

# KPTA/KYTC Conference August 15-19 at the Hyatt in Lexington

The 2005 KPTA Conference will be held in Lexington, August 15-19.

The Hyatt Regency has been chosen as the host hotel. The vendor expo will be held adjacent to the hotel at the convention center.

Preliminary arrangements include the KPTA Rodeo written test and road course on Monday, August 15, 2005 at the Cox Street parking lot next to the Convention Center. Also, classes on accident prevention/

evacuation and sensitivity training will be conducted in the afternoon.

Training classes and speakers have been scheduled for August 16-19, 2005. These sessions include: Acting Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert, drug and alcohol, safety issues, officials from the Federal Transit Administration, National Transit Institute, CTAA, AARP, Kentucky Operation Lifesaver, new regulations on wheelchair lifts, Wilbur Smith Associates, TANK, Ollie

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## Federal Medicaid review exceptional

The final compliance report for Kentucky's Non-Emergency Transportation Program by Federal Medicaid officials was completed on March 31, 2005.

The mandatory compliance review is the principal mechanism for monitoring freedom of choice waiver programs and consists of the following elements: Element A – Access to Care and Quality of Services; Element B – Impact of the Program; and Element C – Cost Effectiveness.

During the compliance review the Federal Medicaid officials (Rosario Gilbert and Maria Donatto) visited two Human Service Transportation Brokers in Kentucky. The brokers visited during the review were Bluegrass Community Action Partnership, Region 8 and Federated Transportation Services of the Bluegrass, Region 10. These brokers visited during the on-site review maintain a sophisticated mapping system to identify ambulatory users that had easy access to public transportation, and are going to a destination that is serviced by public transit. These recipients were given bus tickets, which lower the transportation cost and ensures the Federal/State funds are utilized in a cost efficient manner.

BUS uses Trapeze Software and FTSB uses RouteMatch Software (Both software companies are KPTA members). FTSB was the first

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## TARC receives CTAA award

In recognition of its innovative services for employers and employees, TARC was named the Urban Transportation System of the

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*Barry Barker, TARC Executive Director, receives the CTAA Urban Transportation System of the year in St. Louis.*

## *From the Desk of the President*

Dear KPTA Members:

Summer is here and it appears that we'll be in for a hot summer with the way June has started.

The KPTA Conference will be here before we know it and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to our 25th year celebration. This is also my 25th year in transit and I have enjoyed every year. Please bring as many staff to the conference as possible so that our 25th year celebration will be a memorable one.



Call Sue Jeffers (BUS) and volunteer to be a rodeo judge. We need at least 35 people to volunteer to be judges.

Congratulation to Barry Barker and all his TARC team members. TARC was named the Urban Transportation System of the year by the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA). The award was presented in May at the annual CTAA Conference and Expo in St. Louis, Missouri.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our bi-annual conference in August.

Thank you for your on going support of KPTA, as always.

Sincerely,  
Beecher Hudson  
KPTA President  
Director of WHEELS Transportation Louisville Red Cross

## TARC receives. . . . .

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year from the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) in St. Louis. CTAA is a non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C. that is dedicated to providing mobility for all Americans. TARC was recognized for its job access services including:

- The Night Owl, a service designed to get people to work during overnight hours, transports about 85 passengers a night throughout Jefferson County between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.
- Suburban/Urban employment connector routes that allow TARC to link four low-income

neighborhoods with employment sites throughout the region.

- Service to, and circulator service within, the Bluegrass Industrial Park, the nation's fifth largest with over 34,000 workers. Additionally, TARC offers customized bus service to those who are interviewing for jobs in Bluegrass.
- Expanded ADA service, with more than 5,000 trips outside the 3/4-mile limits required by the Americans with Disabilities Act for people with disabilities going to work.

## KPTA unveils their new website

The Kentucky Public Transit Association is delighted to announce their new website is operational. The website address is

<http://www.kypublictransit.org>.

KPTA would like to thank Shirley Cummins with RTEC for all her hours of work implementing the site. Also, Nina Wafoort with TARC assisted Cummins with information for the website.

Check the website for updated conference information and KPTA activities.

