

National RTAP

*Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
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What's New:

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- **FTA is requesting states to identify host sites for drug and alcohol training workshops.** FTA has announced that it is changing the way it conducts substance abuse training. During the 2001 State Programs Meeting, Mark Snider said that FTA will hold at least 12 sessions nationwide rather than only holding workshops in major cities. The workshops will cover the new Part 40, Part 655 (653 & 654), and other current issues pertaining to drug & alcohol testing and administration. These workshops will take the place of the traditional workshops held this year in Las Vegas, Orlando, St. Louis, and Pittsburgh. If your state or your state in conjunction with neighboring states would like to host a drug and alcohol training session, contact Mark Snider at FTA by the end of August and let him know that you are interested in hosting a session and identify a location for the meeting. States can decide where to hold the workshop (hotel, conference center, state DOT facility), but the meeting facility should have space for 100 people. The cost of the sessions will be covered by FTA and FTA will handle mailings, agendas, and training materials. FTA plans to hold workshops through the fall, winter and early spring. If you have questions about the workshops, please contact Mark at (202) 366-1080 or by e-mail at mark.snider@fta.dot.gov. Rachel Beyerle, MTAP Coordinator, American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials, 444 N. Capitol Street NW Suite 249, Washington, DC 20001, TEL: (202) 624-3625 FAX: (202) 624-5806 <mailto:rbeyerle@aathto.org>. if possible, please contact FTA by August 31, 2001.
- **[DOT Updates Drug and Alcohol Testing Requirements](#).** The U. S. Department of Transportation announced today that it is issuing several rules to update its drug and alcohol testing requirements. These new rules supplement the department's new drug and alcohol testing procedures that the department published in December 2000 and which become effective Aug. 1, 2001.

- [Status of Rural Public Transportation - 2000](#) was released in April 2001. Developed by CTAA and the Institute for Economic and Social Measurement, it contains the latest analysis of rural transit. This report highlights the growth and changes in the rural transit network that resulted from passage of "TEA-21" in 1998.