

# KPTA

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# NEWSLETTER

## 1999 KPTA\KyTC Conference

### *Moving Kentucky into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

The 1999 KPTA\KyTC Conference will be held in Paducah on September 14-16, 1999 at the Executive Inn.

The annual golf tournament will be on September 14 with the opening reception and dinner at the Executive Inn that evening. Activities are being planned for individuals who are not interested in the golf tournament. Tours are being planned in the Paducah area.

Many sessions will be available including concurrent sessions with a variety of topics.

The Executive Inn is going to block off 150 guestrooms so make

sure you make your reservations early.

The conference will have excellent space for 30-40 vendors to display their products. Also, 60 parking spaces in the hotel for transit vehicles. Watch for additional information in the KPTA Newsletter



Margaret Plattner, Executive Director for the Office of Transportation Delivery, speaks at a KPTA meeting in Lexington at the Radison Hotel.

## Reed Retires from KyTC after 38 years of service

Dallous Reed retired from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) after 38 years in state government.

He was an engineer for KyTC. Reed has been involved in public

transit since 1986.

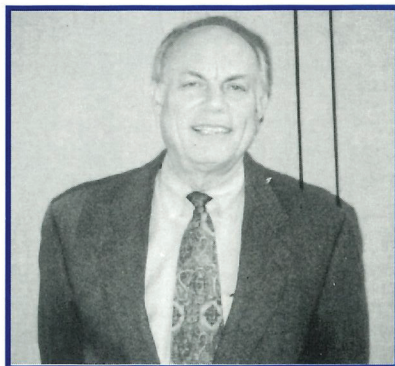
Reed will now devote time to himself, his five grandchildren and Southland Christian Church.

Reed spoke with Pam Shepherd, Executive Director of FTSB, before retiring and wanted to express how he would miss everyone he has come in contact with over the years.

He said the current staff at KyTC is the greatest people he has ever worked with and performs such an excellent job. These individuals care tremendously about public transportation and Human Service Transportation Delivery.

The transit providers are outstanding individuals and talented in the services they provide.

Reed said KyTC staff is very dedicated and will continue to provide excellent service to everyone.



Dallous Reed

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# Empower Kentucky Regions

REG.	TRANSPORTATION BROKER	TANF Start Date	Medicaid Start Date
1	Paducah Area Transit Gary Kitchin	6/1/99 1-502-4448559 or 877-828-7287	6/1/99
2	Pennyrile Allied Community Services, Inc. Twana Johnson or Judy Peterson	Operating Both 1-502-886-6341 or 800-467-4601	
3	Audubon Area Community Service, Inc. (GRITS) Buddy Fuqua	Operating Both 1-502-686-1619 or 800-999-4746	
4	Transportation Management System R.T. Ford	Operating 7/1/99 1-502-230-1234 or 888-397-8747	
5	Region 5 LLC Steve Miller	Operating 6/1/99 1-502-842-1643 or 800-599-8616	
6	Yellow Transportation Management Paul Powell or Jeri Green	7/1/99 1-800-483-8772	7/1/99
7	Louisville American Red Cross Beecher Hudson	6/1/99 1-502-561-3223 or 800-748-3611	7/1/99
8	Bluegrass Community Action Agency (BUS) Sue Jeffers	Operating Both (Except Washington Co.) 1-502-695-4290 or 800-456-6588	
9	Region 9 Transportation, LLC Carl Ward or Jim Weeks	Operating Both (Except Carroll Co.) 1-606-261-9998 or 888-466-9998	
10	Federated Transportation Services of the Bluegrass, Inc. (FTSB) Pam Shepherd	Operating Both 1-606-258-2722 or 888-848-0989	
11	Kentucky River Foothills Valerie Clem or Jodi Brandenburg	Operating Both 1-606-624-3236 or 800-221-3883	
12	Rural Transit Enterprise Coordinated, Inc. (RTEC) Shirley Cummins	Operating Both 1-606-256-9835 or 800-321-7832	
13	LKLP Community Action Council, Inc. Mike Jackson or Johnnie Davidson	Operating Both 1-606-439-1362 or 800-245-2826	
14	Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. Greg Hamlin or David Call	Operating Both 1-606-886-1936 or 800-444-7433	
15	Community Action Council Bob Busch	8/1/99	8/1/99
16	Licking Valley Community Action Janice Eubanks	Operating Both 1-606-849-9651 or 800-803-1310	



# Transit Ridership Climbs Again

## *Up 4.6 Percent in 1998*

Transit usage in the United States grew 4.6 percent in 1998, with 8.7 billion trips during the year compared with 8.3 billion trips the previous year. In the last three years, ridership is up collectively more than 12 percent.