**Rodeo Judges  
needed for  
KPTA Rodeo Competition  
on August 15**

## National Toxicology D & A training



Dr. Howard Taylor with National Toxicology Specialist provided Drug and Alcohol Training at the American Red Cross in Lexington to transit providers across the state of Kentucky.



Transit providers and the Office of Transportation Delivery Staff (l-r: Susan Perkins, Paula Cissell and Kristi Broyles with OTD and Ruschell Fatty with American Red Cross Wheels- Lexington) listen to Dr. Howard Taylor's presentation on Drugs and Alcohol.

Dr. Howard Taylor with National Toxicology Specialist provided an informative and entertaining presentation on drug and alcohol reasonable suspicion to transit providers from across the state on May 11, 2005 at the American Red Cross in Lexington. Forty-one participants came from 17 transit agencies from Pikeville to Paducah and three individuals from the Office of Transportation Delivery.

## Kentucky Lifesavers Conference

*Transit Systems from across the state of Kentucky attended the Kentucky Lifesavers Conference April 25-27 at the Marriott Louisville Downtown.*



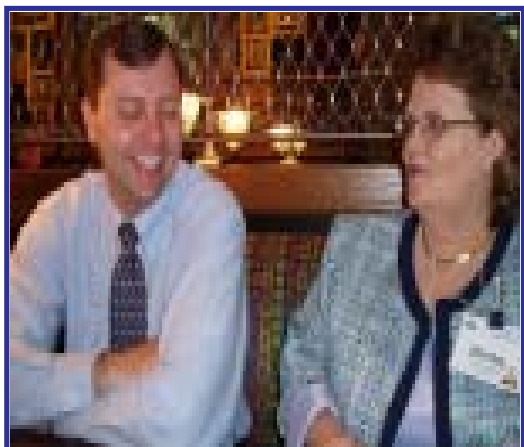
Acting Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert speaking during the conference.



Deputy Transportation Secretary Jim Adams was a guest speaker.



Sue Jeffers (BUS) checks out Gary Kitchen's (PATS) Bus Simulator display.



Dale Shelton and Shirley Cummins (RTEC) during lunch at the Lifesavers Conference.



Gayle Lawson (Community Volunteer), Ellen Conners (Chair of the National Transportation Safety Board) and Sue Jeffers.



Jodi Alford and Ronnie Thomas (TACK) during sessions of the Kentucky Lifesavers Conference.



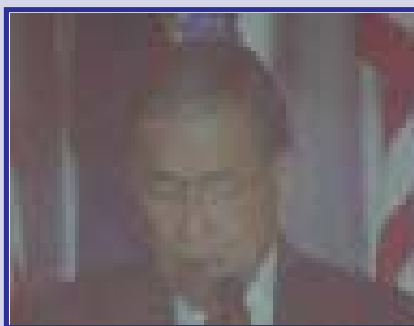
Shirley Lewis (CVADD)

***KPTA members attending the conference: TACK, Green River ADD, Daniel Boone Development Council, Sandy Valley Transportation Services, RTEC, Wilbur Smith Associates, Murray-Calloway Transit, BUS, PACS, Cumberland Valley ADD, FIVCO ADD, FTSB, Maysville Transit, LKLP, Purchase ADD, Barren River ADD and PATS.***

# Mineta Reveals the Human Service Transportation Coordination Initiative at CTAA Expo

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta was the keynote speaker at the Community Transportation Association of America EXPO in St. Louis where he announced the White House report on Human Service Transportation Coordination on May 24. The federal United We Ride initiative was designed to ease the coordination of federally funded transportation programs for person with disabilities, lower-income families and older individuals.

There are five key recommendations in the report, which he outlined.



*U.S. Sec. Transportation Norman Mineta*

- ◆ Coordinated Transportation Planning - having grantees of the various federal programs sit down together and collectively plan how to address community human service transportation needs.

- ◆ Vehicle sharing - making it easier to use the same vehicles for more than one federally supported transportation program, in order to reduce duplicative services and make more productive use of vehicles and drivers.

- ◆ Encourage sharing of resources and services for transportation by developing standard cost allocation procedures for federal agencies to use.

- ◆ Allow communities to test new approaches that consolidate resources, the report recommends a new demonstration program where the various federal funding streams could be used to set up a single transportation system.

