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Thought for the Day

*A happy life is made up of little things:
A gift sent, a letter written, a call made, a recommendation given, transportation provided, a cake made, a book lent, a check sent.*

- Carol Holmes

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Secretary of Transportation honors KPTA for 25 years of service



Kentucky Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert presents Beecher Hudson, KPTA President, with plaque commemorating the job of KPTA over the last 25 years.

Kentucky Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert was the keynote speaker at the opening night dinner of the 2005 KPTA Conference.

Nighbert presented KPTA President Beecher Hudson with a plaque commemorating 25 years of service to public transportation.

Nighbert is appreciative of the excellent work the Office of Transportation Delivery is doing in the operation of public transit. He said he never has to worry about this department with Vickie Bourne, Executive Director of OTD and her staff at the helm. Also, having outstanding transit providers in the state of Kentucky providing the needed services.

PACS dedicates new transportation Facility

Pennyrile Allied Community Services, Inc. dedicated their new transportation facility on October 14, 2005. It was named for Congressman Ed Whitfield for all his support in allocating earmarks for this project.

The new facility will be the home for the transportation staff, which includes



Vickie Bourne and Paula Cissell with OTD during the dedication of the PACS facility.



Congressman Ed Whitfield and PACS Executive Director John Tedder unveil the new sign for the transportation facility.

the drivers and administrative staff. It also, includes a maintenance garage with a pit and the needed equipment and a warehouse. The facility was financed by a 5309 grant, state and local funding.

From The Desk of The President

Dear KPTA Members:

From the desk of the President

Dear KPTA Members:

The 2006 General Assembly session has gotten under way with Governor Fletcher's State of the Commonwealth address setting the stage for an interesting session.

On Tuesday, January 17, 2006, Governor Fletcher submitted his budget to the General Assembly. The recommended funding for public transit is the same as Fiscal Year 2006 — \$5,203,400 for each year of the biennium. But we must remember that more than one-half of this budget is designated for non-public school transportation. (\$2,950,000 is non-public school budget) The budget is also recommending that toll credits continue to be used to match all federal capital grants.

I would like to congratulate Barry Barker of TARC for being selected as a delegate to the White House conference on Aging in Washington Held December 11-14, 2005. One of the important resolutions that came out of that conference was the transportation resolutions. The Transportation Resolution ranked 3rd in priority of 73 resolutions.

I want to send my best to Greg Hamlin who retired in December as Director of Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. Good luck Greg in your future endeavors.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of the KPTA

Sincerely,
Beecher Hudson
KPTA President
Director of WHEELS Transportation Louisville Red Cross



BUS Maintenance Manager Dies Suddenly



Emma Darlene Shuler, 42, Frankfort, formerly of Estill County, passed away Monday, Jan. 30, 2006. She is the daughter of Donald D. Shuler and Irene Thacker Shuler.

She was an employee of the Bluegrass Community Action Partnership and was retired from active duty from the KY Armed National Guard where she served in Desert Storm. Memorial services were held February 2, 2006 at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the UK Women's Basketball Program.

Shuler had been employed with BUS since 1999 as a driver first then promoted to BUS Maintenance Manager. She had assisted the KPTA with their Transit Roadeo for the last several years.

Dennis appointed CATS Transportation Director

Judy Dennis is the new Transportation Director for Community Action Council Partnership in Fayette County. She replaces Bob Busch.

Busch has taken over as the purchasing manager for Lextran. He was a member of the KPTA and FTSB board for several years. His years of service is appreciated and good luck to he and Dennis in their new positions.

KPTA Award winners.

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and most KPTA events through out the state of Kentucky.

She's very well known as a busy "go getter" to her peers and state counterparts. She is one of the most dependable and hard working transit coordinators in Kentucky and is always the first in line to assist the state with anything.

The Office of Transportation Delivery (AND ED) would like to recognize and congratulate the finest transit manager of 2005..... Ms. Pam Shepherd.

