

**Bus Rodeo Prep, Judges Training,
Bus Rodeo (Non-Driving Obstacles)
Pre-Trip Inspection, Passenger Assistance
Saturday, March 15, 2025**

**Bus Rodeo
Driving Course
Sunday, March 16, 2025**

Bus Rodeo Prep and Judges Training

Where: Rio Rancho Event Center

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Judges Training Registration

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Judges Training

10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m .
Rodeo Prep Training Registration

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Rodeo Prep Training for both Large Bus and Cutaway

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Lunch

12:00 p.m. - until complete
Pre-Trip Inspection
Passenger Assistance

8:30 am - 9:00 am

Rodeo Contestant Registration

9:00 am - 9:30 am

AM Course Walkthrough for Rodeo Contestants and Judges

9:30 am - until complete

- Cutaway Bus/Large Bus Obstacle Course Competition First Half of Course

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm

PM Course Walkthrough for Rodeo Contestants and Judges

1:30 pm - until complete

Cutaway Bus/Large Bus Obstacle Course Competition Second Half of Course

6:00 pm

Bus Rodeo Awards Dinner

Room: Quezada Comedy Club and Cantina at the Santa Ana Star Casino and Hotel (between the food court and bowling alley entrance)

**Keynote: "Driven to Care: How Transit Creates Community, Connection and Compassion
Lakisha Bradley, Ozark Regional Transit
Gail DeLancey, Ozark Regional Transit**

Discover how Ozark Regional Transit's family-first culture fosters employee well-being, community connection, and a spirit of servant leadership. This keynote will inspire conversations about prioritizing people, creating meaningful connections, and building resilient communities through the human side of transit.

Monday, March 17, 2025

7:30 a.m. - Registration & Breakfast**8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. – Breakout Session 1**

1. **Section 5310/5311 Compliance and Initiatives (Mandatory)**
Presenter to be determined, Bailey White Solutions
Room: Sacramento East
2. **De-Escalation**
Presenter
City of Albuquerque, ABQ RIDE
Room: Sacramento West

10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – Breakout Session 2

1. **Preparing for Reauthorization of Federal Transit Legislation (Mandatory)**
Gail Lyssy, Federal Transit Association (FTA) (invited)
Rich Sampson, South West Transit Association (SWTA)
Benjamin Schwartz, American Public Transportation Association (APTA)
CTAA (invited)
2. **Customer Service and Behaviors**
Gregory Bradley, Bradley Consulting and Training
Room: Sacramento West

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.**Award Luncheon**

Room: Manzano/Cimarron

Introductions: Elizabeth Carter, NMTA President**Premier Sponsor:****ABQ RIDE, Bobby Sisneros****Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Brent Roy****Award Luncheon****Opening: David Harris, AICP, Executive Director of Modal Programs, NM Department of Transportation****Ricky Serna, Cabinet Secretary for Department of Transportation (invited)****12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. (Award Luncheon continued)****FTA Update: Gail Lyssy, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) (invited)****State Awards: David Harris, NMDOT****NMTA Retirement Awards: Melissa Drake, NMTA and Liz Carter, NMTA President, Rio Metro****Keynote: ABQ RIDE Free Fare Program Update
Bobby Sisneros, ABQ****NMTA Business Meeting following Awards Luncheon****2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. – Breakout Session 3**

1. **Basics of Wheelchair Securement (Session 1 of 2) (40 Attendee Limit)**
Trisha Nolen, Q'Straint / Sure-Lok
Room: Sacramento East
2. **Art and Mental Wellness Ozarka Regional Transit**
Lakisha Bradley, Ozarka Regional Transit
Gail Delancey, Ozarka Regional Transit
Room: Sacramento West
3. **Service Animals**
Denise Dumesnil, Assistance Dogs of the West
Room: Sierra Blanca

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Breakout Session 4

1. **Basics of Wheelchair Securement (Session 2 of 2) (40 Attendee Limit)**
Trisha Nolen, Q'Straint / Sure-Lok
Room: Sacramento East
2. **Human Trafficking Awareness for the Frontline**
Louie Greek, Truckers Against Trafficking (T.A.T.)
Room: Sacramento West
3. **Highlighting Creative Partnerships to Meet Mobility Needs**
Rich Sampson, SWTA
Agency
Room: Sierra Blanca

**Immediately following last session of day – 7:00 p.m. -
Mix and Mingle Social and Dinner Buffett**
Room: Upper Deck Lounge above the Home Plate Bar and Grill

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

7:30 a.m. - Registration & Breakfast**8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. – Breakout Session 1**

1. **2 CFR 200 Updates and NMDOT Resources (Mandatory for 5311s; Recommended for 5307s)**
Dan Wagner, Bailey White Solutions
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Room: Sacramento East
2. **Transit Operator Fatigue (Session 1 of 2—must be present for both session 1 AND 2 to receive certification)**
Rodolfo Giacoman, Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance
Agency
Room: Sacramento West
3. **Developing Your Talent From Within: A Succession Program That's Fun & Effective (Session 1 of 2)**
Ann Norton, Norton Consulting
Room: Sierra Blanca

10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Breakout Session 2

1. **NMDOT Micro-transit and Gallup Regional Planning Initiative**
Adrianna Fragozo, University of New Mexico
Meredith Green, Socius Amica
Room: Sacramento East
2. **Transit Operator Fatigue (Session 2 of 2)**
Rodolfo Giacoman, Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance
Room: Sacramento West
3. **Succession Planning—Mentoring Masterclass: A Complete Guide for Mentors & Mentees (Session 2 of 2)**
Ann Norton, Norton Consulting
Room: Sierra Blanca

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.**Luncheon**

Keynote: Team Building and Leadership
Gregory Bradley, Bradley Consulting and Training
(1 hour)

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Breakout Session 3

1. **Transportation Collaboration with Other State Agencies (Attendance for 5311s highly encouraged) (1 of 2 Sessions)**
Moderator:
David Hadwiger, NM Department of Transportation Transit and Rail Division
Panel:
Gail Nehls, Envida
New Mexico Health Care Authority, New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services, New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department, Developmental Disabilities Supports Division, New Mexico Department of Health
Room: Sacramento East
2. **Team Building and Leadership**
Gregory Bradley, Bradley Consulting and Training
Room: Sacramento West
3. **Human Trafficking Awareness for Management and Trainers**
Louie Greek, T.A.T.
Room: Sierra Blanca

3:45 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—Breakout Session 4

1. **Transportation Collaboration with Other State Agencies (2 of 2 Sessions)**
Moderator:
David Hadwiger, NM Department of Transportation Transit and Rail Division
Panel:
Gail Nehls, Envida,
New Mexico Health Care Authority, New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services, New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department, Developmental Disabilities Supports Division, New Mexico Department of Health
Room: Sacramento East
2. **Rural Workforce Resilience Discussion**
Panel:
Kristal Metro, University of New Mexico
Bobby Sisneros, ABQ RIDE
James Barela, Atomic City Transit
Adam Leonard, North Central Regional Transit District
Room: Sacramento West

Conclusion of the 2025 NM Transit Conference and Expo