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All aboard the 'Bay Way' bus!
County trolley system rebrands after 25 years
After spending months at the drawing board, Bay County public transportation officials are finalizing the rebrand of Bay Town Trolley to "Bay Way."

The best ways to get to and around Key West from a Florida local, including the closest airports, scooter and car rentals, and more
Once you arrive, take your pick of ways to tool around the island. Renting a bike makes you feel like a kid again, while you can have your own "Roman Holiday" moment while zipping around on a Vespa. Trolleys are fun for the whole family and provide transportation plus an educational overview of the island. Of course, rental cars are available, too.

Brightline Cuts Fares to Help Save Gas Money in South Florida
With the gas prices increasing significantly, South Florida's public transportation takes this as an opportunity to bring people onboard.

PSTA shows off new bus artwork that celebrates diversity
In February, the PSTA held a Diversity Drives Us Art Contest, calling for local artists to design and submit artwork that will be used as a

Tri-Rail, other agencies get U.S. funds to help curb rail line trespassing, suicides
While trespassing and suicide incidents constitute some of the causes, rail crossing violations by motorists who try to beat trains across the tracks are another major contributor
bus wrap that “encapsulates PSTA’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Mission Statement”.

to fatalities, rail industry and law enforcement officials say.

Technology

**EastBanc Technologies Announces AI-Powered Business Intelligence Platform for Public Transportation, TransitIQ, Achieves 91 Percent Accuracy for Predicting Arrival Times**

"TransitIQ makes it easy to modernize existing public transportation systems and increase their reliability and flexibility to support real-time needs as well as the longer-term evolution of city infrastructure. Our customers deliver an unprecedented level of reliability and service, which has increased ridership and overall satisfaction with public transportation in their communities."

**Developing an equitable Mobility-as-a-Service system: A case study from the Smart Columbus Program**

In-depth insight into the Smart Columbus Program, which highlighted the possibilities for MaaS when digital and physical infrastructure collide, ultimately supporting the outcomes of both mobility and opportunity.

**Why GTFS-rt should be your agency’s common data language**

Many transit technology vendors are still producing RTPI in proprietary feeds that only work with their apps and signs. These custom endpoints have limited scale and flexibility, which limits an agency’s ability to truly keep passengers informed. The result is that the information is often inaccurate, does not yet take into account changes to service, and does not enable prediction information to be disseminated wherever passengers need it.

**Funding**

**Florida House Local Support Grant Program- $175 Million in funds- due 7/15/22**

This program will enable members of the Legislature to request nonrecurring funding for local governments, education entities, or

**Areas of Persistent Poverty Program**

FTA’s Areas of Persistent Poverty (AoPP) Program supports projects that address the transportation challenges faced by areas of persistent poverty. On June 23, 2022, FTA announced approximately $16.2 million in FY20 and FY21 funding to the Areas of
privately operated programs to support local initiatives. FPTA would HIGHLY encourage your transit system to apply. Assistance can be provided, if needed, for legislative sponsors.

Mobility
Rural Transit Day
The nation’s first Rural Transit Day was celebrated on July 16, 2019. This special holiday focuses on what agencies are doing to recognize passengers and staff on Rural Transit Day and through the year.

Misc.
2022 FPTA Annual Conference - September 18-20, 2022
The 2022 FPTA Annual Conference website is live and accepting registrations. We’re back in Naples, Florida from September 18-20, 2022.

Transit worker shortage could be exacerbated by proposed federal drug testing rules, labor leader says
Among concerns is the impact on hiring and retention of front-line transportation employees. “It challenges our ability to meet the demands that we have right now.”

Without Commuters, US Transit Agencies Are Running Out of Options
Agencies reliant on fares for funding look to promotions to lure people back. But longer term, they’re staring down service cuts and price hikes.

Resources
NOW AVAILABLE: PTASP Agency Safety Plan Directory
The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) gathered Agency Safety Plan (ASP) resources to support the transit industry in developing, implementing, and updating their ASps. The ASps illustrate the various ways agencies throughout the transit industry are implementing
the Public Transportation Agency
Safety Plan (PTASP) requirements.

FTA Public Transit Events

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