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March 17, 2011. National RTAP is a program of the Federal Transit Administration dedicated to creating rural and Tribal transit solutions through technical assistance, partner collaboration and FREE training materials.

On-demand Webinars Available Now From NCST

The NCST is now offering an on-demand webinar on livability and senior transportation for the month of March. Learn about the livable communities movement and the Federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities by visiting NCST's new Livability and Senior Transportation [webpage and watching on-demand presentations here](#).

FTA Proposing to Change Average Passenger Weight For Bus Testing

FTA is proposing to change the average passenger weight from 150 lbs to 175 lbs for vehicle testing regulation purposes. In addition, FTA is proposing to change the floor space occupied per standing passenger from 1.5 to 1.75 square feet. Comments about these changes must be received no later than May 13, 2011.

[Please click here to see the Federal Register for more information.](#)

Transit in Parks Funding Now Available

FTA has announced the upcoming availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program discretionary funds. The program is administered by FTA in partnership with the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service; it funds capital and planning expenses for alternative transportation systems such as buses, trams and non-motorized trails in federally-managed parks and public lands.

Federal land management agencies, as well as state, tribal and local governments acting with the consent of a Federal land management agency are eligible to apply. [Please click here to see the Federal Register.](#)

ESPA Audio Conference: ADA Essentials for Transit Board Members

Easter Seals Project ACTION and the American Public Transportation Association are offering a one-hour audio conference on March 30 at 2 p.m. EDT that offers an overview of the [ADA Essentials for Transit Board Members: Fundamentals of the Americans with Disabilities Act](#) handbook.

Register by March 23. [Please click here for more information.](#)

National RTAP Recently Released the Newly Revised Emergency Procedures for Rural Transit Drivers Training Module

The *Emergency Procedures* module offers the most current training on preparedness for hazards and threats that transit operators may encounter.

The free module contains a Learner's Guide, a Self-paced eLearning Course Disc, an Instructor's Guide, a disc with videos and a trainer's PowerPoint presentation. Email info@nationalrtap.org or call 888-589-6821 to order.

National RTAP Wants Your Photos for its Second Annual Photo Contest

There are only two weeks left to submit your photos! The theme of National RTAP's second annual photo contest is customer service in rural and tribal transit in America. Photos should reflect and celebrate customer service in rural transit. Whether you capture your favorite operator, call-taker, customer on a bus or transit manager, we want to see and share your photography!

- Grand Prize: Canon Powershot S95
- Runner-Up: \$250 American Express Gift Cheque.

Please submit your photo in a digital format to us at info@nationalrtap.org.

Please see our [press release here](#) for more information.

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