



SUN 2023 ATTENDEE GUIDE

GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI
AUGUST 8 - 11

FULL SCHEDULE

Please make sure to check-in at the registration desk prior to departing for your tours.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

9:45am - 12:15pm **Biloxi Shrimping Tour**

2:00pm - 4:00pm **Tour of COAST Transit Facility**

5:30pm - 8:00pm **Reception at The Reef (Biloxi)**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

8:00am - 9:00am **Breakfast with Buses**

9:00am - 9:15am **Welcome from CTAA's Scott Bogren**

9:15am - 10:15am **Workshop 1: Operator and Passenger Safety**

10:15am - 10:30am **Break**

10:30am - 11:15am **Workshop 2: Legislative and Funding Update**

11:15am - 12:00pm **Workshop 3: An Open Dialogue with FTA on Today's Bus Market**

12:00pm - 1:00pm **Lunch with FTA Region Administrator Dr. Yvette Taylor**

1:00pm - 2:15pm **Workshop 4: Clear the Air: Reducing Costs and Emissions with Propane Autogas**

2:15pm - 4:00pm **Break and Refresh**

4:00pm - 5:30pm **Workshop 5: Traveling Workshop with COAST on Restoration and Historic Properties, Disaster Preparedness & Recovery and Economic Development**

5:30pm - 8:00pm **Reception at the Aquarium**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

8:00am - 9:00am **Breakfast with Buses**

9:00am - 10:00am **Workshop 6: Return to Ridership**

10:00am - 11:00am **Roundtable Discussions**

There will be heavy appetizers offered at the Wednesday and Thursday receptions.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION TOPICS

On Friday morning, join CTAA and your colleagues for roundtable discussions on the below topics:

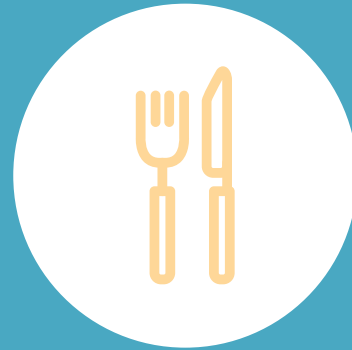
- **Table 1: Buses:** What should CTAA be doing as costs escalate and delivery times lag? Other concerns: procurement, competition
- **Table 2: Fare Collection:** What changes in policy and technology are you considering? Other concerns: fare-less, single fare payers (i.e. a University)
- **Table 3: Transit Data:** Are you experiencing issues with “real-time” technologies? How can CTAA work to improve open data standards, GTFS implementation and NTD reporting?
- **Table 4: Ridership and Travel Patterns:** What are you doing to match up your operations with post-pandemic travel patterns? What changes have been necessary? How could you most immediately improve ridership?
- **Table 5: Transit Funding:** What aspect of your agency’s finances worries you the most? Federal? State? Local? Do you have enough operating investment or is capital your biggest concern?

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