

# 2016 Louisiana Public Transportation Conference

## Agenda

### Monday, November 14, 2016

9:00 am to 4:30 pm  
The Promenade

Conference Registration and Information

9:00 am – 11:00 am

#### Specifications Committee Meeting

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Tina Athalone,  
LADOTD, E&D Program Manager

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

#### Opening Luncheon

Ballroom

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**Opening Welcome:** Michelle Horne, LADOTD, Public Transit Director  
**Invocation:** Rev. Richard Harbor, LADOTD, Financial Services  
**National Anthem:** Amanda Ratcliff, LADOTD, Maintenance Systems Mgmt.  
**Introduction of Guest:** Michelle Horne, LADOTD, Public Transit Director  
**Welcome to the City Address:** Honorable Randy Roach, Mayor of Lake Charles, LA  
**Keynote Address:** Eric Kalivoda, LADOTD, Deputy Secretary  
**Moderator:** Michelle Horne, LADOTD, Public Transit Director

1:05 pm – 2:00 pm

#### General Session: Transit Update

Sycamore

Transit officials will inform you of the changes and updates to state and federal regulations, and the impact it imposes on the state and its transit operations.

**Panelist:**

**Don Koski**, FTA, Director of Planning & Program Development  
**Laura Wallace**, FTA, Director of Program Management & Oversight  
**Dinero Washington**, LPTA, Board Director  
**Kristen Joyner**, SWTA, Executive Director  
**Halsey King**, Halsey King & Associates, President

**Moderator:** JD Allen, Alliance Transportation Group, Vice President

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

**Vendor Set-up**

The Ballroom

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm

**Refreshment/Break**

The Promenade

2:20 pm – 3:45 pm

**General Session**

**Sycamore**

**Is Uber a Threat to Public Transit**

*On-demand technology such as Uber and Lyft has stunned the taxi industry, while simultaneously enjoying 3x and 4x growth in many cities - will they have a similar effect on public transit? The audience will learn about what public transit can expect from Uber moving forward, what steps leading agencies have taken to provide their own service, and what new options are available for those interested in on-demand technology for public transit.*

**Presenter:** **Brady Young**, Business Development, DoubleMap, Inc.

**Moderator:** **Emily Efferson**, LPTA, Secretary/Treasurer

3:50 pm – 4:30pm

**Concurrent Sessions**

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<p><b>Identifying and Mitigating Driving Hazards for Transit</b></p> <p><i>Vehicle operators are among the first of our employees to recognize the hazards that adversely impact their ability to perform day-to-day operations; that is transporting passengers in a safe and efficient manner. This session will explore the various hazards facing vehicle operators in various modes of service and operating environments – from tribal to urban settings. The session will include best practices to mitigate such hazards from the general industry and participant experience.</i></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> <b>Walt Diangson</b>, SouthWest Transit Association, Public Transportation Consultant</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Kristen Joyner</b>, SouthWest Transit Association, Executive Director</p>	<p><b>E &amp; D Operating</b></p> <p><i>Let's discuss eligible projects under the Elderly and disabled operating assistance program.</i></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> <b>Karen Harris</b>, LADOTD, JARC &amp; New Freedom Program Manager</p> <p><b>Laura Wallace</b>, Federal Transit Administration, Director of Program Management &amp; Oversight</p> <p><b>Don Koski</b>, FTA, Director of Planning &amp; Program Development</p>	<p><b>RTAP E-Learning</b></p> <p><i>A presentation on National RTAP's eLearning portal and an overview of some of the National RTAP training modules that are available online. Attendees will learn how to setup an eLearning team in the system, and also learn how to add/enroll their staff.</i></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> <b>Neil Rodriguez</b>, RTAP, Project Manager</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Stephanie Barthelemy</b> LADOTD, Rural Program Assistant Manager</p>

**5:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

**Opening Reception**

**The Ballroom**

**Sponsored By:**  
**Transdev Services**

*Come enjoy an evening filled with food, fun & music while networking and exchanging ideas with your associates and colleagues.*

**Tuesday, November 15, 2016**

8:00 am - 4:30 pm | Conference Registration and Information

**The Promenade**

**8:00 am – 4:30 pm**

**Vendor Exhibits**

**The Ballroom**

**8:00 am – 9:00 am**

**Continental Breakfast w/ the Vendors**

**The Ballroom**

**Sponsored By:**  
**American Seating**

**9:05 am – 10:35 am**

**General Session**

**Sycamore**

**The Transit Supervisor's Silver Bullet to Success**

*During this session we will discuss the role of the transit supervisor and the more global concept of leadership in transit. We will help you find your silver bullet to create a better working environment, better internal customer service communication, and a better transit system for the community you serve.*

