Assessment and Basic Cost or Price Analysis

- January 28-31, 2014 - Tampa, FL

Procurement Series IV - Contract Administration

- February 4-7, 2014 - Washington, DC
- February 11-14, 2014 - Phoenix, AZ

National Transit Database

- September 24-25, 2013 - Sacramento, CA
- January 7-8, 2014 - Salt Lake City, UT

Project Management for Transit Professionals

- December 3-4, 2013 - San Francisco, CA

Federal Transit Administration Celebrates Opening of Nation's First Rural Bus Rapid Transit System

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo. – The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) today celebrated the opening of the VelociRFTA Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line serving the Roaring Forks Valley. The new service – the first rural BRT line in the nation – allows commuters from Glenwood Springs and surrounding communities to reach employers in Aspen, about 40 miles away, in an hour. That is roughly half the time the trip takes by regular bus service. FTA Regional Administrator Linda Gehrke joined state and local officials at the opening day event.

"President Obama's plan to provide a better opportunity for working families includes access to good jobs," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. "Residents living in rural Roaring Forks Valley need and deserve an affordable, reliable way to travel to work, and we are committed to investing in more good transit projects like this one to ensure that everyone – including residents of rural areas – has the chance to get ahead in the 21st century economy."

With buses spaced 10 minutes apart during peak hours and plentiful parking available at nine stations, the VelociRFTA system combines the convenience of rail with the lower cost of bus service, giving commuters an efficient way to get to work. The service combines travel in mixed traffic with designated bus lanes and provides traffic lights timed to improve efficiency.

"This is going to make a huge difference in the quality of life for thousands of families who need affordable transportation choices

that work for them," said Federal Transit Administrator Peter Rogoff, who attended the project's groundbreaking in April 2012. "For many riders, the benefits of this investment are significant, with commute times cut in half and families saving hundreds of dollars a month on gas – freeing up funds for household groceries and other necessities."

FTA committed nearly \$25 million to the \$46.2 million project through its Very Small Starts Capital Investment Grant program. The remainder was financed locally.



Resource: http://www.fta.dot.gov/newsroom/12286_15671.html

AVAILABLE TRAINING PROGRAMS

The following is a list of the training programs and a course description of each that are currently available to rural transit providers through Missouri RTAP. Requests for training can be made by contacting Doreen Harkins, MO-RTAP Program Specialist, at harkinsd@mst.edu or 573-341-6155.

Defensive Driving

Makes sure all your drivers know how to develop safe, defensive driving habits and attitudes. This program covers essential defensive driving techniques that can reduce collision-related injuries and fatalities and can help

you reduce insurance claims, lost work time and vehicle repairs by decreasing the number of collisions. This program also includes student course guides with a certificate of completion.



Passenger Assistance/Mobility Aid Securement

Provides classroom and hands-on training to demonstrate proper assistance techniques and mobility aid securement.

Emergency Procedures

Discusses how transit drivers should handle emergency situations such as breakdowns, collisions and transit passenger vehicle evacuations.

Drug Abuse Awareness in Rural Transit

Educates transit drivers about the hazards of both illegal and legal drugs and alcohol. Various drug-testing regulations are also discussed.

Blood Borne Pathogens

Covers various problems that may be encountered when having to deal with a body fluid spill on the bus and stresses protection for the driver and other passengers.

Operation Lifesaver – Highway-Rail Crossing Safety

Covers the importance of safety when utilizing a highway rail crossing. Laws and regulations for commercial drivers are emphasized.

Basic First Aid

Stresses the importance of calling 911. It is a program by the Red Cross that is a refresher course for CPR and rescue breathing.

Backing Safety

Reduce the number of backing collisions. The program is designed by the National Safety Council.

Reversing the Trend – Backing Safety

Emphasizes components of the Smith System Defensive Driving Institute defensive driving strategies to reduce backing collisions.

Winter Driving Safety

Covers safety tips and techniques for handling the hazards of winter driving. Topics cover pre-season preparation, pre-trip procedures, and on-the-road issues such as anti-lock brakes and obstructed views.

Fatigue Awareness for Drivers

This program covers: fatigue, signs and symptoms, factors that affect it, sleep, effect on family and social life and strategies and countermeasures.

Driven to Extremes

Covers the myths and realities of aggressive driving.

Entry Level CDL Driver Training

Meets DOT requirements for new CDL Drivers.

Diversity & Awareness Training - Providing Quality Customer Service for Transportation Passengers who have Disabilities

Learn how to provide quality customer service and support for passengers with disabilities. As a result of this training you will have an enhanced understanding of disability and diversity, improved ability to communicate respectfully and effectively with people with disabilities and increased ability to provide needed transportation accommodations.

Safe & Secure Proper Infant and Child Seat Installation

Provides information for safely installing and securing a car seat for children.



OTHER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Transit Capacity & Quality of Service Manual: *Demand Responsive Transit*

This webinar (the third in a series of six which will be conducted between September and November 2013) is intended to provide an overview of the demand responsive transit chapters of the Transit Capacity and Quality of Service Manual (TCQSM) and how the material can be applied to a variety of transit and transportation planning, operations, and design applications.

The webinar will introduce the different types of demand responsive transit services and provide a framework for evaluating demand responsive quality of service. The webinar will also describe the factors that influence DRT capacity, present potential approaches for estimating the number of vehicles and vehicle service hours required to serve a given demand for DRT service, and provide references for estimating DRT demand.

This webinar will be of interest to a wide variety of practitioners involved in transit and transportation planning, including transit planners, transportation planners, transit operations personnel, management personnel, and university students.

