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MARCH 30 – APRIL 2, 2026
Sessions At-A-Glance



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2026 SWTA & NMTA Annual Conference Program

March 30 – April 2, 2026

All times and sessions subject to change.

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

1:00 PM–5:00 PM Registration East Hall Lobby at the Convention Center

1:30 PM–2:00 PM NMTA Board Meeting – Quartz Room at the Double Tree Hotel

2:00 PM–5:00 PM SWTA Board Meeting – Quartz Room at the Double Tree Hotel

5:30 PM–7:00 PM Welcome Reception – Coral Ballroom at DoubleTree Hotel

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Welcome Remarks by **Emily Guill** and **Shannon Borst**, Transdev

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

7:30 AM–4:00 PM Registration East Hall at the Convention Center

7:00 AM–11:00 AM Expo Move-In East Hall 1

7:45 AM Breakfast Buffet
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West Ballroom B/C

Join your colleagues for breakfast to start the day!

8:05 AM SWTA Conference Kick Off!
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Kendra McGeady, SWTA Chair
Welcome

8:30 AM–9:30 AM Opening Keynote Before, During, and After Things Happen

Dan Mulraney, Mulraney Training and Consulting, LLC

West Ballroom B/C

Transportation professionals must know how to effectively manage critical events before, during, and after they occur.

TUESDAY BREAKOUT TRACK 1

9:45 AM–10:30 AM

LEADERSHIP 9:45 AM–10:30 AM

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Creative Local Match Sources for Transit Funding

Estella Hollander – AECOM, **Heather Dalmolin** – Mountain Line, **Tod Morris** – Northern Arizona Council of Governments
235 Mesilla

NMDOT 9:45 AM–10:30 AM

Refreshing Your Transit Asset Management Plan

John Giorgis, KFH Group
215 San Miguel

TRIBAL 9:45 AM–10:30 AM

FUNDING BRAIDING: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Tischa Lemasters, Pelivan Transit & the Northeast Oklahoma Tribal Transit Consortium
Kendra McGeady, Cherokee Nation Tribal Councilor
230 Pecos

TRANSIT 101 9:45 AM–10:30 AM

Bridging the Gap: A Transit Core Competencies Program for Strengthening the Workforce

Kristen Ribaldo & **Maurice Beard**, International Transportation Learning Center / Transit Workforce Center
240 La Cienega

COMMUNITIES 9:45 AM–10:30 AM

From Commute to Classroom to Career: Strengthening Education and Employment Transit Partnerships

Jonathan Braddick, **Jennifer De Ruvo**, & **Anthony Lotten** – Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)
220 Ruidoso

INNOVATIONS 9:45 AM–10:30 AM

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AI Adoption in Transit

Jason Wells and **Matthew Mohebbi**, **Jared Gabrilowitz**, IT Curves
210 Tijeras

10:30 AM–10:45 AM Break

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TUESDAY BREAKOUT TRACK 2

10:45 AM–12:00 PM

LEADERSHIP 10:45 AM–12:00 PM

Creating a Culture of Leadership

Dan Mulraney, Mulraney Training and Consulting, LLC
235 Mesilla

NMDOT TRACK 10:45 AM–12:00 PM

Oversight Lessons Learned / Best Practices

Moderator - Jaclyn Birley

Panelists - Kevin Olinger, **Delilah Garcia**, & **Deborah Bach** – NMDOT, **Diane White** & **Denise Bailey** – Bailey White Solutions, LLC
215 San Miguel

TRIBAL TRACK 10:45 AM–12:00 PM

Self-Governance and Tribal Nations Panel, **Kendra McGeady**, Moderator

230 Pecos

TRANSIT 101 10:45 AM–12:00 PM

Creating a One-Call Mobility Center - Beginning, Growing, and Thriving

Kristin Lam Peraza, Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission, Regional Transportation Collaborative
240 La Cienega

COMMUNITIES 10:45 AM–12:00 PM - Transit at Universities

Chris Mandrell, Citibus

Adam Waddell, University of Arkansas
Serena Stevenson, Waco Transit

220 Ruidoso

INNOVATIONS 10:45 AM–12:00 PM

SPONSORED BY: TRANSIT TECHNOLOGIES

The Future of Paratransit – Delivering Efficiency Without Losing Humanity

Mike Birch, Transit Technologies.

OpCos Represented: Ecolane,

TripMaster, ByteCurve, FASTER

210 Tijeras

TUES. MARCH 31 CONT'D.