"More than one thousand new trips on public transportation were added each day in 1998—a total of 400 million trips. High quality services and the strong economy have spurred more and more Americans to get on board public transportation," said APTA President William W. Millar. "More people riding public transportation means less congestion and a better quality of life for all Americans."

For the year, bus systems serving populations of less than 50,000 showed the largest ridership increase, 7.4 percent. Bus systems serving areas with populations of more than two million grew 5 percent.

Among rail systems, light rail led the way with a 6.3 percent increase, followed by 5.5 percent for heavy rail and 5.4 percent for commuter rail during 1998.

The year's increase was fueled by growth of 5.89 percent in the fourth quarter of 1998, compared with the same period in 1997. According to the survey conducted by APTA, light rail showed the largest quarterly increase, 9.84 percent, followed by 8.17 percent for heavy rail. Commuter rail showed a fourth-quarter increase of 5.81 percent, with bus systems serving populations of more than two million close behind at 5.79 percent.

Among light rail systems, Portland's Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation Authority of Oregon showed the largest fourth-quarter increase, 79.91 percent, followed by San Diego Trolley light rail, 24.95 percent; Maryland Mass Transit Administration light rail, 19.48 percent; and Dallas light rail, 11.37 percent. Most of the increases are being attributed to the opening of new extensions.

MTA New York City Transit led heavy rail systems with a 10.8 percent increase in the fourth quarter, followed by 8.94 percent in Atlanta and 7.75 percent for the Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corpora-

tion, serving New York and New Jersey.

Quarterly commuter rail ridership was paced by the Dallas system, 50.85 percent, followed by North San Diego County with 27.28 percent; Virginia Railway express with 15.58 percent; and Boston, 14.27 percent.

NYC Transit led the fourth-quarter increases among bus systems with populations of more than one million operating 400 peak-hour buses, with 11.9 percent. Other larger bus systems reporting sizable ridership increases were San Antonio, 11.8; Detroit DOT, 10.2 percent; Minneapolis, 8.9 percent; New Orleans, 8.8 percent; and Philadelphia, 7.5 percent.

For smaller bus systems, the following had quarterly increases exceeding 10 percent: Athens, Ga., 10 percent; Buffalo, N.Y., 32.6 percent; Canton, Ohio, 52.5 percent; Grand River, Ohio, 26.7 percent; Colorado Springs, Colo., 10.2 percent; Fort Worth, Texas, 17.8 percent; Gainesville, Fla., 67.2 percent; Grand Rapids, Mich., 11.6 percent; Hyannis, Mass., 11.3 percent; Kalamazoo, Mich., 37 percent; Kansas City, Mo., 10.8 percent; Lansing, Mich., 12.1 percent; Las Vegas, 12.7 percent; Longmont, Colo., 17.8 percent; Anoka County Transit in the Minneapolis area, 40.4 percent; Norfolk, Va., 11.1 percent; Norwalk, Conn., 14.4 percent; Orlando, Fla., 11.3 percent; Palm Springs, Calif., 10.6 percent; Phoenix Regional Public Transportation Authority, 13 Percent; San Bernardino, Calif., 20.7 percent; San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board, 16.8 percent; San Juan, P.R., 20.9 percent Springfield, Mo., 19.4 percent; State College, Pa., 11.8 percent; Tulsa, Okla., 11 percent; Visalia, Calif., 10.7 percent; Waco, Texas, 26.7 percent; Prince George's County in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, 31 percent; West Palm Beach, Fla., 28.8 percent; York, Pa., 13.7 percent; and Zanesville, Ohio, 22.3 percent.

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# Louisville American Red Cross WHEELS Driver Honored

On April 8, 1999 WHEELS Driver William Gibson was on his way to pickup his next medical passenger. As he was exiting from the Watterson Expressway on to Dixie Highway, he heard a loud noise.

The vehicle behind him was crashing into the guard rail. When it finally came to a stop, the car was on fire and the driver wasn't moving. William Gibson rushed to the burning car, pulled the driver from inside, and got him to safety on the WHEELS bus. He then watched over him until help could arrive.

The other driver lost control of his car when he had a diabetic reaction. According to the Shively Police Officer who responded to the accident, "the driver was really out of it and would have burned to death had Gibson not helped." For his heroic action, the week of

April 18<sup>th</sup> was designated William Gibson Week in Shively, Kentucky.

The American Red Cross WHEELS Program joins the city of Shively and the family of the other driver in recognizing the selfless act of Mr. Gibson. He is a true hero and a shining example of the dedication to others which symbolizes the best of the American Red Cross. We at WHEELS are proud to be working with him.