9. STATEWIDE OVERALL TRANSIT SYSTEM . .

The Overall Transit Award goes to an agency that is literally expanding. This year they will expand with transfer points in London, and Somerset. Among their accomplishments:

- They operate a fleet of 197 vehicles
 - In 2004 they provided over 350,000 public transit rides of those over 40,000 were clients using mobility devices.
 - The agency operates in 12 counties.
 - With a \$5 Million FTA Federal Grant, This agency will begin construction on the Laurel County Intermodal Transit Facility this year.
 - They are in the beginning Phases of construction on the Somerset Transit/Parking Project.
 - Their HSTD Region, they serve well, has one of the highest Medicaid populations in the Commonwealth.
 - This agency continues to look for opportunities to improve and serve the citizens of their community.
- At this time we would like to recognize Rural Transit Enterprises Coordinated, Inc. (RTEC) as The Overall Transit System for 2005!!

2005 KPTA Golf Tournament



2005 KPTA Golf Tournament winning team included from left to right: Mike Buckles (Daniel Boone Development Council), Jimmy Keene (LKLP), and presented by Beecher Hudson. Not pictured were Joe Duke and Jack Duff (LKLP)



2005 KPTA Golf Tournament second place team included from left to right: Chris Campbell (RouteMatch Software), presented by Beecher Hudson, Gary Kitchin (PATS) and Randy Veenhoven (American Seating). Not pictured was Jerry Pace.



Ray Young with Maysville Transit eyeing a birdie.

2005 KPTA Golf Tournament third place team included: Randy Lewis, Bryan Hoak, Tommy Schoolcraft and Troy Lovell with RTEC.

Closest to the Pin: Ronnie Thomas
Longest Drive: Tom Schoolcraft

2006 Kentucky Lifesaves Conference April 24-26

Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, Louisville, Kentucky

The 2006 Kentucky Lifesavers Conference is scheduled for April 24 – 26, at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Louisville, Kentucky. The conference will provide a forum that delivers common-sense solutions to reduce the number of highway fatalities and injuries in Kentucky.

Sessions will combine brief presentations with participant discussion.

Session topics include a variety of highway safety topics, including child passenger safety, impaired driving, lane departure crashes, teen driving issues, commercial vehicle safety, the Drive Smart Safety Corridor Program, seatbelt usage, data analysis, engineering, and aggressive driving.

There were over 300 participants at the 2005 Kentucky Lifesavers Conference with 30 exhibitors. State and local government employees received 13.75 training hours for attending the entire conference.

The Lifesavers Conference is sponsored by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Drive Smart Kentucky in cooperation with Federal Highway

Administration and the Governor’s Highway Safety Program.

For registration information, please contact the University of Kentucky’s Transportation Center by phone at (859) 257-4513 or 1-800-432-0719; fax (859) 257-1061; e-mail bhudson@engr.uky.edu; or website <http://lifesavers.ky.gov>.

The registration fee is \$150. Rooms are available by calling the Clarion Hotel at 502-491-4830 for a sleeping room rate of \$72.95 + tax through Monday, April 10. Be sure to mention the Kentucky Transportation Center when making reservations to receive this rate



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OTD's DBE Program Update

The DBE Program is currently an area of emphasis with the Office of Transportation Delivery. We recently mailed the latest DBE Directory to our agencies. If you did not receive one, let us know and we will see that you do. The number of certified vendors is small. We strongly encourage you to search for eligible DBE firms in your area that can be certified by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s Office of Business and Occupational Development.

Please talk with your OTD project manager to begin the process of certification. An increased number of certified firms will help all of our Public Transit Agencies across this great Commonwealth Requirements are not optional they are REQUIRED. We have three months left in this reporting period and we are in dire need of additional DBE purchases.

The submission of reports has been lax. We have a developed format that links with a Federal Report and must be submitted on the approved form. Please make sure that all of your FY06 DBE reports are submitted ASAP. If you are not sure of the correct form, please contact your OTD Project Manager.

Hamlin retires from Sandy Valley Transit

Hickle hired as new Director

Greg Hamlin, executive Director of Sandy Valley Transportation Service (SVTS) has retired. Hamlin began in his position as executive director in 1993. Under Hamlin’s leadership, the SVTS has received several awards from the Office for Transportation Delivery for its service, including Outstanding Section 5310, 5311, and Statewide Transit System. Hamlin was recognized as Outstanding Statewide Transit Manager in 1995. SVTS was the first Transportation Broker in Kentucky in 1998.