12:00 PM–2:00 PM EXPO Opening Luncheon East Hall 1

SPONSORED BY: Spring Bird

A networking luncheon celebrating the opening of the EXPO.

TUESDAY BREAKOUT TRACK 2

2:00 PM–3:15 PM

LEADERSHIP 2:00 PM–3:15 PM

Get on the Board: The Value of Transit Associations

Moderator Kristen Joyner

Ann Rajewski - Association ED, CASTA

Chris Mandrell - Transit GM and

Board member, TTA/SWTA

Heather Dalmolin - Transit GM and

Board member AzTA/SWTA

Dinero Washington - Transit GM and

Board member, LPTA/SWTA/CTAA

Allen Hunter - Association ED, TTA

and former GM

235 Mesilla

COMMUNITIES 2:00 PM–3:15 PM

Implementing Training and Coaching to Improve Safety and Performance Across the Organization

Mark Anderson, Trackit

220 Ruidoso

NMDOT TRACK 2:00 PM–3:15 PM

DAPM – Best Practices to prepare for Drug and Alcohol Review

Sarah Hidalgo-Cook, SWART

Loretta Gallegos, South Central

Regional Transit District

Sean Oswald, RLS & Associates -

Moderator

215 San Miguel

TRIBAL TRACK 2:00 PM–3:15 PM

Human Trafficking

Amy Hill, Muscogee Nation

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TRANSIT 101 2:00 PM–3:15 PM

A Conversation on Safety Culture and Safety Planning

JD Allen, AICP, WSO-CSSD, TSSP-

Rail/Bus, PTSCTP Alliance

Transportation Group, LLC.

240 La Cienega

INNOVATIONS 2:00 PM–3:15 PM

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The Power of Partnership: New Models for Rural and Regional Transit

Bill Symon – Via, Latischa Lemasters -

Pelivan Transit, Laura Corff –

Cimarron Public Transit & Katherine

Conrad – NEORide

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3:15 PM–3:30 PM Break

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TUESDAY BREAKOUT TRACK 3

3:30 PM–4:30 PM

LEADERSHIP 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Private Sector Take Aways for Public Transit

Ehren Bingaman, Burgess & Niple

Reed Bingaman, Pointe Strategy Grp.

Adam Linton, Pointe Strategy Group

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OPERATIONS 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

An Agency on the Move – ABQ RIDE's Transformational Turnaround

Bobby Sisneros, ABQ Ride

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TRANSIT 101 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Foundational Skills to Bridge the Gap

Kristen Ribaud, International

Transportation Learning Center

240 La Cienega

NMDOT 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Collection Sites: A Drug and Alcohol Panel

Sean Oswald, RLS & Associates

215 San Miguel

Panelists will be announced onsite.

COMMUNITIES 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Doing More with Less: Modernizing Paratransit in Waco

Ryan Powell – Spare & Serena

Stevenson – Waco Transit System

220 Ruidoso

INNOVATIONS TRACK 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM (SPONSORED BY: Swiftly)

Small Agencies, Big Data Standards: Using GTFS as the Foundation for High-Quality Rider Communication

Jacquelyn Broader, Swiftly

210 Tijeras

5:00 PM–6:30 PM EXPO Reception

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

7:30 AM–4:00 PM Registration Open

8:00 AM–9:00 Breakfast Buffet

SPONSORED BY: Vontas

8:15 AM – 8:30 SWTA Annual Meeting and Board Slate

8:30 AM–9:30 AM

Keynote: True Servant Leadership -

Dr. Rick Grandinetti

Servant leadership starts with a desire

to put others first. Introduced by

Robert K. Greenleaf, it shifts the focus

from authority and status to care and

collaboration.

Ballroom B/C

9:30 AM–9:45 AM Morning Break

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WEDNESDAY BREAKOUT

TRACK 4 9:45 AM–10:45 AM

LEADERSHIP 9:45 AM–10:45 AM

The Power of Engagement - How to Thrive in Diverse, Dynamic Environments

Mitch Savoie Hill

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TRIBAL 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

National RTAP 101

Neil Rodriguez, National Rural Transit Assistance Program

TRANSIT 101 9:45 AM–10:45 AM

Maintenance Hurdles

Kevin Oliver, Shreveport Transit

Management (SporTran)

240 La Cienega

NMDOT 9:45 AM–10:45 AM

DBE Interim Final Rule Update

Denise Bailey, Bailey White

215 San Miguel

COMMUNITIES 9:45 AM–10:45 AM

ADA Compliance and Federal Updates

Ed Elam, AICP, PTP, TSSP-Rail/Bus

Senior Vice President – Planning

Practice Leader, Alliance

Transportation Group, LLC.

