

Minnesota Public Transit Conference

October 14-16, 2024

Mayo Civic Center, Mankato, Minnesota

Monday, October 14, 2024

8:00 AM Registration Opens

10:00 AM- 12:00 Noon Training Session I – **Mobility Coordination and Dynamic Transportation Options**

Alan Herrmann, SmartLink
Beverly Sidlo Tolliver, Arrowhead RDC
Caroline Miller, OTAT

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Training Session II – **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion** session led by **Seema Pothini** of Equity Elephant Consulting.

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM CEO Summit

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM MPTA Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Welcome Reception

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

7:30 AM Registration Opens

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM General Session – Welcome by **Najwa Massad**, Mayor of Mankato

Keynote Speaker: **Marianne Renner**

From Chaos to Clarity How to be your best when things are at their worst

In a world of increasing chaos, uncertainty, and constant change, it's hard to feel like you're moving the needle forward. How do you show up and bring your very best even during the most trying times? This presentation will help you gain greater self-awareness and provide tools to lead yourself well so you can, in turn, lead others. You'll be inspired to think differently about how you work, live and lead.

10:00 am to 11:00 AM Break in Expo Hall

11:00 am to 12:00 Noon **Breakout Sessions**

Vehicle Maintenance

Leadership: Change the Direction of Your Connection:
How to connect and communicate with influence and impact
Marianne Renner

No and Low Emission Vehicles – **Sean Upshaw**, MnDOT

Working with Boards and Advisory Committees
Abbey Guggisberg, U of M Extension Service

12:00 Noon to 2:30 PM

Lunch In Expo Hall

2:30 to 4:30 PM

Tours of Mankato

6:00 PM

Industry Celebration Reception

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

7:30 AM

Registration Opens

8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

General Session – **Federal Transit Funding and Latest News**
Kelley Brookins, FTA
Benji Schwartz, APTA
Loreal Lance, CTAA

9:45 AM to 10:45 AM

Breakout Sessions

De-escalation Strategies – **Adam Wellen, TSA**
Jeff Whelan, TSA

Marketing for Transit –
Jill Brown, Jill Brown Consulting
Joya Stetson, MVTA

Federal Funding Opportunities – **Loreal Lance, CTAA, Staff, FTA**

Human Resources – What You Need to Know –
Maria Mancilla-Diaz, SouthWest Transit

11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Breakout Sessions

Transit Association Updates – What we can learn from other states
Carl Lingen, Iowa Public Transit Association

New Transit Technology – Autonomous Vehicles and More
Erik Hansen, SouthWest Transit

Mobility-As-A-Service Project - **Elliott McFadden, OTAT**
Raphael Barcham, Cambridge Systematics
Asst Professor Alireza Khani, UMN

Communicating the Role of Transit in the Community

Paige Schuette, TRUE Transit
Dan Pfeiffer, Zan Associates

12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

Lunch with Keynote Speakers –

OTAT and Met Council Update
Sarah Ghandour, OTAT