“Greg Hamlin has been great as our pilot project in June 98 for HSTD and great for people in the Sandy Valley Area. He will be missed and I told him that as far as we were concerned he had a life time membership with public transit,” stated Vickie Bourne, Executive Director/OTD.

Joyce Hinkle has been appointed the new Executive Director of Sandy Valley Transportation Service (SVTS). Hinkle was promoted to the Director’s position following the retirement of Greg Hamlin in December 2005. Joyce Hinkle is no stranger to public transit. She has served in various positions at SVTS, including receptionist, data entry clerk and assistant to the executive director.

KPTA welcomes Hinkle as the new executive Director of Sandy Valley and wishes Hamlin good luck in his retirement.

Barker named to the White Conference on Aging

Barry Barker Executive Director at TARC was one of the delegates along with APTA President Bill Millar to the White House Conference on Aging in Washington.

Transportation options for older Americans was one of the top three issues considered by delegates at the recent conference. These recommendations will go to the President and Congress to help guide national aging policies for the next 10 years and beyond.

A majority of the 1200 delegate participating in the conference, held every 10 years, supported a resolution to ensure that older Americans retain their mobility and independence through transportation options including public transportation and demand response services.

The transportation resolution ranked in priority just behind support for reauthorization of the Older Americans Act within six months of the conference and a call for a coordinated, comprehensive strategy regarding long term care issues.

Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta was present during the conference and toured the expo floor.

Conference on Aging delegates wore buttons including: Older Wiser - Transit rider, I'm Independent-I Ride Transit and My other car is the bus. *Portions taken from Passenger Transport, December 19, 2005*

2005 KPTA/KYTC Conference Honors Transportation Representatives for Exceptional Work

Outstanding Overall Statewide Transit System



Shirley Cummins, RTEC, Executive Director the 2005 Outstanding Overall Transit System Award from Vickie Bourne and Paula Cissell, KyTC.

Kentucky Outstanding Transit Manager



Pam Shepherd, FTSB, presented the 2005 Outstanding Transit Manager Award from Vickie Bourne and Kalem Juett, KyTC.

Outstanding Western Kentucky Section 5311



Mark Davis, Purchase Area Development District, is presented the 2005 Outstanding Western Kentucky Section 5311 Transit Agency Award from Joe Sheilley, KyTC.

Outstanding Central Kentucky Section 5311 Transit Agency



Petra Espinosa and Sheila Adams, Kentucky River Foothills Community Action Partnership, is presented the 2005 Outstanding Central Kentucky Section 5311 Transit Agency Award.

Kentucky Outstanding Statewide Section 5310 & DBE Transit Agency



Joyce Hinkle, Sandy Valley Transportation Services, is presented the 2005 Outstanding Statewide Section 5310 Transit Agency Award and DBE Award from Paula Cissell, KyTC.

Kentucky Outstanding Statewide Section 5311 Transit Agency



Sue Jeffers, Blue Grass Community Action Partnership, Transportation Director is presented the 2005 Outstanding Statewide Section 5311 Transit Agency Award from Kalem Juett, KyTC.

Outstanding Eastern Kentucky Section 5311 Transit Agency



Mona Whitaker, Daniel Boone Development Council, presented the 2005 Outstanding Eastern Kentucky Section 5311 Transit Agency Award from Vickie Bourne and Paula Cissell, KyTC.

Outstanding Transit Safety & Security Award



Kim Adair and Gary Kitchin, PATS presented the 2005 Kentucky Transit Safety & Security Award from Joe Sheilley, KyTC.

2005 KPTA Rodeo Activities

First Place



Beecher Hudson, KPTA President, presented a first place KPTA Rodeo trophy to Kenny Lee, BUS. KPTA will send Kenny to the National CTAA Rodeo in Orlando, Florida in May 2006..

Second Place



Beecher Hudson, KPTA President, presented a second place KPTA Rodeo trophy to George Davidson, ARC WHEELS Lexington.