220 Ruidoso

9:45 AM–11:00 AM Let's Talk Transit!

EXHIBIT HALL MOBILITY MATCH

(For Transit Leadership and Sponsors)

WEDNESDAY APRIL 1 CONT'D.

10:45 AM–11:00 AM Break

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11:00 AM–1:00 PM Closing EXPO Luncheon

SPONSORED BY: RATP Dev USA

1:00 PM–8:00 PM EXPO Move-Out

WEDNESDAY BREAKOUT 5

1:00 PM–2:30 PM

LEADERSHIP 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Women in Transit

SPONSORED BY: Spare

Kendra McGeedy, Moderator –
Panelists: Andrea Ball, Angie Gilliam,
Wendy Weedon, & Sarah Coulter
235 Mesilla

NMDOT 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

How to Successfully Navigate an FTA Oversight Review

Delilah D. Garcia, Kevin Olinger &
Deborah Bach – NMDOT
Diane White & Denise Bailey - Bailey
White
Moderator: Jaclyn Birley, Magnolia
Ridge
215 San Miguel

OPERATIONS 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

National Transit Database Reporting: Moving from Surviving to Thriving

John Giorgis, KFH Group
230 Pecos

TRANSIT 101 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Boomer, Zoomer, and Millennials: Finding Connections and Purpose Across Generations

Katie Salerno & Adam Weigel, Olsson
240 La Cienega

COMMUNITIES 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

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Community Transit Risk Purchasing Group

Eddie Thomas, Insurica
Barbara Rhodes, Transit Reinsurance
LTD
Heather Dalmolin, Mountain Line
220 Ruidoso

2:30 PM–2:45 PM Break SPONSORED BY: New Flyer

WEDNESDAY 2:45 PM–3:55 PM GENERAL SESSION

State and Federal Transit Updates

New Mexico DOT Welcome

- NMDOT Acting Cabinet Secretary David Quintana

FTA Regional Administrators Update

- Gail Lyssy, Regional Administrator FTA, Region 6
- Ray Tellis, Regional Administrator FTA, Region 9

West Ballroom B/C

3:55 PM Themed Snacks

SPONSORED BY: SilverRide

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Keynote

DISCoteca: Relationships Are a Dance – Learn How to Follow & Lead Effectively

Mitch Savoie Hill
(co-SPONSORED BY: LIT)

West Ballroom B/C

Miami, New York, Atlanta, and Los Angeles

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM Gala Reception Pre-Function West Ballroom B/C

6:45 PM-9:00 PM Awards Gala West Ballroom B/C

SPONSORED BY: Huitt-Zollars, Inc.

Dress in your best and join us for dinner and a celebration of the accomplishments of transits throughout the SWTA Nation.

6:45 PM-9:00 PM SWTA GALA Dinner Program of Events

- Welcome Remarks from Huitt Zollars
 - SWTA Nation State Updates
 - NMDOT State Awards
 - SWTA 37th Annual Spotlight Awards
 - Kendra McGeedy, SWTA Board Chair Retiring Remarks
 - *Retiring Board Thank You*
 - *New Board Introduction*
 - *Chris Mandrell, New Chair Welcome and Closing Remarks*
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THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

8:00 AM–10:00 AM Registration

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 AM-9:30 AM Breakfast for Intensive Training Attendees SPONSORED BY: Element Fleet Management Corp.

8:00 AM–12:00 PM Intensive Training
The Front-Line GateKeepers:
Navigating Reasonable Suspicion and Post-Accident Testing Decisions
Sean Oswald, RLS & Associates
215 San Miguel

8:00 AM–5:00 PM Transit Tours Around Town - Behind-the-scenes tours of local transit operations.

ABQ Ride Operations Tour – SPONSORED BY: ABQ RIDE

Meet in the Hotel Lobby to board the bus at 8:30 AM and return to hotel at 2:00 PM

Technical Tour Aboard the Rail Runner to Old Town Santa Fe SPONSORED BY: RIO METRO

Meet in the Hotel Lobby at 8:15 AM and return at 4:43 PM*

5:00 PM Conference Concludes

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