- ◆ Concerns developing a method to track and evaluate the progress of our coordination efforts. The report is available on our website, [www.unitedweride.gov](http://www.unitedweride.gov), and copies also are available in the back of the room.

President Bush has a deep commitment to tearing down barriers and providing every American the opportunity to live a full and independent life. So his executive order says, in effect, that all of the federal agencies involved must work together to ensure that transportation

services are seamless, comprehensive, and accessible.

Effective service delivery, whether it is transportation or health care, is all about coordination and working outside of the silos to

make sure that people are getting the help that they need. But, unfortunately, these transportation options come with a myriad of eligibility requirements, destination requirements, and billing requirements that vary by program - in other words, complexities that create barriers to their use.

For many in America, transportation is the missing link that keeps them from participating in the most basic of life activities

that many of us so often take for granted. And because you have focused your energies and your talents on tearing down the barriers and bridging the divides, we are collectively addressing the tangled web of transportation service programs and connecting people to services, to jobs, to families, and to opportunities.

There are literally hundreds of programs that offer transportation services - including 62 federal programs. The executive order required 11 federal departments to work together to enhance transportation access, minimize duplication of federal services, and facilitate the most appropriate, cost-effective transportation for older adults persons with disabilities, and low-income people. The participating departments include the federal Departments of Transportation, Health and Human Services, Labor, Education, Interior, Housing and Urban Development, Agriculture, and veterans Affairs; the commissioner of the Social Security Administration; the attorney general; and the chairperson of the National Council on Disability. Together, they formed the new Interagency Transportation Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility, chaired by Mineta.

*Portions taken from released information from the U.S. Department of Transportation.*

## Vendors registered for KPTA Expo at press time

| Vendor  | Product  | Sponsorship   |
|---|--|---|
| *First Transit  | Transit Management Co.   | Wed Expo & Lunch  |
| *Gillig Corporation                                   | Bus Builder  | Tues. Opening Dinner                                      |
| *Ilderton Conversion                                  | Van Conversion   | Tues. Hospitality Room                                    |
| *National Bus Sales                                   | Bus Sales  | Mon. Rodeo  |
| *Q-Straint  | Wheelchair Securement  | Tue. Opening Reception                                    |
| *RouteMatch Software                                  | Transit Software   | Wed. Expo & Lunch   |
| *Altro Transflor                                      | Flooring for Transit   |   |
| *American Seating                                     | Transit Seating  |   |
| *Freedman Seating                                     | Transit Seating  |   |
| *Mentor Engineering Inc.                              | Fixed mount window CE mobile Computers, AVL/GPS & telematic data collection device |   |
| *Paducah Area Transit System                          | Training Simulators  |   |
| *Shepard Bro.   | Buses  |   |
| *The C.E. White Co.                                   | Transit Seating  |   |
| *Transmatic, Inc.                                     | Lighting, Overhead Storage, Interior   |   |
| *Trapeze Group  | Transportation Software  |   |
| *USSC Group, Inc.                                     | Drive & Passenger Seating  |   |
| <i>* Displaying their products at the vendor show</i> |  |   |
| Wilbur Smith Associates                               | Consultants  | Tues. Opening Night Reception & Bags for all participants |

**2005 KPTA/KYTC Conference**

**Vendor Expo**

**August 17, 2005**

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## 2005 CTAA Conference in St. Louis



Bruce Brown and Mike Jackson (LKLP) at a CTAA dinner.



Daniele Milholland (FTSB) and Kay Brooks (Frankfort Transit)



Paula Cissell and Kalem Juett, (OTD), Pam Whitter (HART) and Jennifer Wedding (GRADD) sing "HAPPY TRAILS" at the closing ceremony of CTAA Conference.



Paula Cissell and Kalem Juett with the Office of Transportation Delivery on the CTAA Expo floor in St. Louis.



Kay Brooks (Frankfort Transit), Louis Lindsay (OTS) and Pam Whitter (HART) before the CTAA dinner.

*Kentucky Transit  
Providers attend activities at  
the 2005 CTAA Conference  
in St. Louis*

# Panel Discusses components of "United We Ride" Campaign

Representatives of the federal government's "United We Ride" campaign, which brings together the 62 different federal programs that provide transportation to seniors and persons with disabilities, described their duties during a March 7 General Forum at the APTA Legislative Conference in Washington.