Third Place



Beecher Hudson, KPTA President, presented a third place KPTA Rodeo trophy to Bobby Lawson, RTEC.

Rodeo Participants & Judges



Thanks to all who participated.



KPTA Members Enjoy Activities During Conference



Paul Maxwell (Fulton County Transit), Bjarne Hansen (MCTA), and Mark Davis (PADD) during the vendor show.



Daniel Boone Transit visit with Advertising with Bonnie.



Visiting with the Gillig booth.



Audrey Straight, AARP and Geri Davidson, Lextran during vendor expo.



Gary Kitchin with PATS is entertained by Elvis.



KPTA members on their tour to Shakertown.



Linda Proctor and Dale Shelton with RTEC waiting for the opening of the Vendor Expo.



Chuck Steinhoffer, Dawn Johnson and Wilma Best with ARC Louisville and Amanda Ratliff in the back during lunch at Shakertown.



Kay Brooks, Jeff Hackbart and Betty Burris with Frankfort Transit listen to speakers at dinner.



Breakfast before the KPTA Rodeo.



Mike Rogers, Ashland Bus, talks with Mike Patterson with Surelok.



Gail Wogast (CAST), Louis Lindsay and Phyllis Duel (OTS) during dinner



Debbie Wallace with BUS tries out the simulator at the KPTA vendor show.

KPTA presents awards during 2005 conference

The Kentucky Public Transit Association awarded three distinguished awards during the 2005 KPTA Conference in Lexington, on August 16, 2005.

The first award presented to Angie Smith, with RTEC, as the 2005 KPTA Dispatcher of the Year. Angie is a very qualified and most reliable dispatcher. RTEC

can depend on her in absence of other employees. She is versatile and can handle any situation that occurs. If a driver calls in and cannot work, Angie takes care of his/her schedule until the manager arrives. She is kind with both co-workers and passengers. In recent years she has had to cope with computer software program changes and adapt to each. She has handled vehicle breakdowns and other emergencies while keeping the RTEC buses running on schedule. She has been employed with RTEC for four years with perfect attendance.



Angie Smith, RTEC, was presented the KPTA Award for Outstanding Dispatcher of the Year by Barbara Chaney, SSNK.

Smith has remarkable work ethics, a good attitude and good working relationship with other employees. The drivers know they can depend upon her. She is reliable and a conscientious dispatcher, makes decisions quickly and professionally.

The second award was presented to Thomas Dumstorf from the American Red Cross WHEELS Louisville as the 2005 KPTA Volunteer of the Year. At a time when it's harder and harder to get volunteers, Tom is a rare find.

He has 15 years of service, he has been with this program longer than any other volunteer driver. Week in and week out, he drives downtown, picks up a WHEELS van, goes out to eastern Jefferson



Shirley Lewis, CVADD, presented Thomas Dumstorf with ARC WHEELS Louisville with the KPTA Award for Outstanding Volunteer of the Year.

County to provide transportation to the senior residents of the Crescent Hill neighborhood. He takes them to the daily nutrition program, medical appointments, grocery shopping, and recreation outings. He does it with a smile, a joke and a compassionate ear. Those who ride the WHEELS service often feel poorly, feel depressed, or feel like they have been reduced to accepting charity. Tom works very hard to eliminate those feelings and provide a truly enjoyable trip. It's the ability to do so that makes him such a good driver and such a valuable asset.

Once he gets his passengers to the Crescent Hill Senior Center, Tom often switches hats from driver to center assistant. He works with the center staff to help provide services to the participants. He was recognized for his outstanding work by the Red Cross in 1999 when he was named Volunteer of the Month. First and foremost is dedication. Fifteen years of continuous service is remarkable. He has been extremely helpful by assisting the dispatcher with runs that would normally not be assigned to him. He has worked with new volunteers to train them in the best way to do their job. And finally, he has been on the road for 15 years without a chargeable accident.

