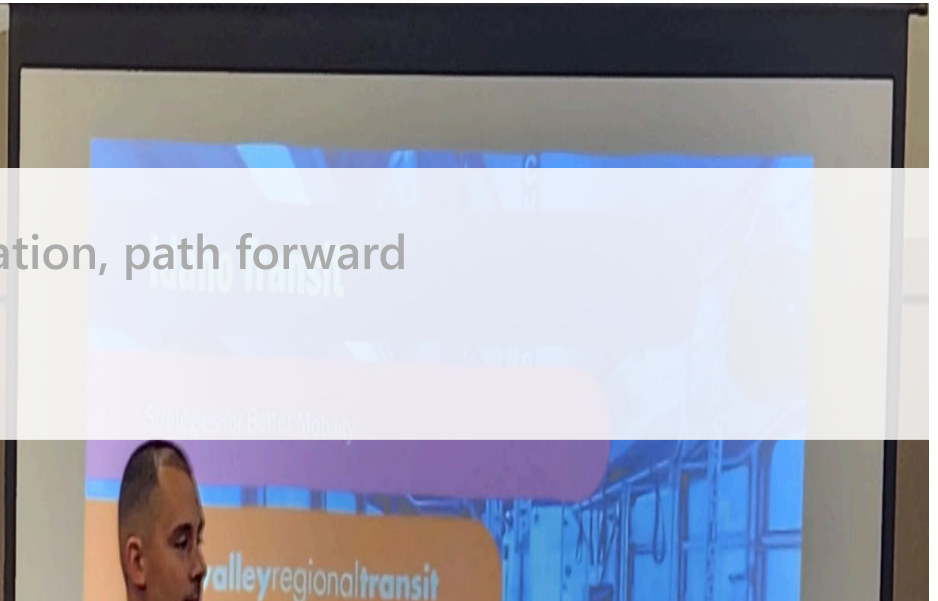


Public Transportation Summit features inspiration, path forward



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Every year, the Public Transportation (PT) section reaches out to providers, stakeholders, state and local officials and interested parties to share topics of use to the transit industry through an annual summit. This year's PT Summit, in Coeur d'Alene September 24-26, featured an agenda packed with top-notch speakers, facts, data and inspiration.

Speakers included Scott Bogren the Director of Public Transportation Policy at The Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA), John Martin from the S.I.R. Institute for Tomorrow, and Chad Ingle from Kootenai County, showcasing how they are stepping into the future, using data and surveys. ITD's own Justin Smith taught the group about de-escalation techniques and MOREPIES, Tim Thornton spoke on the benefits of transit in Idaho and Sean Oswald discussed trends in cannabis use.

The de-escalation guide is available on the Office of Communication SharePoint page under Public Outreach Resources.

There was a micro transit panel discussion with Maxine Durand, and Kade Marquez & Steve Murray from Downtowner. The Public Transportation Advisory Council (PTAC) held a roundtable with providers in their

districts, where they got to speak to their representative face-to-face and discuss transit issues for their organization. The Federal Transit Authority (FTA) sent two representatives to help providers with tips and tricks and broach upcoming changes.

The summit closed with an awards ceremony and a PTAC meeting. The first Transit Spotlight videos were shown to the group throughout the first day. Guests were also provided with ample time for networking.

Check out these "spotlight on transit" videos:

[ITD: Public Transit - Coeur d'Alene \(Citylink\) - Final on Vimeo](#)

[ITD: Public Transit - Sandpoint \(SPOT\) - Final on Vimeo](#)

[ITD: Public Transit - Moscow \(SMART\) - Final on Vimeo](#)

[ITD: Public Transit - Disability Action Center NW - Final on Vimeo](#)

[ITD: Public Transit - Lewiston Transit - Final on Vimeo](#)

Some feedback was:

- "We work so hard every day for our riders, this gives us a chance to breath and connect with others in our state doing the same things we are and it's just nice to connect and learn."
- "We've been trying to push our agency past Covid, and these speakers have inspired me to push toward the future and growth."
- "There is so much out there to learn and take into account when planning for the future, but we are also so incredibly busy, this is the perfect opportunity to see a new way and learn new facts."
- "I didn't know anything about Micro Transit, which makes me wonder what else is out there I could be using to make us more effective and prepared for the future."



At the podium is Chad Ingle, Program Manager for Kootenai County Transit.

