EXPO At-A-Glance

Overview

The 2026 American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) TRANSform Conference and EXPO takes place at McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois.

The Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA), the CTA, Metra, and Pace, are the joint host agencies for both events, which are attended by public transportation professionals from managers and board members to system operators, policymakers, and other public transit industry stakeholders.

EXPO Highlights Tour:

Monday, October 5, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Gather in the Media Center (Room S403A) at least 15 minutes prior to tour start time to join.

Media Lunch with APTA Leadership:

Tuesday, October 6, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
(Media Center, Room S403A)

EXPO Floor Hours

Monday, Oct 5
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct 6
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct 7
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Media Center Hours

Sunday, Oct 4
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday, Oct 5
7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct 6
7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct 7
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

About APTA TRANSform & EXPO

As one of the world's premier transit events, APTA TRANSform & EXPO welcomed more than 12,000 attendees from 85 countries in 2023. This triennial event connects leaders, innovators, and decision-makers from around the globe to shape the next generation of public transit.

APTA EXPO, the largest public transportation expo in the world, features a full range of the latest public transportation products, services, and technologies that enhance passengers' experiences. Hundreds of exhibitors and stands showcase solutions for every aspect of public transit from procurement to maintenance, engineering to operations – all from the public transit industry's leading manufacturers.

The TRANSform Conference includes educational sessions, technical tours, and forums on a wide range of topics including federal funding, public-private partnerships, technology, sustainability, safety, workforce development, and mobility.

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About APTA

The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) is the only non-profit association in North America that represents all modes of public transportation, including bus, paratransit, light rail, commuter rail, heavy rail, intercity and high-speed passenger rail, and waterborne services.

In addition to public transit agencies, transit agency boards, and transit-related businesses, our members include other types of service providers such as ridesharing, bicycle and scooter-sharing companies, information technology and data network firms, academic and research institutions, transit associations, and state departments of transportation. APTA members are engaged in every aspect of the $102 billion public transportation industry, from planning and design to finance, construction, and vehicle maintenance.

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