

2001 KPTA\KyTC Conference

Innovative Transit Solutions for Kentucky

The 2001 KPTA\KyTC Conference was held in Covington on September 17-20, 2001 at the Radisson Hotel.

This year's conference theme was "Innovative Transit Solutions for Kentucky".

The activities began on Monday with the KPTA Rodeo at Turfway Park. (See results on page 10.)

The annual KPTA Golf Tournament was held on Tuesday at the Golf Course at Twin Oaks in Covington. (See results on page 11.)

In the evening the opening reception and dinner was held at Radison Hotel in Covington. KPTA President Barry Barker welcomed everyone and ex-

panded on the advances that had been made in transportation from the last biennium. Barker said, we will continue our efforts for the next biennium.

U.S. Congressman Ernie Fletcher was the keynote speaker at the KPTA

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U.S. Congressman Ernie Fletcher addressed the KPTA Conference at the evening dinner.

Jeffers and Cummins inducted into Transit Hall of Fame

The second annual Transit Hall of Fame inductees were announced at the 2001 KPTA/KyTC Conference.

Sue Jeffers (Bluegrass Community Action Agency) and Shirley Cummins (RTEC) were the newest inductees into

the Transit Hall of Fame.

Their transit peers selected Jeffers and Cummins for the honor. Other individuals receiving votes were: Gail Mayeux (KYTC), Beecher Hudson (ARC-Louisville WHEELS), and Bonnie Rhoades (Owensboro Transit).

Jeffers has been transportation director at BUS for over 14 years. During her years at BUS the agency has been selected Outstanding Grantee (1987), Outstanding Statewide Section 18 Grantee (1989), Outstanding Section 5311 Grantee (1995) and Outstanding Section 5311 Central Grantee (2001). Jeffers was selected Outstanding Transit Manager in 1989. All these awards were presented by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. She has been

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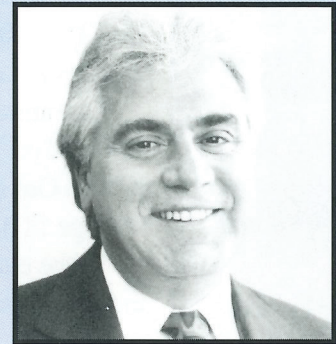
Vickie Bourne (right) presents Sue Jeffers (BUS), and Shirley Cummins (RTEC), the 2001 Transit Hall of Fame Award.

***Vickie Bourne and Gail Mayeux rise through the ranks at the Office of Transportation Delivery.
See Page 4 for Details.***

From The Desk of The President

Dear KPTA Members:

The 2002 regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly convened on January 8, 2002 and is expected to be dominated by the congressional redistricting and budget shortfall issues.



The KPTA Legislative Issues that we will present during the session are:

- Adequately fund and administer the brokerage system
- Fully fund the state share for all federal grants
- Create a mechanism for planning and funding public transit throughout the Commonwealth

Our congratulations to Ms. Vickie Bourne in being promoted to Executive Director of the Office of Transportation Delivery and to Ms. Gail Mayeux being promoted to Public Transit Branch Manager. The KPTA looks forward to working with both of these ladies in the advancement of public transit issues.

Submitted by
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KPTA Members Enjoy Activities During Conference



Mike Buckles (Daniel Boone Dev. District) Jeff Hackbart and Kay Brooks (Frankfort Transit), Gail Mayeux (KYTC) and Bruce Suedkamp (Northern KY Transit).



KPTA members listen to a presentation from Route Match Software at the vendor expo.



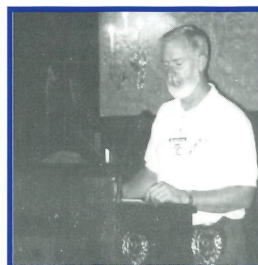
Mona Whitaker and Linda Truett with Daniel Boone Development Council.



Gary Kitchin, PATS, Petra Espinosa and Linda Belcher with Kentucky River Foothills visit with David Clawson with National Bus and Accessories at the vendor expo.



