

KPTA NEWSLETTER

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T R A N S P O

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Kentucky Transportation Center, and the University of Kentucky have teamed up to present Transpo 1992 in Lexington, September 28-30. The purpose of this event is to gather governmental and transportation agencies and industries into one location to discuss the current and future role of each mode of transportation in the state.

The Division of Mass Transportation has agreed to reimburse the registration fee for one person per agency through RTAP for eligible agencies. If you are not sure if you are eligible for this reimbursement, please call you state contact; for information regarding TRANSPO call (606) 257-4519 or (800)432-0719 in Kentucky.

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From the President's Desk

by Sue Jeffers

Do not forget about TRANSPO, September 28-30, 1992. KPTA will have a booth in the exhibit hall (#206). Please, send any information you would like to share, volunteer to man the booth, or just drop by to visit. If you have any brochures or novelties for your system, please call Ned Sheehy at 606-233-0066 or me at 502-695-4290 as soon as possible.

KPTA is a sponsor of TRANSPO, so we hope to see you there.

DISASTER RELIEF FOR MIAMI HURRICANE VICTIMS. Hurricane Andrew ripped through southern Florida destroying over 80,000 homes and leaving 200,000 people homeless or living in ruins. The employees of the Metro-Dade Transit Agency in Miami were among those who suffered great losses. Over one-fourth of the agency's employees were particularly hard hit - 300 of them lost their homes completely and another 300 had a high percentage of their homes destroyed. APTA is asking its members (KPTA is an APTA member) to lend a hand to our fellow transit workers by collecting funds from employees to be sent to the employees of the Metro-Dade Transit Agency. If you and your organization can help out, send your check to TEAM (Transit Emergency Assistance Management), at the following address:

TEAM

Metro-Dade Transit Agency

P.O. Box 010791

Miami, Florida 33101-0791

The people of Metro-Dade Transit Agency would be most grateful for the generosity of their fellow transit employees.

LEXVAN TO GET EIGHT NEW VEHICLES

The Lexington Bluegrass Ridesharing (LexVan) which is a cooperative effort between the Lexington Transit Authority and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, received a grant for eight new 15 passenger vans from the FTA's Congestion Management and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ).

The vans as spec-ed, will utilize an off center aisle which affords an easier passage to the rear of the vehicle by taking the wheel well out of the path. The new vans will also have an improved air conditioning unit and diffuser system which uses the headliner as the duct allowing each passenger to have their own diffuser.

One of the vans will be equipped with a ramp and wheelchair tie downs. The use of a ramp will enable the van to provide ambulatory passenger service until wheelchair use is needed.

While on the topic of CMAQ, according to APTA, Brian Clymer, FTA Administrator, stated that the project eligibility criteria have been clarified to provide that replacement bus purchases are eligible for funding under the CMAQ program.

PUBLIC RELATIONS TIP

Send a list of your agency's best writers to editors of specialty departments of your local newspaper. Editors of specialty pages work closely with the news department and are looking for analyses or commentaries that zero in on breaking news stories.

This is a sound way to show readers of these publications that your organization has experts in key areas.

Source: Arthur Ciervo & Associates, 20 West Mt. Airy Road, Dillsburg, PA 17019.

What Training Is All About

When preparing to train people, set a goal that allows them to know what's expected of them and how to do it.

The primary goal is not a lot of training; it's a lot of learning for the least amount of money.

The goal of this learning is improved performance - never anything else.

The performance of individuals depends on what makes sense to them to do in specific situations.

What makes sense is based on:

- What workers know and know how to do.
- What they have the means to do.
- What they have the motivation to do.
- The quality of the feedback they get.

The only way to improve employee performance is to change one or more of these factors so that better performance is what makes sense to them.

Source: Smart Training, by Clay Carr, McGraw-Hill Inc. 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020

TRAIN-THE-TRAINER SCHEDULED FOR KENTUCKY

Reim Lazzaro will return to Kentucky to conduct a training session on how to be a good trainer. The class, entitled "Train-The-Trainer" will begin on Wednesday, October 21, and end on Friday, October 23, and will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott at 775 Newtown Court.

Twenty slots are available for this training and placement will be first come first served. If we encounter an inordinate number of registrants, a lottery system will be established within RTAP regions beginning with the region with the greatest number of registrants.