The 2005 Driver of the Year was presented to Jeanne Cornish from Blue Grass Community Action Partnership. Jeanne has come to work at BUS for 20 years in rain, sleet or snow with no complaints. She lives in an isolated area with rugged roads, which makes driving difficult even when it is dry and clear. Since March 1, 1985 Jeanne has been an exceptional driver. She has transported her passengers safe and sound. She has had over 15 years with no accidents or workers compensation claims. Her bus is always found spotless. And her attendance has been exceptional. On many occasions when she had annual time scheduled and another was ill she would change



Jeanne Cornish, BUS, presented with the KPTA Award for Outstanding Driver of the Year from Daniele Milholland, FTSB.

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O'Keefe retires from TACK

Alford new transit director

Lois O'Keefe, Transportation Director at Central Community Action (TACK) has retired as of December 2004. She continued with the agency on a contractual basis until August 2005.

O'Keefe began working at Central Community Action in the Senior Center. In 1994 TACK began and she became the Transportation Director until she retired.

She has been an active member of KPTA where she served on the board of directors for several years. Also, she was board member for Federated Transportation Services of the Bluegrass for many years.

KPTA and FTSB want to thank her for her services to their boards and wish her well in her retirement.

Jodi Alford has been named transportation director at TACK as of July 2005. Alford served in an interim position from January to July 2005. She began with TACK as a Medicaid Billing Clerk in September 1997 and was then promoted to Transportation Coordinator.

KPTA welcomes Alford as the transportation director.

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her plans. She is one of the first to volunteer to help out if the dispatcher needs a driver.

When Jeanne first started she had two young daughters at home. This did not keep her from taking her job responsibilities very seriously. Jeanne's husband is disabled and she is the principal bread winner for their family. She now has five grandchildren. Her youngest daughter is a single parent of three and is attending Nursing school at Midway College. Granny and Grandpa care for the grandchildren so that their daughter can study and go to class.

Jeanne does not complain, one of the only things when thinking back that we could remember was the morning she hit a skunk and the smell consumed her bus, but she still carried on and completed her route. She goes through her day with a smile and a song. She has a kind word for everyone she meets. Jeanne has transported many different people over the years, some of the same people for many years. Her passengers include mentally disabled, physically challenged, people in wheelchairs and the public just needing a day out. We feel that the lives of these passengers have been blessed because Jeanne was the BUS driver.

One of the funniest stories we can remember was one day Jeanne was taking home her clients when horns started blowing and people in cars beside her were pointing and she looked up in the mirror and one of her clients was taking her clothes off, but she kept her composure and handled the situation with professionalism. Way to go Jeanne.

In May of this year her arthritis became so difficult that she could no longer drive the wheelchair left equipped vehicle so she applied and was hired as a reservation clerk and dispatcher in the office. She quickly learned the computer system and has completed the training. Jeanne is a good employee and we are glad not to have lost her. She brought the song and kind words into this phase of her job as well.

KPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2005 - 2006

LARGE SYSTEMS (5)

Barry Barker - TARC
Alyce French-Johnson- TARC
Gina Donthat - TANK
David Malone - TANK
Teri Garcia Crews - LEXTRAN

SMALL TRANSIT SYSTEMS (4)

Beecher Hudson - ARC Louisville WHEELS
Sue Jeffers - BUS
Shirley Cummins - RTEC
Rajen Shah - GRITS

GOVERNMENTAL/REGIONAL (2)

Shirley Lewis - CVADD
Jennifer Wedding - GRADD

MEMBERS AT LARGE (3)

Barbara Chaney - SSNK
Mike Buckles - Daniel Boone Transit
Open

RTAP REGIONS (5)

Mike Rogers - Ashland Bus
Gary Kitchin - PATS
Pam Whitter - HART
Mike Jackson - LKLP
Pam Shepherd - FTSB

KPTA KPTA Award winners from OTD

The first three KYTC awards are for the Outstanding Regional 5311 grantees:

1. EASTERN REGIONAL SECTION 5311 . . .

This Grantee has embarked on an ambitious program of Capital Expansion. Beginning with the opening of the Lee County Facility in 2004, located near Beattyville, . . . the facility provides office space and a maintenance garage for their transit operations in Lee, Owsley and Wolfe Counties.

They have a new facility underway in Jackson County located near McKee. And . . . an additional facility is pending in Clay County. The Agency is administered by two very dedicated individuals, Mike Buckles and Mona Whitaker. The Eastern Region Section 5311 Agency for 2005 is Daniel Boone Development Council, Inc.