**Presenter:**

**Kristen Joyner,**

SouthWest Transit Association, Executive Director

**Moderator:**

**Walt Diangson,**

SouthWest Transit Association, Public Transportation Consultant

**10:35 am – 10:55 am**

**Break w/ Vendors**

**The Ballroom**

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11:00 am – 11:50 am

**Concurrent Sessions**

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<p><b>Urban Transit &amp; Possible TAP Funding Opportunities</b></p> <p><i>This session will cover the possible funding opportunities available to Urban Transit areas, using the Transportation Alternatives Program funds from FHWA.</i></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> <b>Laura Riggs</b> LADOTD, Program Manager</p> <p><b>Casey Lewis,</b> LADOTD, Urban Program Manager</p>	<p><b>5310 – E&amp;D Overview</b></p> <p><i>Discussions will include capital projects application process, and reporting requirements.</i></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> <b>Tina Athalone,</b> LADOTD, E&amp;D Program Manager</p> <p><b>Laura Wallace,</b> Federal Transit Administration, Director of Program Management &amp; Oversight</p>	<p><b>DBE/SBE; Title VI &amp; ADA</b></p> <p><i>Compliance professionals will provide an overview of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise &amp; Small Business Element programs, and discuss the importance of Title VI &amp; ADA requirements and regulations</i></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> <b>Remy Graves,</b> LADOTD, DBE Program Manager</p> <p><b>Don Koski, FTA,</b> Director of Planning &amp; Program Development</p> <p><b>Katie Copeland,</b> LADOTD, Title VI Program Manager</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Kandy Fly,</b> LADOTD, DBE/SBE Program Specialist</p>

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

**Lunch w/ Vendors & Motivational Speaker**

The Ballroom

**Sponsored By:**

***RouteMatch Software, Inc.***

*This presentation is designed to help you develop success habits that will bring positive change and quality to your life. It will show you how to make a new commitment to achieving your goals, your organization's goals, and to setting priorities for staying on track to both personal and professional success.*

**Presenter:**

**Martha Bryan,**

Bryan & Bryan Associates, President

**Moderator:**

**Mike Mitchell,**

LPTA, Vice President

**1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**

**Concurrent Sessions**

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<p><b>Urban Roundtable</b></p> <p><i>Continue to discuss improvements and revisions in transit today.</i></p> <p><b>Dinero Washington</b> LPTA, <b>President</b></p> <p><b>Laura Wallace,</b> Federal Transit Administration, Director of Program Management &amp; Oversight</p> <p><b>Don Koski, FTA,</b> Director of Planning &amp; Program Development</p>	<p><b>Vehicle Maintenance Management &amp; Inspection</b></p> <p><i>Promotes the community transportation industry's commitment to safe, reliable transportation through building up the professional skills of maintenance personnel and managers.</i></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> <b>Halsey King,</b> Halsey King &amp; Associates, President</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Tina Athalone,</b> LADOTD, E&amp;D Program Manager</p>	<p><b>Rural Transit Roundtable</b></p> <p><i>Information on updates and changes to the rural transportation program.</i></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> <b>Jamie Ainsworth,</b> LADOTD, Rural Program Manager</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Stephanie Barthelemy</b> LADOTD, Rural Program Assistant Manager</p>

**2:35 pm – 2:55 pm**

**Refreshment/Break w/ Vendors**

**The Ballroom**

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**3:00 pm – 4:30 pm**

**General Session**

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**Safety Management Systems (SMS)**

*There is a paradigm shift occurring in the way leadership approaches the importance of safety within the public transportation industry. MAP-21, and now FAST ACT, established the National Public Transportation Safety Program, which included FTA's selected approach to strengthening transit safety among all grantees and for all modes of service. That approach is known as Safety Management System (SMS).*

**Presenter:**

**Walt Diangson,** SouthWest Transit Association, Consultant

**Moderator:**

**JD Allen,** Alliance Transportation Group, Vice President

**Dinner on Your Own**

## Wednesday, November 16, 2016

8:00 am - 12:00 pm | Conference Registration and Information  
The Promenade

### 8:00 am – 9:15 am **Breakfast /LPTA Business Meeting/FTA Awards**

#### **The Ballroom**

Presentation of FTA's recognition awards, and LADOTD's Extra Mile Awards to honor individuals and agencies for their commitments to making public transportation in Louisiana more successful.

#### **Presenters:**

**Michelle Horne**, LADOTD, Public Transit Director

**Dinero Washington**, LPTA, President

**Laura Wallace**, FTA, Director of Program Management & Oversight

**Don Koski**, FTA, Director of Planning & Program Development

### 9:20 am – 10:30 am **General Session**

#### **Sycamore**

#### **Transit Asset Management Plan (TAMP)**

*Recently, the FTA published a final rule on Transit Asset Management, which includes developing TAM Plans for each state. TAM is another piece of the federal push for State of Good Repair and increased safety in the Public Transportation industry. This session will go over the new federal requirements and timelines.*

#### **Presenter:**

**JD Allen**, Alliance Transportation Group, Vice President

**Laura Wallace**, FTA, Director of Program Management & Oversight

**Moderator: Juanita Crotwell**, LADOTD, Safety & Security Program Manager

### 10:30 am – 10:45 am **Closing Remarks**

#### **Sycamore**

### 10:45 am – 12:00 pm **RTAP Advisory Committee Meeting (Invitation Only)**