The American Public Works Association, FTA RTAP National Program and Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Division of Mass Transportation are underwriting the cost of the session and KPTA is sponsoring the event.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Trainers or those responsible for rural transit training
- Managers of rural transit systems
- Transit professionals wanting to improve their training skills

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- This workshop features FTA RTAP National Program's training package, Essential Skills for Trainers. You will learn the basic skills and techniques you need to conduct a dynamic training program.

The course covers:

- establishing a productive learning climate
- working with a group to make sure that training objectives are met and learning takes place
- presenting material with the best use of training aids and activities
- working with adult learners
- preparing and delivering effective training using RTAP training packages
- putting the skills you have learned to use by presenting part of a training package

WORKSHOP AGENDA:

Wednesday, October 21

- 12:00-1:15 Workshop kick-off lunch
- 1:15- 3:00 Introduction
 - Course Objectives
 - Training Materials
- 3:00- 5:00 An overview of the Transit Training Process

Thursday, October 22

- 8:00- 8:45 Continental Breakfast
- 8:45-12:00 Effective Training: What It's All About
 - Training Adults: What Works
 - Trainer Roles: Who you are and what you do
- 12:00-1:15 Lunch
- 1:15- 5:00 Training Activities and Materials: What You Should Know
 - Putting It All Together

Friday, October 23

- 8:00- 8:45 Continental Breakfast
- 8:45-11:30 Presentations of Training Module By Participants
- 11:30-12:00 Summary and Evaluation
- 12:00- Workshop closing lunch

For registrants who would need to travel more than 40 miles each way, accommodations will be paid for by KYTC. Breakfasts, lunches and breaks will be provided, however, dinner is on your own. The entrance fee for the training is \$25 and should be forwarded to FTSB following your conformation letter.

Keeneland's fall meet will be underway, and rooms have been held for the Friday night stay-over if any registrant is interested. Of course, all expenses after Friday morning will need to be out of pocket.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THIS WORKSHOP, CALL NED SHEEHY AT 606-233-0066 BEFORE MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

from the Division of Mass Transportation

ADA SELF-EVALUATION BY PUBLIC ENTITIES

The Americans with Disabilities Act contains a requirement for a "self-evaluation plan" to be prepared for public entities. Because this requirement has been extensively discussed or publicized, a reminder is made to "public entities" of the requirements. This plan is not required of non-profit agencies and is in addition to the ADA plan requirement for transportation. Contracts made with the disabled community in the development of ADA Paratransit Plans should be helpful since an opportunity must be provided to "interested persons, including individuals with disabilities, to participate in the self-evaluation process by submitting comments." Their input would be beneficial in helping with the process.

The self-evaluation is intended to help public agencies determine which programs and activities, if any, are discriminatory, and then make the necessary modifications to make them accessible. This has been a requirement under Section 504 for federal fund recipients. Only programs/activities not included in the 504 self-evaluation would need to be included in the ADA self-evaluation. Many agencies, however, may use this opportunity to reexamine all of their programs/activities. This plan does not have to be submitted to any agency, but must be made available for public inspection by January 1993 (available for three years for public entities that employ 50 or more people). **The final rule covering Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Governments, 28 CFR part 35**, contains the requirements for these plans. A copy of this final rule may be obtained from the DMT upon request.

We also note that if structural changes have been deemed necessary to achieve program accessibility that such changes must be made by January 26, 1995. For public agencies that employ 50 or more persons, a transition plan detailing the necessary steps to achieve compliance should have been developed by July 26, 1992. Again, interested parties should have been given the opportunity to participate in the development of this plan, and a copy should be available for public inspection. Requirements for the transition plan are also detailed in the Final Rule.

KPTA RURAL OPERATORS ROUNDTABLE

by Shirley Cummins

The newly formed Rural Operator Committee is organized under the guidance of KPTA. The Committee represents various transit related backgrounds from rural areas of Kentucky.

Ned Sheehy, Executive Director of Federated Transportation Services of the Bluegrass, Inc. (FTSB) is Chairman of the Committee, appointed by the KPTA Board of Directors. Other members of the Committee are Paula Kirchbaum, from Central Kentucky Community Action, Ray Young from Maysville Transit, Ned Colcord from Barren River Local Officials Organization, Pat Puckett from Fulton County Transit, and me, Shirley Cummins from RTEC.

The Committee met for the first time on August 27, 1992 at the RTEC Conference Room in Mt. Vernon, to devise the structure of the Committee and set the stage for the first KPTA rural operators roundtable.

The first roundtable meeting will be held in October.