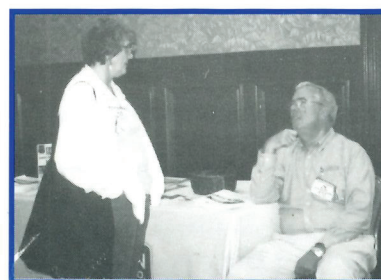
KPTA members listen to a presentation from Sue Jeffers, BUS, on Empower Kentucky.



Mark Donaghy, TANK, welcomes everyone to Northern Kentucky.



Dwight Maddox, TARC, LaVaughn Brown, FTSB, Dawn Johnson and Chuck Steinhof, ARC-Louisville WHEELS.



Wilma Betts, ARC-Louisville WHEELS talks with Bob Erdman with Ilderton Conversion Company during the vendor expo.

Bourne and Mayeux receive promotions at KYTC

Vickie Bourne has been promoted to Executive Director of the Office of Transportation Delivery. Bourne replaced Margaret Plattner who has moved to a position in Drivers License. Bourne has worked for Kentucky State Government for 29 1/2 years. She was on the original Governor's Empower Committees that set up Human Service Transportation Delivery. She has been Public Transit Manager since 1986.



Bourne was inducted into the Transit Hall of Fame in 1999. Her peers nominated her for this inaugural award. At the presentation awards Deputy Transportation Secretary at that time and current Secretary of

Finance, Kevin Flannery said, "Bourne has truly been an advocate for public transportation in Kentucky. She has helped KYTC and the State realize that transportation means more than just roads. Among a select few in the State, this person helped the long expressed dream of putting Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation under the Transportation Cabinet become a reality. Any public transit operation in the state can appreciate all she has done. They knew through the years, she has sacrificed her time, energy and self to the dedication of her work."

Mayeux replaces Bourne as Branch Manager of Public Transportation.

She began her career with Kentucky State government 27 years ago in the personnel division of transportation and then went to the Division of Urban Regional & Planning as a librarian. Mayeux worked for several years in Section 16 B-2 reporting before becoming a project manager for 5311 in Central and Northern Kentucky areas.



Mayeux was instrumental in working with Vickie Bourne on implementing the drug and alcohol policy for Kentucky Public Transit. Also, helping to start new 5311 and 5310 agencies in Kentucky. She worked diligently in helping the OTD staff in the implement of the Empower Kentucky project. Also, has always been willing to help in any way with questions from Drug and Alcohol to public transit issues to anyone. She also has sacrificed her time, energy and dedication for her work.

Congratulations to these two women for their hard work and dedication to Kentucky Public Transit. They are very deserving to have received these promotions and Kentucky transit providers will benefit from these selections.

Jeffers and Cummins.....

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KPTA President and FTSB board chair and vice chair. Also, Rural Transit representative to the National Transit Institute Advisory Board at Rutgers University for six years and currently the Kentucky State Delegate to Community Transportation Association of America. Jeffers earned her certified Community Transportation Manager certification in 1999.

Cummins began her transportation career as transportation director for Rockcastle Public Transit in 1987. In 1990 RTEC was organized and moved into eight counties. At present RTEC has grown to 12 counties in southern Kentucky. RTEC has their main office in Mt. Vernon and has built and maintenance garage for their fleet. Over the years Cummins and RTEC have been presented with several awards from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet including: Outstanding Section 5311 Public Transit Grantee Eastern Kentucky (1989), Outstanding Section 5311 Public Transit Grantee Statewide (1991), Outstanding Section 5311 Public Transit Grantee Eastern Kentucky (1993), Outstanding Section 5311 Public Transit Grantee Eastern Kentucky (1995), Outstanding Participation DBE (1995), Outstanding Section 5311 Public Transit Grantee Statewide Kentucky (1997) and Outstanding Participation DBE (1997).

Cummins was awarded Outstanding Transit Manager in 1993. She has served as KPTA secretary and received her Certified Community Transportation Manager certification in 1998.

Jeffers and Cummins join first year inductees Vickie Bourne, Executive Director of the Office of Transportation Delivery and Buddy Fugua, retired Transportation Director of GRITS.

Congratulations to the new inductees they are well desired of this honor.