Panelists included Bryna L. Helfer, program manager, human service transportation, Office of Program Management, Federal Transit Administration; Maria Flynn, administrator, Office of Policy Development and Research, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor; Mary A. Leary, policy analyst, Center for planning and Policy Development, Administration on Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Jennifer Sheehy Keller, acting deputy director, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research; and APTA consultant Tom Howarth; J. Barry Barker, chair of the APTA Legislative Transportation Coordination Subcommittee and executive director of the Transit Authority of River City in Louisville, Ky., presided at the session.

Barker explained that United We Ride had its genesis in an Executive Order issued by President Bush in February 2004. The order established the interagency Transportation Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility, which represents 11 federal departments.

Helfer offered an overview of United We Ride's efforts, noting the initiative's six overarching goals and work groups; education and outreach; consolidated access; regulatory barriers; coordinated planning; cost allocation; and useful practices. She cited the web site <[www.UnitedWeRide.gov](http://www.UnitedWeRide.gov)> as a one-stop

information resource on all federal programs funding human service transportation.

Flynn described how the programs covered by United We Ride "serve just about everyone," with specific programs targeted to the needs of the economically disadvantaged and older workers. She also looked forward to reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, which she said will fund the majority of these programs.

Leary talked about "creating synergy" between U.S. Dot and HHS, comparing the growth of 511 transportation information telephone systems throughout the U.S. to the human services community's backing of 211 as an easy-to-remember phone number connecting to community services and volunteer opportunities. She also pointed out the importance of ensuring transportation access for older adults, saying, "It's critical to allow people to control their destiny, and it's not just the right thing to do, it's also good for business."

Keller emphasized the connection between available transportation and independent living situations for persons with disabilities: "Do you want to hire a person with a disability? Work for reliable transit." She also noted that her agency is working with partners including Project ACTION to bring travel training into schools.

Howarth called the current emphasis on coordination "the dawn of something new," noting that Congress has discussed the issue casually on and off for years. "My job," he said, "is to convert policy, leading to changed behaviors at the state and local levels by changing the law. I haven't faced a lot of resistance."

*Taken from Passenger Transport., March 21, 2005, Vol. 63, No. 12.*



# Malone named new TANK General Manager

"TANK would like to welcome Dave Malone as General Manager. Dave has been with TANK for nearly two months. He looks forward to becoming involved with KPTA and meeting everyone at the conference in August.

Dave is an attorney by trade. The bulk of his career was with a firm that specialized in public sector finance working with cities, counties, school districts and other non-profit organizations to help them finance capital projects. He has always been involved in the community and is



**Dave Malone**

excited that his new position at TANK will allow him to continue to be involved with an organization that provides a great benefit to the community."

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RouteMatch client in Kentucky to use the fixed route module to schedule individuals on fixed route buses. They have a mapping system; which includes all bus routes in Lexington with each bus stop on the route. All recipients who call for transportation have their address GEO coded and that address will show all available bus stops in their area. A half-mile radius circles each bus stop for state approved walking distance.

BUS's system is producing manifests and will be soon be installing mobile data terminals with an AVL system for a seamless paperless system.

BUS and FTSB's systems have produced perfect encounter data multiple times with prompt billing to subcontractors and OTD.

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Barber and the Office of Transportation Delivery to name a few.

The 2005 Vendor Show will be held again in the convention center. This will ensure all vendors will be together inside during the expo. Vendors have already reserved space in anticipation of the event. *(See page 6 for the listing of registered vendors).* Vehicles and other exhibits will be in the same location. Lunch will be served on the trade show floor with prize drawings.

If you know of any vendors you would like to see at the conference call Pam Shepherd at 859-233-0066 or email [pshepherd@ftsb.org](mailto:pshepherd@ftsb.org).

Other special events include the KPTA Golf outing, tour of Shakertown, and the Big night out will consist of dinner with a murder mystery.

Check out the KPTA's website ([kypublictransit.org](http://kypublictransit.org)) for additional conference information.

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25th Anniversary Celebration**

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## Thought for the Day

Never expect life to be fair.  
Life isn't fair.

You make your own  
breaks.

You'll be doing good if the  
only meaning fair has to  
you, is something that you  
pay when you get on a bus  
(i.e., fare).

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