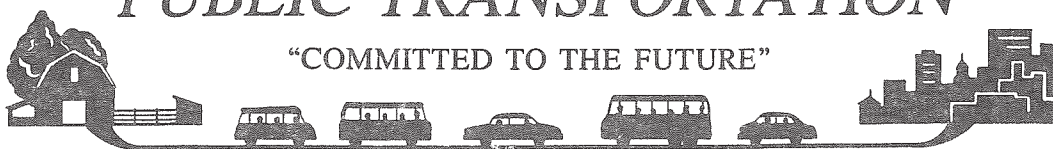
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THE BANNER DESIGN FOR THE KPTA BOOTH

FUEL CONSERVATION ~ POLLUTION CONTROL ~ TRAFFIC REDUCTION

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

"COMMITTED TO THE FUTURE"



TRANSIT SYSTEM SPOTLIGHT

FULTON COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

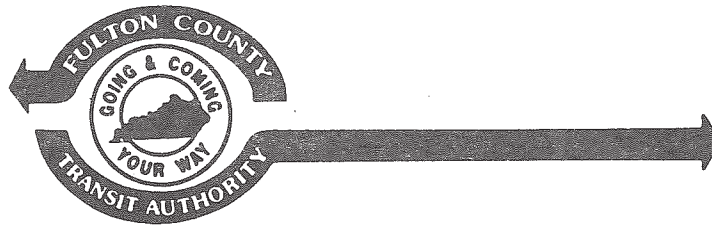
Fulton County, the most western county in the Commonwealth, saw the need for a transit system in 1985. With the help of local officials from both Kentucky and Tennessee and funding from the Division of Mass Transportation, Fulton County Transit opened its doors for service in August of 1985.

Originally FCTA operated out of a signal office in the back of a local clinic. In March of 1992, FCTA moved its operation to a six room office in downtown Fulton.

Fulton County Transit Authority has been recognized by the Division of Mass Transportation on two separate occasions, once in 1987 for the greatest increase in ridership and in 1991 for the "Outstanding Grantee" in the western part of the state.

SYSTEM IN BRIEF:

Logo



The FCTA logo was designed by Andrea Lynch of Fulton, who entered it into a contest in 1985. Lynch was in the sixth grade at the time of the contest.

Service area - Fulton, Graves and Hickman Counties in Kentucky.

Fleet size - FCTA operates 10 vehicles ranging in size from 15 passenger raised roof vans to minivans.

Service provided - FCTA:

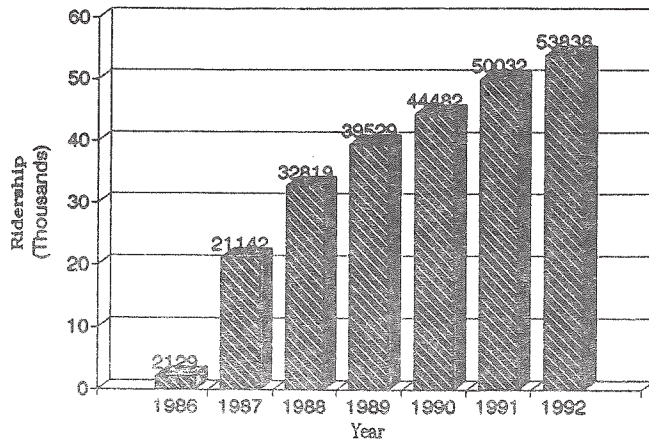
- operates a Section 18 program which provides demand response transportation to the general public.
- specializes in transporting individuals with disabilities.
- provides connection service for the Amtrak station in Fulton twice daily.

Management: Authority Chair - Kay Martin, Director for the Fulton Chamber of Commerce.
 Transit Manager - Pat Puckett
 Transit Coordinator - Joann Gargus

