

# An Update of RTAP Training and Programs

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We are all facing an uncertain and difficult time as we respond to the challenges presented by COVID-19. Kansas RTAP is dedicated to providing support, high quality training, and technical assistance to transit agencies as they adjust to new limitations and challenges in their work. We will continue to adapt our services to best meet your needs as guidelines surrounding COVID-19 are updated. Below are current opportunities for online training, if we can be of assistance in any other way please contact [kutc\\_training@ku.edu](mailto:kutc_training@ku.edu).

**Stay safe, sane, and hopeful.**

## Online Training Resources

In response to travel and training restrictions due to COVID-19, Kansas RTAP' is providing e-learning to temporarily meet KDOT guidelines for operator training through July 31, 2020. The program is outlined at <https://kutc.ku.edu/ksrtaponlinee-learningdrivertrainingduringcovid-19>.

To receive a Kansas RTAP Certificate, the driver would complete the trainings listed in one of the three modules and then email the certificates to [alowder@ku.edu](mailto:alowder@ku.edu).

Q'Straint offered training at no cost up through May, 15, 2020. The cost for the Q'Straint Basic Securement 101 is now \$49.50.

## In-Person Training

Kansas RTAP will begin in-person training August 2020. Please go to <http://kutc.ku.edu/rtap> for a list of scheduled trainings.

I can provide agencies an in-house and in-person training upon request during the month of July. Please contact Anne Lowder at [alowder@ku.edu](mailto:alowder@ku.edu)

8/12/2020	9am	Emergency Procedures and Defensive Driving - Pratt
8/13/2020	9am	Passenger Assistance and Defensive Driving – Abilene
8/19/2020	9am	Emergency Procedures and Defensive Driving - Wellington
8/20/2020	9am	Passenger Assistance and Defensive Driving – Leavenworth
8/26/2020	9am	Emergency Procedures and Defensive Driving - Clay Center
8/27/2020	9am	Passenger Assistance and Defensive Driving - Emporia
9/02/2020	9am	Emergency Procedures and Defensive Driving - Newton
9/03/2020	9am	Passenger Assistance and Defensive Driving – Mayetta
9/09/2020	9am	Emergency Procedures and Defensive Driving - Pittsburg
9/10/2020	9am	Passenger Assistance and Defensive Driving - Hiawatha
9/17/2020	9am	Passenger Assistance and Defensive Driving - Wichita
9/23/2020	9am	Emergency Procedures and Defensive Driving - Greensburg
10/1/2020	9am	Advanced Mobility Device Securement - Salina

## Resources for Live and Archived Webinars and Downloads

There are many free, or low-cost, webinars and downloads hosted by other transportation centers, The National Transit Institute, Federal Transit Administration and other transportation agencies. KS RTAP has done the searching for you!

### **National Transit Institute**

NTI's collaborative online learning events are free and are offered throughout the year on a variety of topics. Participants log into the webinar to access the visual content and either dial in to a teleconference or use their computer speakers for the audio portion. Each webinar lasts approximately 90 minutes and includes a question and answer session.

<https://www.ntionline.com/webinars/>

### **Federal Transit Administration**

FTA will hold a [virtual public meeting](#) of the [Transit Advisory Committee for Safety \(TRACS\)](#) from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, July 22, 2020. Anyone wishing to participate or submit written materials for review during the meeting should notify FTA at [TRACS@dot.gov](mailto:TRACS@dot.gov) by July 7, 2020. A virtual meeting link and conference call number will be available on the TRACS [website](#) on or after July 17, 2020.

Links

[Transit Advisory Committee for Safety \(TRACS\)](#)  
[TRACS Federal Register Notice](#)

### **Transit Cooperative Research Program**

TCRP offers free downloads on research papers of interest to transit agencies.

### **Data Sharing Guidance for Public Transit Agencies – Now and in the Future**

<http://www.trb.org/Publications/Blurbs/180188.aspx>

Transit agencies are beginning to harness the value of external data, but challenges remain.

The TRB Transit Cooperative Research Program's *TCRP Research Report 213: Data Sharing Guidance for Public Transit Agencies – Now and in the Future* is designed to help agencies make decisions about sharing their data, including how to evaluate benefits, costs, and risks.

Many transit agencies have realized benefits from sharing their internal data sets, ranging from improved customer information, to innovative research findings that help the transit agency improve performance.

## **Development of Transactional Data Specifications for Demand-Responsive Transportation**

<http://www.trb.org/Publications/Blurbs/180593.aspx>

Demand-responsive transportation (DRT) can produce benefits — fewer empty seats, lower cost per passenger, less delay for customers — to both passengers and transportation service providers, particularly the public and private nonprofit agencies that finance DRT services with public funds.

The TRB Transit Cooperative Research Program's *TCRP Research Report 210: Development of Transactional Data Specifications for Demand-Responsive Transportation* presents a transactional data specification for DRT to facilitate interactions among the software systems that manage these services.

## **Easterseals Project Action Consulting**

<https://www.projectaction.com/>

### **Webinar schedule**

July 1, 2020: ADA Complementary Paratransit Appeals Process Requirements \$25,00

July 1, 2020: ADA Complementary Paratransit Management Essentials \$150.00

August 1, 2020: Best Practices in ADA Complementary Paratransit Appeals Policy and Practice \$25.00

October 1, 2020: ADA Complementary Paratransit Emergency Preparedness \$25,00

## **National Center for Mobility Management**

<https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/webinars/>

Has a list of upcoming and archived webinar