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Welcome to eNews, the National Center on Senior Transportation's monthly newsletter.

NCST News

**NCST wishes everyone a bright holiday season!** Thank you for your hard work this year to expand mobility and transportation options for older adults; we look forward to connecting with you in 2013 so that all seniors can maintain active lives while remaining at home in their communities!

**The Transportation Research Board's 92nd Annual Meeting** will be held January 13-17, 2013 in Washington, DC. NCST co-director Karen Wolf-Branigin will preside at the session *Planning, Implementation, Evaluation, and Technology: Enhancing Accessible Transportation and Mobility for Older Adults and People with Disabilities*, sponsored by the Committee on Accessible Transportation and others. NCST technical assistance associate Lynn Winchell-Mendy will present two posters, *Consumer Calls on Transportation Handled by the Eldercare Locator* and *Mobility Management Grant Projects of the National Center on Senior Transportation*. [View more information on the TRB website.](#)

**Participate now in NCST's new Senior Transportation Exchange Online Community**, an accessible web-based community of practice designed to facilitate collaboration and knowledge on designated trending topics in senior transportation. The current topic, running through February 15, 2013, is *Funding and Financing Senior Transportation Services*. One participant recently shared that his agency was "able to obtain a considerable grant from a statewide health foundation by showing how difficult it was for people to access medical care, particularly preventative medical care." [Join the conversation.](#)

**Kindness, Inc. is a non-profit organization in rural Arkansas** that serves older adults and people with disabilities. Their transportation program was started by church members who recognized that some congregants were not getting to church services and also had challenges accessing medical services because they could no longer drive. The program has grown beyond church members to a pool of 60 volunteers providing about 200 rides per month to older adults and people with disabilities. [Read more about this program's success on NCST's website.](#)

**Looking for resources on transportation and ethnically diverse elders?** Download the NCST booklet, [Everyone Rides: Transportation Access for Culturally and Ethnically Diverse Elders](#) which includes recommendations for action for communities addressing this issue. [See the NCST website](#) for more resources on diversity and senior transportation.

Aging News

**Call the Eldercare Locator for guidance on transportation options** and the types of questions to ask when seeking information about local services. This free national service of the U.S. Administration on Aging, administered by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, is the first step in finding local resources for older adults and caregivers in any U.S. community. Eldercare Locator staff are available to respond to transportation-related calls Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. ET at (800) 677-1116. [View a public service announcement on making transportation-related calls to Eldercare Locator](#) or [find more information online.](#)

**The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) just released a brief survey report titled *Transportation and Bus Pass Policies and Procedures* that describes bus pass programs for seniors available in Missouri and Oklahoma.** The report, based on responses from 16 states, also discusses the modes of transportation funded with Older Americans Act funds and methods used to purchase transportation services. [Access the report online \(\\*.PDF\).](#)

Transportation News

**NCST, the National Rural Transit Assistance Program and Easter Seals Project ACTION have collaborated to develop a Rural Transportation Topic Guide Series.** The series includes an [Introduction](#) as well as individual topics on enhancing

transportation services in rural communities. Sponsored by ESPA, [Topic Guide #1: Needs Assessments](#) provides information on assessing transportation needs and gaps in rural areas, evaluating community assets and implementing new transportation services.

**The Federal Transit Administration is seeking comments on the Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program (Tribal Transit Program)** regarding amendments under the new transportation authorization, *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century* (MAP-21). The *Federal Registrar* notice solicits comments in three areas: (1) the methodology for the formula allocation and the assumptions made regarding who is eligible for the formula program; (2) the terms and conditions for the program's formula and discretionary components; and (3) how the discretionary program resources should be allocated. [View the notice online \(\\*.PDF\)](#), and [submit comments](#) by January 7, 2013.

**Got a question about senior transportation?**

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