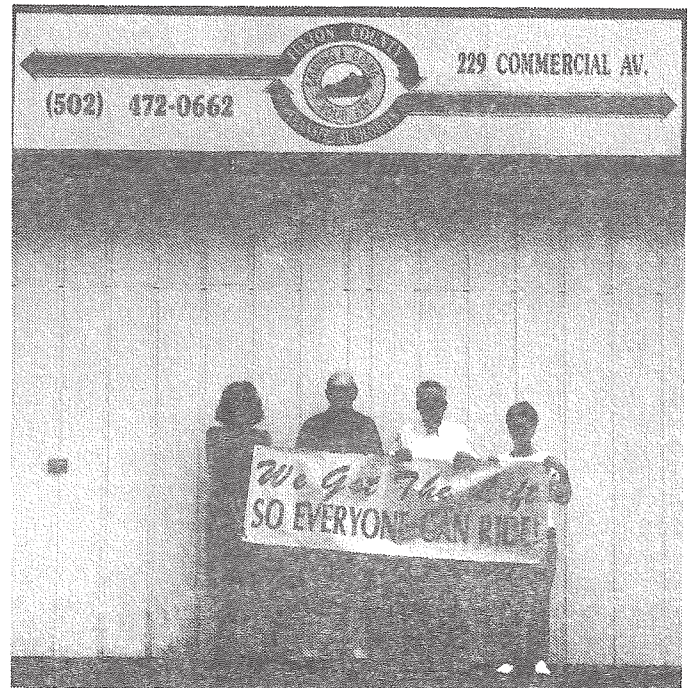
Long Range Goals: Pat Puckett stated that FCTA would like to be able to provide the entire Fulton County area with transportation at low rates to enhance service.

Annual ridership - FY 1992 figures are 53,830 total passengers of which 45,000+ were demand response.

Fulton County Transit Authority Annual Ridership 1986 - 1992



GRAPH INDICATING RIDERSHIP INCREASES FOR FCTA SINCE ITS INCEPTION



Some of FCTA's staff holding up banner that will be used in the International Banana Festival Parade.

Like-kind Vehicle Exchange (LKX)

FTA Administrator, Brian Clymer, announced that FTA grantees who remove a federally funded transit vehicle from service before it reaches the end of its minimum useful life are no longer required to remit to the federal government the un-depreciated federal interest in that vehicle in cash. The money may be retained so long as it is re-invested in a like-kind vehicle.

Source: Passenger Transport, September 7, 1992. Federal Register site date is August 28, 1992.

InfoBrief Series

As a part of the Federal Transit Administration's RTAP program, a series of InfoBriefs are being produced to provide information to transit professionals on legislative and regulatory developments.

The initial brief is entitled "Statewide Transportation Planning and Transit Funding" and focuses on transit planning requirements at the state and local levels as well as flexible funding opportunities established under ISTEA.

To obtain a copy of this InfoBrief, please contact FTSB at 606-233-0066 for free copies or the RTAP hotline 800-527-8279 for copies at \$2.00 each.

KPTA ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED

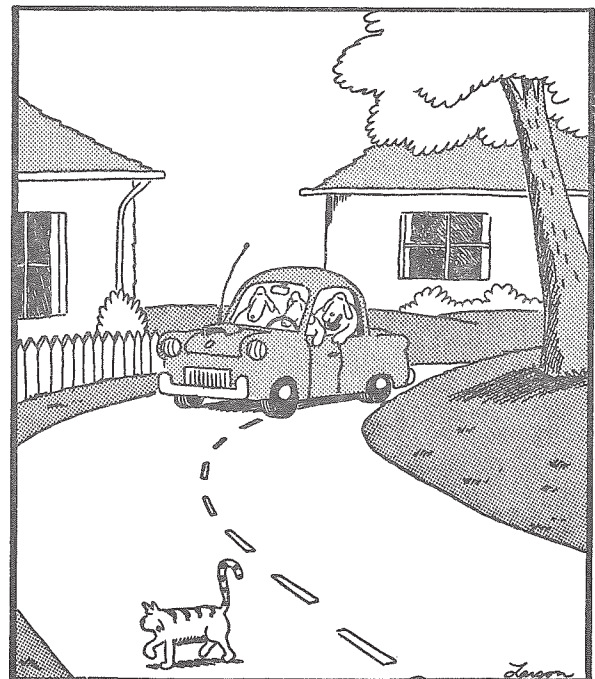
The KPTA annual meeting will be held during Transpo this year. The meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. (the agenda says 2:00) on Wednesday, September 30, in the Chicago Room at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington. All KPTA members and associates as well as the public are invited to attend.

FTSB will hold an open house at its new location, 1460 Newtown Pike Suite J, in Lexington on the morning of Wednesday, September 30, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. All KPTA members and associates are welcome.

Think About It..

"A BILLION DOLLARS,
AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO
BE."

-Nelson Bunker Hunt



"Rusty! Two points!"

Source: 1991 Far Side Calendar

WE WILL SEE YOU AT TRANSP0!!!