NADO 2017 Regional Transportation Conference – June 28-30, Denver, CO • Agenda from the conference:	 <u>Mobilizing Support for Transportation Solutions</u> Easter Seals presented on their efforts with twitter chats and podcasts. An example they did was an "ask the expert ADA podcast". <u>https://www.slideshare.net/rpoamerica/using-twitter-chats-and-podcasts-to-mobilize-engagement</u> 	
 https://www.nado.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/2017rpoprogram.pdf Presentations from the conference: https://www.slideshare.net/rpoamerica 	NADTC's First (So Far) Podcast Ask the Expert ADA Podcast – March 30, 2017	Ask the Expert Podcast
These slides highlight a few of the more unique presentations lowa DOT attended.	 30-minute Q&A podcast on the Americans with Disabilities Act and Transportation Featured NADTC Technical Assistance Specialists Part of NADTC's online ADA Mini Course but shared with public Used as a training tool in lieu of a webinar 	 Primary audience: transit professionals, operators, drivers, paratransit service, aging and disability services professionals Service Animals and ADA Operator Assistance Reasonable Modification
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Mobilizing Support for Transportation Solutions

- The Transit Alliance is a non-profit that works with agencies to do a 7-week (3 hours/week) academy for interested citizens. The course includes having the citizens develop individual action plans for how they will get involved in their communities. The most recent class had 52 people; 60% under the age of 30.
- https://www.slideshare.net/rpoamerica/the-transit-alliance

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Innovative Regional Transit

• Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (TX) has developed a transit driver academy to help provide centralized training. It's 120 hours, helps the applicant get their CDL, and guarantees graduates at least one year of employment with a transit agency.



NOTICE: WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS AT THIS TIME

INTRODUCTION

The Rio Grande Valley Transit Bu Driver Academy is a joint partnershold the Valley's local public transh providers, local colleges, and the Taxas Department of Transportation. The goal is to train includiasis to become transit bus drivers. Applicants to be Academy do not need to have a Commercial Drivers License, Passenger Endorsment, or brain found und unding, instead, they must meet certain fortering, pass and grows provide and the Academy.

The Academy curriculum will prepare each student in all elements needed for employment as a successful bus operator and to secure the CDL and PE. Upon successfully completing the Academy, passing all exams, and securing their driving credentials, graduates will be offered a job at a local public transit agency.



Job placement is available in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Willacy & Zapata Counties. Graduates can find local employment at Brownsville Metro, Metro McAllen, Island Metro and Valley Metro.

More information about program requirements, the transit agencies, Academy curriculum, and how to apply is contained on this website.

Innovations and New Approaches to Changing Transportation

- This presentation was by Liberty Mobility Now, which seems to be a hybrid of a ride service and mobility management for rural areas. It was described as a company that supports the existing transportation ecosystem (transit, human service agencies, etc.), then fills in gaps with Liberty drivers where transportation options are lacking. Riders can book a ride via call, web, or app. They operate in specific geographic areas and have an applicationbased process for expanding to new areas.
- <u>https://www.slideshare.net/rpoa</u> merica/liberty-mobility-now

libertymobilitynow.com/new-community-application

Overview of the Process

There are 3 steps required before we start service in a community. First, we require that the organization serving as the lead agency in the service deployment has completed and paid the application fee. Next, we request the applicant complete the scoping

document (complete here) and we set up a time for a pre-proposal conference call. Together, we go through in-detail the challenges in the community, existing reports or human service coordinated plans, our technology, the partners together at the table, and develop the goals of the Liberty Mobility as a Service launch. Once we agree on the proposal, we finalize the timeline for implementation and payment plan. The process is outlined below:

