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All: Wanted to share this conference announcement with you as our partners in transit delivery in South Carolina -

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## Building Ladders of Opportunity Through Transportation Networks

May 13-15, 2015  
Loudermilk Center  
Atlanta, Georgia

Register online at: <https://www.regonline.com/2015seregionaltransitconference>

The 2015 Southeastern Regional Grantee Conference, *Building Ladders of Opportunity Through Transportation*, will be held on May 13-15, 2015. The region-wide conference is being co-sponsored by the Georgia Transportation Institute University Transportation Center and the Center for Urban Transportation Research, University of South Florida.

**When:** May 13-15, 2015  
Start: Wednesday at 8:00 am

**Where:** Loudermilk Conference Center, 40 Courtland Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303

**Who:** Federal Transit Administration Grantees, including Transit Operators, Metropolitan and Rural Planning Organizations, State Departments of Transportation, State Departments of Human Services, Intercity Bus Operators, State Transit Associations, Disability Organizations and Transit Advocacy Organizations

### Conference Program

Enclosed is a draft program. In addition, this program is available on the Conference Program page on the website, [http://www.fta.dot.gov/region4\\_8354.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/region4_8354.html). Please check the website for periodic updates to the program.

### Registration

Registration and payments must be made online at <https://www.regonline.com/2015seregionaltransitconference>. **The early conference registration fee is \$215, if you register by May 1, 2015.** After May 1st, registration is \$280. Please register as soon as possible! Hotel rate of \$135 has been secured but you must reserve before April 17, 2015 for this guaranteed rate.

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**From:** Hibbert, Jennifer (FTA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 2:15 PM  
**Subject:** 2015 Southeastern Regional Transit Conference Invitation and Registration  
**Importance:** High

Dear Transit Partners:

We are very excited to invite you to the 2015 Southeastern Regional Transit Conference -- "Building Ladders of Opportunity Through Transportation Networks" -- which will be held in Atlanta, GA on May 13-15, 2015 at the Loudermilk Conference Center. The conference is being co-sponsored by the Georgia Transportation Institute, University Transportation Center (GTI-UTC) and the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR), University of

South Florida.

As you know, building and sustaining vital transportation systems throughout our nation is a high priority and our role in delivering safe and reliable transit options has expanded significantly under MAP-21. This conference will focus on the key program changes, new and updated policies and regulations, the Administration's initiatives, as well as, sharing best practices in the industry.

We will have the opportunity to hear and engage with FTA's Acting Administrator, Therese McMillan, on transit priorities and challenges going forward. Other transit policymakers and regional subject matter experts will be presenting valuable information on topics, such as Buy America, Major Capital Investment Program, TRAMS, Safety and Transit Asset Management, and many, many more.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to attend the conference and take advantage of this outstanding training opportunity that will include break-out sessions, roundtable discussions, and networking with transit professionals.

Attached is a preliminary conference agenda, registration information, hotel and transportation details. For more information and to register for the conference, please visit our Conference Website at: <https://www.regonline.com/2015seregionaltransitconference>.

I look forward to seeing each of you in Atlanta!

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