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dinner. It was a very special evening for the KPTA members to have Fletcher in attendance. The KPTA conference was held just after the events of September 11th. KPTA is very grateful to Fletcher for attending the meeting considering everything he was having to deal with during September 11th situation.

Fletcher along with Congressman Hal Rogers has been instrumental in earmarking several million dollars for public transit. KPTA and all of public transit thanks both congressmen for all their support.

National Toxicology selected as new Drug and Alcohol Testing Vendor

National Toxicology Specialists, Inc., (NTS) will replace NSA (Choice Point) effective February 1, 2002 as the new Third Party Administrator.

The Drug and Alcohol Consortium committee choose NTS from 15 bidders from across the United States.

NTS's company employees include: Dr. Greg Elam, who has provided MRO to KYTC for over five years, Dr. Howard Taylor (SMHSA Lab Inspector with 19 years experience), and Tim Shoaf (Toxicologist and MBA with over 17 years experience) Also, excellence in customer service with representatives already familiar with KYTC who are Leslie Jones and Loretta Lynn Lytle with combined 20 years experience NTS will have a seamless collection site set-up and management and utilize Kroll-Laboratory Specialist (the current SAMHSA Laboratory).

Tim Shoaf is the Kentucky representative his email address is tshoaf@drugtestinfo.com, telephone number is

615/353-1888 or fax 615/356-1890 and address is 5925 Sedberry Rd., Nashville, TN 37205.

The following are new changes for NTS:

- NTS can send bills to your agency by e-mail, fax, or mail. E-mails will be sent in the PDF/Adobe Acrobat format to be printed for your files and records.

- On February 1, 2002, check for new NTS forms when an employee from your agency goes to a collection site. It is important not to confuse the old chain of custody forms you have with National Safety Alliance with the new forms NTS will provide to you. The USDOT and Non-federal custody and control form will be mailed directly to you by NTS. You have two options: 1) maintain the forms on your site and distribute per each test; 2) or mail a supply to your collection sites.

- As required by federal regulations, MRO certifications must be on file in your office. Please find enclosed NTS Certification for the MRO requirement.

- NTS can help provide backup or additional information for Substance Abuse Professional (SAP) referrals. An additional cost would be incurred. The website is www.drugtestinfo.com. You are reminded to have a SAP contact and certification file in your office.

● New Prices:

Prices shall be at the guaranteed prices of forty-six dollars and fifty cents (\$46.50) per drug test and thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per alcohol test.

Additional Costs

- ✓ Split specimen testing shall be one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per requested test;

- ✓ Soap test, or other esoteric adulteration requested by MRO, shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00);

- ✓ Special handling fees over and above regular collection site fees shall be passed through to CONSORTIUM MEMBERS for after hours or on-site services;

- ✓ D/L Isomers (if needed on some methamphetamine positives), shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per instance;

- ✓ Post accident collection will be at cost, and Post-Accident and Reasonable Suspicion Specimen Collection and Breath Alcohol Test Provider Identification Assistance shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) outside of normal business hours.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Gail Mayeux, Public Transit Branch Manager at 502/564-7433.

PATS receives Employee Service Award from DVR



Gary Kitchin, right, with Paducah Area Transit System received an Employee Service Award from Sam Serraglio, center, commissioner of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. The DVR Employer Service Award is presented for exemplary service in hiring Kentuckians with disabilities. PATS recently was featured in a Georgia State University video about employment of the disabled. Cindy Ragland and Jerry Adams with the Paducah DVR office nominated PATS.

Taken from the Paducah Sun Times, July 12, 2001

2001 KPTA/KYTC Conference Honors Transportation

Kentucky Outstanding Statewide Section 5311 Transit Agency



Mike Jackson, LKLP Transportation Director, is presented the 2001 Outstanding Statewide Section 5311 Transit Agency Award from Robin Croley, KyTC.

Outstanding Western Kentucky Section 5311 and DBE Transit Agency



Gary Kitchin, Paducah Area Transit Transportation Director, is presented the 2001 Outstanding Western Kentucky Section 5311 Transit Agency Award and Outstanding DBE Award from Joe Sheilley, KyTC.

Outstanding Central Kentucky Section 5311 Transit Agency



Sue Jeffers, Bluegrass Community Action Transportation Director, is presented the 2001 Outstanding Central Kentucky Section 5311 Transit Agency Award from Gail Mayeux, KyTC.