## PATS shuttles visitors to the Quilt Festival

This year Paducah Area Transit System (PATS) transported 24,998 passengers in four days from April 21-25. Each year Paducah is invaded with over 35,000 people each day.

PATS does not have enough vehicles to accommodate all the individuals requests. PATS leased two buses from TARC.

Gary Kitchen, PATS Transportation Director, said having the quilters in Paducah is a lot of fun and everyone enjoys the festivities.

People come from all across the world to Paducah for four days of quilting activities.

### **Proclamation from the Mayor and City Council City of Shively**

Whereas . . . On April 8, 1999 a victim lost control of his vehicle and hit a guard rail due to a medical condition, with the vehicle catching fire. He was not able to escape, and

Whereas . . . The quick action of William Gibson Jr. resulted in the saving of the victims life, when he stepped in and pulled him from the burning car, and

Whereas . . . The City of Shively declares the week of April 18th through the 24th to be dedicated as

William Gibson Jr. Week in the City of Shively

Now Therefore, James P. Jenkins, do hereby proclaim the week of April 18th through the 24th to be William Gibson Jr. Week" and ask all citizens thereof to celebrate with us.

In witness hereof, I hereunto set my hand this 18th day of April, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Nine.

James P. Jenkins, Mayor

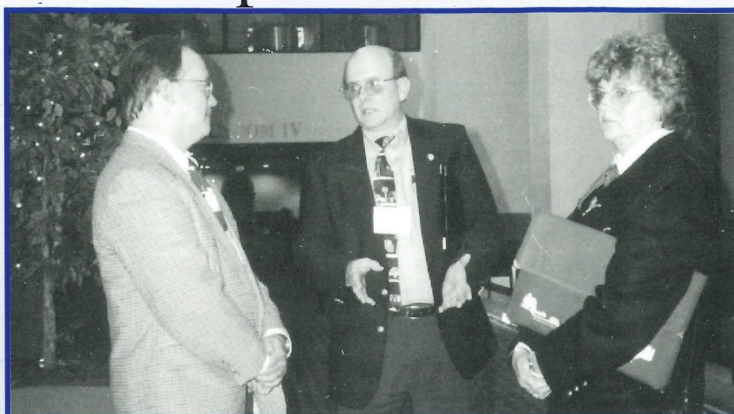
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Reserve Your Space for the  
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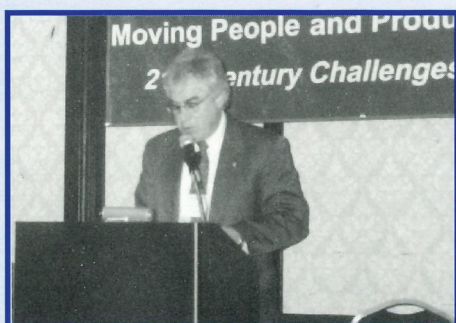
# Kentuckians for Better Transportation Conference



Jim Seibert (TANK), Jenny Williams (LexTran), Beecher Hudson (Louisville Red Cross Wheels) and Gary Kitchin (PATS)



Ed Brady (Lexington Wheels), Gary Kitchen (PATS) and Sue Jeffers (BUS)



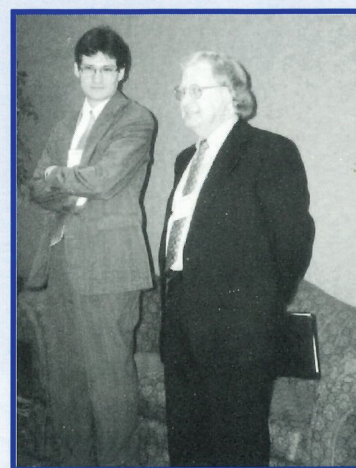
Barry Barker (TARC) spoke during KBT conference.



Beecher Hudson (Louisville Red Cross Wheels), Kim Adair and Gary Kitchin (PATS) and Valerie Clem (Kentucky River Foothills) Jim Seibert, Jenny Williams and Gary Kitchin



Kim Adair (PATS), Sheri Lumsden (FTSB), Valerie Clem (Kentucky River Foothills), Lois O'Keefe (CKCA), and Keirsten Jaggers (BRADD)



Mark Davis (Purchase ADD) and Bruce Duncan (Bluegrass ADD)