2. CENTRAL REGIONAL SECTION 5311 Award . . .

Traveled 1.2 million miles in FY 2005. Their FY 2005 ridership was 142,000. Recently they purchased a new transit facility with the assistance of a FY 2004 5309 earmark and currently creating a new fixed transit system in Madison County with the assistance of a FY 2006 5309 earmark.

With these growing statistics, transit expansions and rapid improvements, there is no doubt that Kentucky River Foothills is the most deserving of the FY 2005 Central KY 5311 award.

3. WESTERN REGIONAL SECTION 5311 . . .

We are going to honor an agency that over the years has received very little recognition for their efforts. The agency is one of our public transportation coordinators. In the course of completing their annual work program he has completed literally dozens and dozens of Section 5310 applications, with successful results. After completing a successful Section 5310 application, the Coordinator then goes on to assist with the vehicle procurement process, up to and including post-delivery requirements.

The Coordinator has also assisted in the completion of many Section 5311 and Section 5309 applications, including Environmental Categorical Exclusions. Another element of his work program is overseeing the accurate and timely submission of Section 5310 semi-annual reports. Recently, this agency has taken on the additional responsibility of organizing drug and alcohol training for the transit providers in the region.

The outstanding western region 5311 grantee for 2005 is Mark Davis of the Purchase Area Development District.

4. STATEWIDE SECTION 5310 . . .

The agency serves a five county area of Floyd, Pike, Martin, Johnson and Magoffin Counties. The Elderly and Disabled community of these counties have benefited greatly from this agency and their

continuing stewardship of the Federal 5310 Dollars awarded to them.

They have a strong relationship with their Senior Citizen Organizations. Along with many letters of support from the community, we would like to recognize Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. as this years Statewide Section 5310 Transit System.

5. STATEWIDE SECTION 5311 . . .

This agency continues to demonstrate transit knowledge, leadership and dedication to Kentucky transit. Agency staff has held the highest leadership positions of KPTA elected offices and is actively involved with CTAA and includes at least three CTAA certified transit managers.

This agency always steps to the plate with mass vehicle procurement and many providers piggyback on their bid to purchase vehicles every year. The Bluegrass Community Action Partnership proves to be a strong and experienced transit agency with tremendous passion for rural public transportation.

6. STATEWIDE DBE TRANSIT SYSTEM Award . . .

The agency winning this award is very commendable as it also helps the entire state with its contribution to the DBE program. With approximately \$140,000 expended with DBE firms, we are excited to award this years Statewide Outstanding Transit System for utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises to Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc.

7. STATEWIDE TRANSIT SAFETY AND SECURITY . . .

In response to significant changes in the international and national landscape we are instituting a new award this year - the Kentucky Transit Safety and Security Award. Our first winner of the safety and security award has initiated a \$1.4 million grant to purchase a trailer outfitted with interactive driving simulators. These simulators are capable of replicating the driving experience of virtually any type of vehicle, from a large city bus to a passenger car. The simulator trailer will travel the entire state and be available to many agencies.

They have also developed a security plan to be implemented in response to changes in the national terror alert level. Recently . . . they passed a comprehensive federal OSHA Inspection.

The inaugural safety and security award goes to Paducah transit Authority.

8. STATEWIDE MANAGER OF THE YEAR

This person is a first-rate transit coordinator who is an arm of the state. Sometimes even both arms and one leg! She coordinates, oversees and manages transit planning, Medicaid Transportation,

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KPTA Conference addressed by many speakers



Jane Hardin with CTAA discussed Transit Aging Issues.



"Dealing with Conflict in Transit", was presented by Liz Sota from New York City MTA and NTL.



Sherri Hannan with the Safe Kids Program spoke on "Child Passenger Safety".



Rick Jacobs with Braun spoke about the, "New Regulations and Changes for federal interlocks for lifts"



Hart Moore with Griffin Industries along with Melissa Howell discussed, "Alternative Fuel Uses".



Vickie Bourne, OTD Executive Director and Kristi Broyles also with OTD spoke on the issues in transportation.