Kentucky Outstanding Statewide Section 5310 Transit Agency



Greg DeHart, Northeast Area Development Council, presented the 2001 Outstanding Statewide Section 5310 Transit Agency Award from Robin Croley, KyTC.

Outstanding Eastern Kentucky Section 5311 Transit Agency



Mike Buckles, Daniel Boone Development Council Executive Director, presented the 2001 Outstanding Eastern Kentucky Section 5311 Transit Agency Award from Robin Croley, KyTC.

Outstanding Overall Statewide Transit System



Dispatcher of the Year



Volunteer of the Year



Driver of the Year



Outstanding Personnel Award of the Year



Lisa Gatwood, TANK, presented Joseph L. Pinion, TARC Assistant Director of Transportation/Chief Dispatcher, the KPTA Award for Outstanding Personnel of the Year.

TANK begins special bus service for NKU Students

Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK) kicked-off a new service for students at Northern Kentucky University on January 10, 2002. The new route, penned the "NKU River Run", will offer students a fast trip to the rapidly developing Kentucky side of the Ohio River to visit the many attractions for job opportunities as well as fun. As an incentive to try the service, the first weekend was free to students, compliments of NKU's Student Government Association.

The River Run will stop at the University residential village and then head directly for a stop at the area's newest attraction: Newport on the Levee. With a 20-screen movie theater, IMAX theater, Shadowbox Cabaret live entertainment, retail, restaurants and nightlife now open, this new entertainment complex will serve as a main destination for the students.

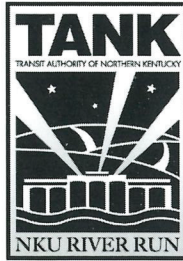
From the Newport on the Levee stop, the route will continue to Covington where stops will include Covington Landing, the Waterfront restaurant complex and the historic MainStrasse Village. In addition, students can transfer onto TANK's Southbank Shuttle and travel into Cincinnati at many of the NKU River Run stops.

Students and faculty at NKU have seen a need for this type of service growing on their campus for several years. With enrollment rising and the residential village at full occupancy, students are spending more time on campus and many are without personal vehicles.

Students from NKU's Student Government Association, several fraternities and sororities and the residential village helped demonstrate the need for the service, assisted with route design and selecting a name for the service and are helping to promote the service on campus. University staff have supported and encouraged the concept as well.

"This is a great opportunity for college students to learn about and use a convenient public transit service. We are pleased to have been able to customize a route that the students feel will meet their needs and fit their lifestyle," said TANK General Manager Mark Donaghy. "I hope that this opens up other opportunities to serve the university population in the future. The NKU River Run will play an important role in the continued success of our riverfront venues and help draw this market to the river for jobs and entertainment, while promoting safety and responsibility among the campus population."

NKU River Run will operate from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. every Thursday through Saturday. The cost for the NKU River Run is the same as the regular TANK fare, \$1.00 each trip. For details about the service, call 859-331-TANK (8265).



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Federal Transit Apportionments for Kentucky in FY 2002

Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning	\$ 345,873
Section 5310 Elderly & Disabled Capitol	1,406,077
Section 5311 Nonurbanized Public Transit	5,918,953
Section 5311(b)(2) RTAP	115,082
Section 5311(b) Transit Technical P & R	88,885
Section 5307 Urban Area > 200,000 pop.	
LexTran	2,450,423
TANK	2,752,450
TARC	11,037,255
Section 5307 Urban Area 50,000-200,000 pop.	
Clarksville, TN-KY	224,344
Evansville, IN-KY	275,488
Huntington-Ashland WV-KY-OH	549,370
Owensboro, KY	789,370
Section 5309 Bus allocations	
Kentucky (southern & eastern)	1,980,058
TARC	1,980,058
TANK	1,485,044
Audubon Area Community Services	198,006
Bluegrass Community Action, buses and bus-related equipment	594,017
Central Kentucky Community Action Council	269,288
Community Action Council of So. KY	198,066
Kentucky River Foothills	134,644
Lake Cumberland Community Ser.	79,202
KY DOT statewide buses, facilities	900,029
City of Frankfort	95,043
Community Action Council Lexington- Fayette Co.	45,541
City of Maysville, buses	134,644
Murray/Calloway County	198,066
Pikeville, transit facility	4,950,145
TOTAL	\$39,195,301

