

**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**

**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 with Q & A (Mandatory)**

Presenter to be determined, Bailey White Solutions  
Room: Sacramento East

**2. De-Escalation**

Presenter  
City of Albuquerque, ABQ RIDE  
Room: Sacramento West

**3. Alternative Fuel Option (Confirmation in the process)**

Presenter  
Agency  
Room: Sierra Blanca

**10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – Breakout Session 2****1. 5311/5310 Agency Updates with Q & A (Mandatory)**

Room: Sacramento East

**2. Customer Service and Behaviors**

Gregory Bradley, Bradley Consulting and Training  
Room: Sacramento West

**3. Preparing for Reauthorization of Federal Transit Legislation**

Rich Sampson, SWTA (possibly a panel of presenters to include CTAA/APTA)  
Room: Sierra Blanca

**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 (not confirmed)**

**FTA Update: Gail Lyssy, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) (not confirmed)**

**12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. (Award Luncheon continued)****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. Wheelchair Securement (Session 1 of 2) (40 Attendee Limit) (Confirmation in the process)**

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. Wheelchair Securement (Session 2 of 2) (40 Attendee Limit) (Confirmation in the process)**

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. - Vendor Expo and Dinner Buffett**

## Tuesday, March 18, 2025

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

1. **BlackCat Update and Enhancements**  
Presenter  
Agency  
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. **BlackCat Help Desk**  
Presenter  
Agency  
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. **Microtransit Study, Medical Providers, Health and Human Services, and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Coordination of Services Roundtable Discussion (NMDOT) (not confirmed)**  
Presenter  
Agency  
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. **Microtransit UNM Update, Medical Providers, Health and Human Services, and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Coordination of Services Roundtable Discussion (NMDOT) (not confirmed)**  
Presenter  
Agency  
Room: Sacramento East
3. **Rural Workforce Resilience Discussion**  
Kristal Metro, University of New Mexico  
Panel:  
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**