Date of Webinar: October 10, 2013

REGISTER NOW

Transit Capacity & Quality of Service Manual: *Bus Capacity*

This webinar (the fourth in a series of six which will be conducted between September and November 2013) is intended to provide an overview of the bus capacity chapter of the Transit Capacity and Quality of Service Manual (TCQSM) and how the material can be applied to a variety of transit and transportation planning, operations, and design applications. The webinar will cover bus-specific operations concepts and descriptions of infrastructure treatments and operational measures that can improve bus operational performance. It will also describe computational methods for evaluating bus capacity and speed, as well as provide general information on potential causes of bus unreliability.

This webinar will be of interest to a wide variety of practitioners involved in transit and transportation planning, including transit planners, transportation planners, traffic engineers, transit operations personnel, design engineers, management personnel, and university students. Some of the computational methods require some technical background.

Date of Webinar: October 24, 2013

REGISTER NOW

Employment and Transportation: *Ensuring People with Disabilities Have Equal Access to the Workforce*

The difficult economy has affected people across the country in every community. Between job losses and underemployment, reduced income to support households has impacted a significant percentage of the population. Unfortunately, massive unemployment has been the reality for the disability community long preceding the economic downturn. While the national unemployment rate holds steady at around 7.4%, unemployment among people with disabilities has risen from 13.3% a year ago to 14.7% today. When evaluating unemployment based on the number of adults with disabilities who have never entered the workforce or who have been out of work for a significant number of years, this percentage approaches 70%.

Transportation is a key component for ensuring people with disabilities can effectively participate in the workforce. In this webinar, Easter Seals Project ACTION staff and guest presenters will discuss the implications of transportation challenges for employment and share information on a variety of solutions including government interventions, coordinated services, and alternative service delivery models.

Date of Webinar: October 23, 2013

Registration Deadline: October 21, 2013

REGISTER NOW

Transit Capacity & Quality of Service Manual: *Rail Capacity*

This webinar (the fifth in a series of six which will be conducted between September and November 2013) is intended to provide an overview of the rail capacity chapter of the Transit Capacity and Quality of Service Manual (TCQSM) and how the material can be applied to a variety of transit and transportation planning, operations, and design applications. The webinar will cover rail-specific capacity concepts and primers on train control and signaling and train operations. It will also describe computational methods for estimating the capacity of various modes and the configurations of rail transit systems, including guidance on measuring or estimating input values used by the methods.

This webinar will be of interest to a wide variety of practitioners involved in transit and transportation planning, including transit planners, transportation planners, traffic engineers, transit operations personnel, design engineers, management personnel, and university students. Some of the computational methods require some technical background.

Date of Webinar: November 7, 2013

REGISTER NOW

OTHER TRAINING *(cont.)*

Transit Capacity & Quality of Service Manual: *Station Capacity*

This webinar (the last in a series of six which will be conducted between September and November 2013) will provide an overview of the station capacity chapter of the Transit Capacity and Quality of Service Manual (TCQSM) and how the material can be applied to a variety of transit planning, operations, and design applications. The webinar will include a description of the range of transit stops and stations that exist and their typical features, the various passenger circulation features found within stations. Analytical methods for sizing the passenger circulation elements of transit stations and selected external elements will be discussed. Options for pedestrian, bicycle, vehicular, and transit circulation and storage outside of stations will also be described.

This webinar will be of interest to a wide variety of practitioners involved in transit and transportation planning and design, including transit planners, architects, traffic engineers, transit operations personnel, design engineers, management personnel, and university students.

Date of Webinar: November 21, 2013

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Forming Partnerships with Transit

This free, six-week online training course is designed for transit advocates interested in increasing their role in the design and implementation of transportation services in the community. Over the years, an increasing emphasis has been placed on public involvement in transit planning. Combined with the requirement for coordination among programs receiving specific federal funds for transportation, the opportunity for transit advocates to gain a seat at the table for planning and implementation has grown. This course is designed for transit advocates who want to come to the table better informed and prepared to offer input that will be heard, understood and incorporated into the over-all plan.

Date of Webinar: October 7 - November 15, 2013

[REGISTER NOW](#)

RESOURCES

Links

National RTAP – Rural Transit Assistance Program

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

National Transit Institute

<http://www.ntionline.com/>

**Transportation Safety Institute –
Transit Safety & Security Training Division**

<https://www.tsi.dot.gov/Transit.aspx>

**Federal Transit Administration –
Rural Transit Assistance Program Page**

[http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/
grants_financing_3554.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3554.html)

**Kansas RTAP – Kansas University
Transportation Center**

[http://www.kutc.ku.edu/cgiwrap/kutc/rtap/
index.php/index.html](http://www.kutc.ku.edu/cgiwrap/kutc/rtap/index.php/index.html)

**Transportation Research Board's (TRB) Transit
Cooperative Research Program (TCRP)**

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

Upcoming Events

**ESPA: Excellence in Service for
Paratransit Managers Webinar**

September 16 - November 22

**ESPA: Accessible Transportation and Emergency
Preparedness Planning Webinar**

September 18 at 2-3:30PM

APTA Annual Meeting

September 29-October 2, Chicago, IL

ESPA: Forming Partnerships with Transit Webinar

October 7 - November 15

MPTA Special Board of Directors Meeting

October 15, Jefferson City

**Employment and Transportation: Ensuring People with
Disabilities Have Equal Access to the Workforce Webinar**

October 23 at 2-3:30PM

National Tribal Transportation Conference 2013

October 28 - November 1, Prior Lake, MN

MPTA Board of Directors Meeting

December 10, OATS HQ Columbia