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LexTran Reports Year End Ridership Results

The Lexington Transit Authority (LexTran) reported a 15% ridership increase for their fiscal year ending June 30, 2001. The public transportation system carried 4.5 million passengers this fiscal year, compared to 4 million in fiscal year 2000. Currently LexTran's average annual weekday passenger trips are 15,178 with weekend passenger trips averaging 5,191. The Russell Cave/Nicholasville Road Route carried over 900,000 passengers this year and averaged 51 passengers per hour of service. Overall the

system averaged 26 passengers per hour.

Increases in ridership have occurred steadily since 1994 when LexTran, increased frequency of service to 30 minutes during peak periods and 60 minutes off-peak, made minor route changes in and around the University of Kentucky, and began aggressively marketing the system.

In 1994, LexTran carried 1.3 million passengers, 1.8 million in 1995, 2.3 million in 1996, 2.6 million in 1997, 2.9 million in 1998, 3.7 million in 1999, and 4 million in 2000.

2001 KPTA Rodeo Activities

First Place



Beecher Hudson, ARC-Louisville presented a first place KPTA Rodeo trophy to Mike Porter, TANK. KPTA will send Mike to the National CTAA Rodeo in Austin, Texas in May.

Second Place



Beecher Hudson, ARC-Louisville presented a second place KPTA Rodeo trophy to Helen Lester, BUS.

Third Place



Beecher Hudson, ARC-Louisville presented a third place KPTA Rodeo trophy to Lola Sweeney, RTEC.

Rodeo Participants



Bus Service to Connect Stanton and Winchester

A new shuttle service, called TransCity, will be a reliable form of public transportation for Powell and Clark

County residents. TransCity will offer set routes on a regular bus schedule connecting Stanton and Winchester. The service is open to anyone needing a ride between the two cities. The service began in October.

The service will run Monday through Friday.



TransCity bus route transported individuals to Nationals College of Business & Technology for training.

The Stanton-Winchester shuttle will cost \$3 one-way per person. A package of 10 trips costs \$25. The route will start in Stanton and have several pick up and drop off points in Powell County before traveling to Winchester. The route will include stops at various factories and locations in Winchester before returning to Stanton. The shuttle will make several runs a day stopping at various locations in both cities to best serve the community.

Kentucky River Foothills is hoping to get people to work on time in Stanton and Winchester and this will help to meet everyone's need. As the area grows it's more important than ever to build the infrastructure for public transportation.

Foothills was awarded a Federal Job Access Grant last year in the amount of \$470,000 to purchase vehicles to start a new city to city shuttle service. In June, Foothills received federal grant of \$207,520 to help provide the shuttle service. The money will be used to replace vans and buses in the existing fleet that have excessive mileage and are in need of repair. Currently the shuttle service consists of four 15-passenger vans.

Partners for Public Transportation awarded grant

Partners for Public Transportation received a \$5,000 grant from the American Public Transportation Association (APTA). APTA's local Transit Coalition grants are intended to raise awareness of transit issues and build support for reauthorizing the federal Transportation Equity ACT (TEA-21) in 2003. With the passage of TEA-21 in 1997, Congress substantially increased federal investment in transportation.

Key successes include:

✓ \$171 billion for highways and bridges, an increase of more than 40 percent over the previous six years.

✓ \$41 billion for public transit, an increase of more than 30 percent over the previous six years.

KPTA encourages all members to join Partners for Public Transportation. There is no fee required, just fill out the registration and join in and support public transportation.

2001 KPTA Golf Tournament



2001 KPTA Golf Tournament winning team included from left to right: Ed Brady (American Red Cross WHEELS Lexington), Bob Busch (Community Action Council Lexington-Fayette County), John Walsh (National Bus) and presented by Jim Seibert (TANK).

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Thought for the Day

*Even if your're on the
right track,
you'll get run over if you
just sit there.*

-Will Rogers

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