

Connecting People & Communities



Minnesota & Wisconsin Public Transportation Conference

WI/MN Joint Public Transit Conference

Oct 23- 25, 2023

Monday, October 23, 2023

Breakfast/Lunch on you own/Coffee will be provided

8:00 AM **Registration Opens**

9:00 am to 12:00 Noon

Committee Meetings

All Aboard WI and WAMM meetings

10:00 am to 12:00 Noon

Operations/Paratransit Meeting

10:00 AM- 12:00 Noon

Training Session I

Staff Recruitment and Retention

- **Carita Ducre**, APTA's Vice President of Workforce Development and Educational Services

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Training Session II

Safety and Security – De-escalation Training and Security Issues

- **Kelly Shawn**, RLS
- **Joe Guagenti** TSA

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

CEO Summit

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

MPTA/WIPTA Annual Meetings

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Welcome Reception

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

7:30 AM

Registration Opens/Breakfast Provided

8:30 AM – 12:00

Maintenance Committee

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

General Session

Welcome – Mayor of LaCrosse
WIPTA/MPTA Presidents

Keynote Speaker
Chad Ellsworth – Cultivating Heroic Leadership in Your Organization

10:00 am to 11:00 AM

Break in Expo Hall

11:00 am to 12:00 Noon

Break-Out Sessions

Mobility Management – **Bobbi Craig, Sue Pomplun, Alan Herrmann, Beverly Sidlo-Tolliver**

Drug and Alcohol Testing – **Sean Oswald, RLS**

Trip planning/Accessible Materials – **Tyre Fant, MVTA Bre Grand, Metro Transit**

Advocacy/Increasing State Funding –
AJ Wilson, Katie White, HWZ, Hubbard Wilson & Zelenkova Margaret Donahoe, MPTA

Future Transit Needs/Demographics – **Megan Dayton, Office of Demographer, MN Jill Cahoon, AECOM**

12:00 Noon to 2:30 PM

Lunch In Expo Hall

3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Trolley Tour of La Crosse (2 tour times – 3 to 4 and 4:30 to 5:30)

6:30 PM

TransDev Reception

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

7:30 AM

Registration Opens/Breakfast Provided

8:00 AM to 9:15 AM

General Session

Federal Transit Funding: The Latest News
Scott Bogren, CTAA
Art Guzzetti, APTA
Kelley Brookins, FTA

9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Break-Out Sessions

Transitioning to Propane
Jill Drury, JLDrury Consulting
Derek Whaley, Business Development, Roush Cleantech
Andy Ernst, CHS Propane Marketing Manager
Stephen Whaley, Propane Education and Research Council

Tribal Transit – **Jeffery Benton**, Red Cliff Transportation Director

Diversity/Equity/Inclusion – **Tish Hodge**, The Shine Institute

Employee Health and Wellness – **Crystal Felten**, Metropolitan Council

Transit Grants – **Paul Chellevoid**, SRF Consulting Group

10:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Break

11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Break-Out Sessions

Microtransit – **Matt Fyten**, MVTA

Marketing – Idea Café – **Kristina Hoffman**, Milwaukee Co Transit

Leadership Improves Transit Safety – **Nicholas Worrell**, NTSB

MnDOT Update – **Sarah Ghandhour**, Office of Transit and Active Transportation, MnDOT

12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

Lunch with Keynote Speaker

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- **Tish Hodge**, the Shine Institute