

# Michigan Public Transit Training Opportunities Calendar FY 2024 and 2025

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## September 2024

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### Accounting training

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024, from 9 - 11:30 a.m.

The virtual training will cover the very basics of operating assistance with the primary focus on the Revenue and Expense Manual. This training is geared towards newly hired bookkeepers, accountants and transit managers; however, others are encouraged to attend as applicable. The training will be conducted by Sandy Lovell, Office of Passenger Transportation accountant.

[Register for training](#)

Contact: Sandy Lovell at [Lovells@Michigan.gov](mailto:Lovells@Michigan.gov)

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### FY24 Year End OPT Transit Agency training

Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024, from 9 - 11 a.m.

#### Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 281 730 944 395

Passcode: uFkqq9

#### Dial in by phone

[+1 248-509-0316,,114833741#](#) United States, Pontiac

[Find a local number](#)

Phone conference ID: 114 833 741#

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## October 2024

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### **Statewide Rural and Section 5310 Operators Zoom meeting**

Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

[Please click here to join via Zoom.](#)

**Meeting ID: 364 239 8389**

**Passcode: 763841**

Contact: Heidi Wenzel at [hwenzel@ci.ionia.mi.us](mailto:hwenzel@ci.ionia.mi.us)

Future dates:

Thursday, December 5

Thursday, February 6

Thursday, April 3

Thursday, June 5

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### **MDOT Tech Talk**

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024, from 1 - 2 p.m.

New situations can be anxiety-inducing, particularly for people with disabilities. Learn how the Capital Area Transportation Authority teamed up with Able Eyes to create virtual video tours of their vehicles and facilities to help people know what to expect when they use transit.

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## November 2024

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### OPT Annual Application training/refresher

Two in-person sessions – pick one:

- Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Marquette County Transit Authority, 1325 Commerce Dr., Marquette
- Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at MDOT Aeronautics, 2700 Port Lansing Road, Lansing

MDOT Office of Passenger Transportation Project Managers and Supervisors will be offering an Annual Application Training/Refresher Course to assist agencies with preparing for the FY2026 application process. All transit agencies are strongly encouraged to send at least one representative. Lunch will be provided to registered participants. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required.

[Register for training](#)

Hotel registrations can be made at each agency's preference. If you have any questions, please reach out to your MDOT project manager.

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### MDOT Tech Talk

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Experts from Maner Costerisan will explain how you can use data reports from your accounting program to improve your agency's operations.

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## December 2024

### MDOT Tech Talk

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024, from 10 - 11 a.m.

The city of Detroit recently launched two new transit services that use autonomous shuttles. One targets older adults and people with disabilities, providing access to over 100 locations around the city; the other loops from Corktown through downtown to the East Jefferson Riverfront and is open to the general public. Learn more about these services from Tim Slusser, Detroit's chief of mobility innovation.

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## January 2025

### MDOT Tech Talk

Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025, from 2 - 3 p.m.

The swiftly changing landscape of transit technology can be difficult to keep up with, especially for small agencies with minimal capacity. Fortunately, there are resources available to these agencies at no cost. One of these resources is the National Center for Applied Transit Technology (N-CATT) and their technical assistance work. Andrew Carpenter, N-CATT's director, will talk to attendees about the technical assistance you can receive—from figuring out where to start in tech investment to nailing down specifications for a new fare payment system—and how the center can work with you.

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### Looking ahead

Month/year	Training	Date	Location
April 2025	Rural Transit Managers Workshop	April 16	Mt. Pleasant
May 2025	Michigan Transit Pool Annual Meeting	May 20-21	TBD
June 2025	Transit Vehicle Maintenance Seminar	June 24-26	Higgins Lake
July 2025	Roadeo and Frontline Training	TBD	TBD
August 2025	Michigan Public Transportation Statewide Conference	Aug. 18-20	Crystal Mountain

During the year we are also hoping to schedule the following training opportunities:

- Business Plan Training
- Transit Management Training
- PASS Training
- Driver Training
- Dispatcher Training
- Front Line Supervisor Training

All training opportunities are RTAP eligible. As we go through the year, it may become necessary to change some dates and venues. We will notify everyone as soon as possible as any changes become necessary.

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