Art Guzzetti, APTA, spoke on Legislative Issues in Washington.



Amanda Ratliff with Wilbur Smith Associates.



Tony Webb, Lake Erie Transportation Commission, Monroe, Michigan gave a presentation on Passenger Sensitivity.

KPTA Transit grants are due to OTD by April 1

Office of Transportation wants to remind everyone the grants are due April 1, 2006 and that they can apply for two new grants (New Freedom Initiative and the JARC)

Transit Providers please use the following 'Authorizing Resolution' verbiage for your FY07 FTA grant applications:

- Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFE-TEA-LU);
- In place of: Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century (TEA-21); and
- The Authorizing Resolution will follow the Labor agreement letter in your 5311 applications.



Vickie Bourne, Executive Director of OTD spoke to at the KBT Conference in January 2005

KPTA Members Attend Q'Straint Training

Helen Tucker and Joe Collins of Blue Grass Transit and Dale Shelton and Gary Reppert of RTEC attended a first ever corporate training seminar dealing with wheelchair securement and transportation issues conducted by Q'Straint in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida on Oct. 18-19, 2005. The four KPTA members were part of a group of 32 public transportation professionals from the US and Canada.

The two day seminar, held at Q'Straints state-of-the-art training facility, covered FMVSS and ADA regulations and standards governing wheelchair securement and occupant restraint equipment. It offered hands on training with a variety of manual and powered wheelchairs, and provided "brain storming" sessions

New Employees in OTD

Della Davis is officially back as a Staff Assistant to Vickie Bourne, Executive Director of the Office of the Transportation Delivery.

Davis left OTD as Public Transit Branch Manager and became Section Supervisor for the Transportation Cabinet District 7 Highway District in Lexington.

Dee Stamper is the newest Project Manager in OTD. Before coming to OTD Stamper was in the Division of Accounts in the Transportation Cabinet.



Dee Stamper

She will manager LKLP, North East Transit, Morehead Transit, Maysville Transit, Middle Kentucky River, Lake Cumberland Community Services and Licking Valley CAC.

TARC holds transportation summit

TARC in Louisville has joined with a coalition of strong local partners to develop a "United We Ride" approach for expanding transportation options in the greater Louisville area.

This effort started with a Transportation Summit convened in March 2005 to explore how Louisville can make the best use of the community's resources to provide optimal transportation service for persons in need. The summit was convened on the heels of an Executive Order from President Bush calling for greater coordination of the transportation services provided by more the 62 disparate federal agencies. At the Louisville summit, more than 30 government agencies and non-profits participated in three sessions.

The group enjoyed a "visioning" exercise to explore long-range options. Four values that emerged throughout the discussions were that a future coordinated network would be affordable, universal, diverse, and accessible.

A steering committee was convened to develop an action plan for making the vision a reality. In addition to monthly committee meetings, the steering committee held two receptions to educate the community about coordinated transportation and to promote the concept among key stakeholders. At the first reception, Al Abeson of Easter Seals' Project Action, and Bryna Helfer of

the FTA talked about the importance of coordination and collaboration, emphasizing how new federal law would require human services/ public transportation coordination plans. Al Abeson invited the Louisville Steering Committee to apply for the Project Action Mobility Planning Services Institute. Our application was accepted and a group of five, including someone from Vickie Bourne's Office



Pictured from left to right: Al Abeson (Easter Seals Project Action), Bryna Helfer (FTA), and Barry Barker (TARC) during the transportation summit in Louisville.

of Transportation Services Delivery, will be attending that institute in April.

The second reception on Jan. 17 included a presentation from Karen Hoesch, executive director of ACCESS in Pittsburgh, on how they manage their coordinated system, which is one of the largest and most successful in the country. Kalem Juett, from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, talked about the way Kentucky's successful brokerage system operates.

Louisville's second Transportation Summit will be held March 23 and there will be great progress to report and a long list of "next steps." We will also continue to hold receptions and workshops. Members of Kentucky Public Transportation Association will be invited and are encouraged to participate.



Kalem Juett and Jeremy Thompson with OTD gave a presentation at the transportation summit at TARC on the coordination efforts in Kentucky.