



Public Transportation Division

Public Transportation Leaders Recognized at NCPTA Conference

Several PTD staff members and public transportation system managers received awards at the NCPTA Conference in Concord on June 14, 2016.

Governor's Award

Kerr Area Transit Authority Executive Director Robert J. Brink, Jr. received the Governor's Public Transportation Award from the Public Transportation Division for his contribution to improving public transportation services in North Carolina. Award criteria includes commitment, leadership, innovation and perseverance in the face of adverse working conditions.



Secretary's Award

Tammy Montanez, PTD Deputy Director, received the Secretary's Award from the North Carolina Public Transportation Association. The award recognizes exceptional leadership in individuals who have made significant contributions to public transportation in North Carolina.

Public Transportation Retirements

PTD also recognizes the services of several public transportation system managers from across the state and congratulates them on their retirement. We also celebrate one of our staff member's retirement.

- Steve Moore (Duplin County; 13 years)
- Grace A. Rettig (Scotland County; 15 years)
- Thomas J. Cook (ITRE; 19 years)
- Becky Smith (Clay County; 20 years)
- Tamra H. Shaw (NCDOT; 30 years)
- Gwen Hinson (Stanly County; 30 years)

They have served the people of North Carolina faithfully and made significant strides in providing quality, reliable public transportation to the state.





PTD Activities Underway

What's New?

July 2016 Activities

Training:

- 2 CFR 200 Training
- Lean Six Sigma – Yellow Belt
- SharePoint
- Excel
- Legacy Leadership

Meetings Attended:

- Meetings with MPOs and systems on new five-year budget expectations

Upcoming:

- Transit Operations Planning
- PTD Annual Meeting – Sept. 13
- TRB Paratransit and Intercity Bus Conference – Asheville Oct. 2-5

PTD Success Plan Posted

The Plan is available [here online](#) under featured documents.

- A **new calendar** of deadlines has been developed and shared with the systems. It includes our FY17 expectations about timely submissions for both reporting and grants. Calendars will be part of our new Connect website.
- **Success Plans** have been launched. PTD staff is working on our first quarter activities and assisting our partners with their first Net Promoter Scores (NPS) due 9/15.
- **Transit Asset Management (TAM)** Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRN) was issued last fall. We are waiting on the final rule and working on our plan, tools and processes. We are evaluating open source software opportunities, like TransAM, as well as adding capacity in our existing maintenance software application (EAM). As recipients of FTA funding, we are responsible for the state of good repair (SGR) for vehicles, facilities and other equipment.
- The final rule for **Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning** was issued on May 27, 2016. It is a performance based planning requirement that includes transit targets in Transit Asset Management and Safety Management System. Coupled with the NPRN issued on June 27, 2016 on MPO Coordination and Planning Area reform, we expect to see changes in our planning processes.
- **Safety Management System (SMS)** Final Rule is also expected soon. We are updating our System Safety Plan requirements to include changes such as identifying an Accountable Executive and System Safety Officer.
- **National Transit Database (NTD)** Final Rule is expected soon as well. PTD is hoping that the proposed detail for assets will be modified to accept the TAM data.

PTD New Employees

- Our new organization structure has created new opportunities within the Division. Donnie Tim is our new Compliance Manager, overseeing all compliance and procurement activities. Brittany Goode joins us from Colorado Springs, CO as our Planner responsible for all of the rural programs. Gretchen Vetter has been promoted to a Planner from Trainee and is the urban programs team leader. Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!