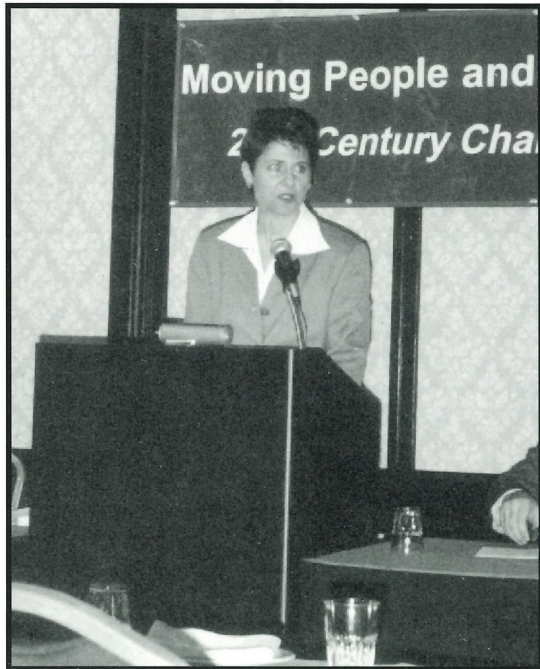


## **TANK Secures CMAQ Funding; Will Offer Clean Air Fare**

The Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK) has just been awarded a \$1 million grant to be spent on CMAQ (Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality) projects over the next two years. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet chose TANK as one of the recipients of CMAQ funding based on projects named during the application process.

The grant will fund projects as:

- ◆ a 50 cent "Clean Air Fare" for the months of June, July and August
- ◆ for TANK riders
- ◆ funding for experimental services
- ◆ expansion of the Southbank
- ◆ Shuttle service to include the morning rush hour
- ◆ funding for park & ride lot development



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- ◆ money to advertise and publicize all of these projects

For the first time, TANK will make a 50 cent "Summer Clean Air Fare" available to transit consumers in Northern Kentucky. Since summertime is when temperatures and ozone levels are at their highest, TANK wanted to offer commuters an unbeatable reason for many. Metro, the transit authority in southwest Ohio, has offered a summer Clean Air fare of 50 cents, with use of CMAQ funding, since 1995. During this period, Metro consistently saw an additional half million riders per year during the summer months.

In addition to a Clean Air Fare, funding will be used to experiment with new ways of moving people, such as circulator or demand-response services, over the next two years. TANK will also be looking at areas throughout the three counties where potential park & ride lots might be developed.

The expansion of the immensely popular Southbank Shuttle service, to include the morning rush-hour, will occur by June 1, 1999. Currently, the service operates seven days a week, beginning at 10 a.m. and assist commuters in getting to work.

"This is an exciting time for TANK," stated Mark Donaghy, TANK General Manager. "With the awarding of this grant, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has given us an opportunity to offer programs in the hopes of securing new passengers. We hope to turn people in our community on to the bargain of transit. Hopefully, people will TRY TANK, enjoy the experience and stick with us long after smog season is over."

Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality funds are used for projects that show measurable results in lowering the levels of smog in our area. Since automobiles are one of the highest sources for these smog-producing emissions, TANK is dedicated to reducing the number of single-occupant vehicles on the road, thereby reducing smog.



## Barker Succeeds Alexander as TCRP Dissemination Chair

J. Barry Barker, executive director of the Transit Authority of River City (TARC), has been appointed chair of the TCRP Dissemination Committee. He succeeds Joe Alexander, vice president and deputy management of government relations for Parson Transportation Group, who had overseen the committee since TCRP's inception in 1993.

Alexander played a crucial role as the original chair of the J-1 Panel, setting the standards for the research group's future. As a longtime board member and former chairman of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and 32-year member of the Fairfax County, Va., Board of Supervisors, he was cited for bringing a deep understanding of community transportation issues to the position.

"The contributions Joe has made over the years will impact the research dissemination process for years to come," said Lou Sanders, TCRP Dissemination Project director for APTA. "He took us through difficult times early on to the levels we have achieved today. We are very pleased to welcome J. Barry Barker to the helm and believe he will bring continued success to the committee initiatives into the twenty-first century."



The American Red Cross **WHEELS** Program is one of the most important services we offer our community. **WHEELS** has been assisting older and

disabled persons in need of transportation since 1976. **WHEELS** serves over 120,000 customers each year with transportation services to medical appointments, employment, Social Recreation trips, Shopping, Nutrition Educational, and Senior/Nutrition Centers. **WHEELS** serves a seven county area: Jefferson County, Oldham, Henry, Trimble, Bullitt, Shelby and Spencer counties. Special Thanks To: **WHEELS** volunteers and our loyal

customers. And also KIPDA, Tarc, City of Louisville, Jefferson County Government and the State Transportation Cabinet.

***KPTA Rodeo  
will be held at the  
Bashford Manor Mall  
in Louisville  
August 1999***

For more information about WHEELS

**561-3690**

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**Thought for the Day**

*Without change  
their can be  
no breakthroughs...  
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there can be  
no future.*

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