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2018 SWTA Freedom Through Transit Annual Conference

Mar 5 – Mar 7 | Denver, CO



- Attendee Registration
- Exhibitor Registration - SOLD OUT
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- Earn While You Learn Rebate Program
- BE the SOLUTION Awards

Where:

Denver, CO - March 5-7, 2018

Conference and EXPO: Denver Convention Center - 700 14th St, Denver, CO 80202

Host Hotel & Wednesday Training: Hilton Garden Inn, 1400 Welton St, Denver, CO 80202

Missing this opportunity would be unBEARable Register TODAY!

Description:

The SWTA Freedom Through Transit Annual Conference is excited to land in Denver, Colorado. The mile-high city, March 5-7, 2018. Join us for the region's most comprehensive conference! 8 states under 1 roof. **Hear** from notable industry leaders. **See** the latest transit technology. **Know** transit's challenges and visionary solutions. **Enjoy** the mountain air!

Cost:

- Full 3-Day Conference Registration: \$350 (members)/\$450 (non-members)
- One-Day Conference Registration: \$200 (Monday/Tuesday), \$100 (half-day Wednesday)
- Maintenance Certification Course: \$350
- Exhibitors/Sponsors: Click [HERE](#) for more information

FTA Deputy Administrator K. Jane Williams to speak at the SWTA Freedom Through Transit Conference:As the second-highest ranking official within the agency, Jane Williams helps lead the Federal Transit Administration, an organization with over 500 employees that provides more than \$12 billion annually to support and expand public transit in the U.S. SWTA is excited to welcome the Deputy Administrator to the SWTA Nation!



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Keynote Speaker, Kent Julian - From DREAM to DO: SWTA members' commitment to Freedom Through Transit moves people from DREAM to DO. It opens opportunities for continued education, it empowers people to advance in their careers, and it allows individuals to engage in life. [Learn More](#)

Maintenance Certification Course: This 2-day Maintenance course is brand new and is for Technicians, Floor Supervisors, New Shops and those Contracting Services. Instructor - *Halsey King*, Bus Fleet Maintenance Consultant. [Learn More](#)



Federal Transit Administration

Specialized FTA Grantee Training: Join FTA Region 8 as they conduct a 3.5-hour training session designed specifically for tribal transit or small urban/rural transit providers. Ask questions, hear updates, and have specialized attention on the areas you need answers. [Learn More](#)

Expect the Best:

FTA Living Room, All four Regional Administrators from Regions 6, 7, 8, 9 – Monday afternoon Certifications – Maintenance, Mid-Management and Advanced Wheelchair Securement

For CEO's – CEO Boot Camp:

- The Great AV Debate: How is it going to affect transit in my area?
- Funding for the Future of Transit
- Workforce Development & Management Challenges
- Declining Ridership
- DBE Goals – Why and How in my Neck of the Woods?
- Safety Leadership

General Sessions:

- A Political and Practical Conversation About Infrastructure Investment
- What Messages and Advocacy are Needed Now?
- Disaster Preparation: Infrastructure and Planning, Lessons Learned throughout the SWTA Nation
- Technology for the New Era of Transit

Breakout Tracks - SAFETY & SECURITY, PROCUREMENT/TECHNOLOGY, MOBILITY/PLANNING

FTA Technical Assistance for Tribal, Rural and Small Urban

Awards Contest - Be The Solution: Public Transit's Role to End Human Trafficking

TOURS - RTD and Greely-Evan Transit

SWTA's New Rebate Program: EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

Due to ever-increasing costs associated with doing transit business, SWTA has created a way for you to earn a REBATE for simply learning about products and services while attending the 2018 Annual Freedom Through Transit Conference.

DEADLINE EXTENDED: February 1, 2018. [Learn More](#)

BE the SOLUTION Awards: Human Trafficking Awareness

Transit has rolling billboards to educate the public and tailgate meetings to train the transit workforce. SWTA wants to know what your plans are to BE the SOLUTION. We want to celebrate your efforts at the Freedom Through Transit Conference in Denver, March 5-7. All efforts will be recognized but three transit providers and one business will be named 2018 BE the SOLUTION winners.

DEADLINE: February 1, 2018. [Learn More](#)

Great Denver Hotel!

Hooray!! We have a new hotel for sleeping rooms, right next door (469 feet, to be exact) to the host hotel, Hilton Garden Inn, 1400 Welton St, Denver, CO 80202.

Please use the links below to set up your stay in Denver. Both hotels are \$180 per night, the government rate.

Homewood: [Homewood Suites Denver Convention Center](#) 550 15th St, Denver, CO 80202

Hampton: [Hampton Inn Denver Convention Center](#) 550 15th St, Denver, CO 80202

SWTA Has Great Prospects for Your Company! For Sponsorship and Exhibitor information please click here.

Contact Kristen for details - kjoyner@swta.org, 615.390.6863

Schedule

Sunday, March 4, 2018

- 8:00-2:00 Ski Trip
- 2:00-4:00 Registration
- 5:00-6:30 Opening Reception

Monday, March 5, 2018

- 7:00-4:00 Registration
- 7:30-8:00 Breakfast
- 8:00-9:15 [Opening Session: Keynote Speaker](#)
 - Options:
 - Breakout Sessions
 - 9:45-11:45 - [CEO Bootcamp](#)
 - [Maintenance Certification Course](#)
 - [NTI Mid-Manager Certification Course](#)
- 12:00-1:15 Lunch: Human Trafficking Presentation & Member Meeting
 - Options:
 - Breakout Sessions
 - 1:30-3:45 - [Continued: Maintenance Certification Course](#)
 - Continued: NTI Mid-Manager Course
 - Tours
- 4:00-5:00 FTA Living Room Session
- 5:00-6:30 Opening EXPO Reception

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

- 7:00-3:30 Registration

7:30-8:00 Breakfast

7:30-8:00 Breakfast

8:00-11:45 General Sessions
(With Breaks)

8:00-11:45 [Continued: Maintenance Certification Course](#)

11:45-2:00 EXPO & Lunch

2:00-4:30 General Sessions
(With Breaks)

2:00-5:30 [Continued: Maintenance Certification Course](#)

6:00 PM- Dinner & Game Night

9:00 PM Sponsored By: MTM/Ride Right

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

7:00-12:00 Registration

8:00-9:00 ADVOCACY Breakfast

Options:

- Advanced Wheelchair Securement Certification

9:00-12:30 - [FTA Grantee Training: Tribal](#)

- [FTA Grantee Training: Small and Medium Systems](#)

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