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## DigitalCT Spring-Summer 2011: Transit Across West Virginia



This edition of DigitalCT chronicles our recent journey across West Virginia to meet with transit leaders and officials in the Mountaineer State. From Bluefield to Petersburg, we covered a lot of ground, meeting and learning from West Virginia's transit professionals. Click on the sections below for our full-length feature profiles, as well as our Voices from the Community audio interviews. Also, be sure to watch Editor-in-Chief Scott Bogren's video note detailing this issue of DigitalCT, along with our exclusive discussions with Congressman Nick Rahall and Senator Joe Manchin.

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### Editor's Note



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- **From the Editor** (PDF)(264 KB)

### Voices from the Community: Suzanne Park & Rose Meredith



With 18 core member agencies, the West Virginia Public Transit Association is charged with spreading the good word about transit in West Virginia -- as well as providing strategic training opportunities. WVPTA Communications Director Suzanne Park talks to CT Editor-in-Chief Scott Bogren about the history and emergence of the Association, what it does for its members and the key transit issues the group is pursuing at the state capital. For more information on the West Virginia Public Transit Association, go to [wvtransit.com](http://wvtransit.com).



Wayne Xpress is a rural public transit system in southwestern West Virginia that operates 8 routes and nonemergency medical transportation service. Rose Meredith is Executive Director of Wayne Xpress and spoke with CT Editor-in-Chief Scott Bogren about the importance of the mobility the system provides, how she sees transit across West Virginia changing and what the future holds for her agency. For more information on Wayne Xpress, go to [www.waynexpress.com](http://www.waynexpress.com).



- **Voices from the Community: Suzanne Park & Rose Meredith** (PDF)(267 KB)

### The Interviews: Congressman Nick Rahall and Senator Joe Manchin



Congressman Nick Rahall Senator and Joe Manchin -- key members of West Virginia's Congressional delegation -- share their thoughts on transit in West Virginia, and across the nation.

- **The Interviews: Congressman Nick Rahall and Senator Joe Manchin** (PDF)(282 KB)



## Bluefield Area Transit: Coal Country's Robust Transit Provider



Stationed alongside the railroad tracks in Bluefield, W.Va., is the former Norfolk & Western Railroad freight office. Today, the same facility still orchestrates mobility on a broad scale, impacting the lives and prosperity of tens of thousands. Instead of the railroad's strings of coal hopper cars or goods arriving via boxcar, its current occupant -- Bluefield Area Transit -- moves people.

- [Bluefield Area Transit: Coal Country's Robust Transit Provider](#) (PDF)(1.09 MB)

## Urban Transit -- West Virginia Style



West Virginia's state capital of Charleston is a city of just over 50,000 people in the state's most populous county. Situated alongside the Kanawha (pronounced Ka-Naw) River in a valley, the city spreads out lengthwise in an east-west orientation with the beautiful gold-domed capitol building at its eastern end. Charleston is, not surprisingly, home to the state's largest public transit operation -- the Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority (KRT).

- [Urban Transit -- West Virginia Style](#) (PDF)(420 KB)

## To Foster, Assist and Promote



The gleaming gold dome of the West Virginia State Capitol commands the eastern side of Charleston, looking down on the flowing Kanawha and surrounded by a series of 1960s-era government buildings. It's a beautiful campus-like setting that is home to, among many others, the West Virginia Department of Transportation's Public Transit Division.

- [To Foster, Assist and Promote](#) (PDF)(412 KB)

## From West Virginia's Far Corner: The Tri-State Transit Authority



Huntington occupies the far western part of West Virginia at the precise point where the state comes in contact with both Ohio and Kentucky. The Tri-State Transit Authority (TTA) has served this region since its formation in 1972 -- and public transit has served the region, in various forms, since 1888.

- [From West Virginia's Far Corner: The Tri-State Transit Authority](#) (PDF)(528 KB)

## Safe, Courteous & Reliable: Philippi's Here & There Transit



The same spirit of connectivity and endurance that defines the Covered Bridge inhabits the work of Here & There Transit, Barbour County's rural public transportation system. Offering a range of mobility options throughout -- and beyond -- Barbour County, Here & There Transit is nothing less than an urgently-needed facet of life for so many who live and work here.

- [Safe, Courteous & Reliable: Philippi's Here & There Transit](#) (PDF)(469 KB)

### Fairmont-Marion County Transit Authority: You Can Count on Them



At the curving intersection of Quincy and Adams Streets in downtown Fairmont, West Virginia once stood the home of Francis Harrison Pierpont. As the Governor of the Union-controlled portions of Virginia that eventually separated to form the Mountaineer State, Pierpont is often referred to as the father of West Virginia. Today on those same grounds -- atop the hilly bluffs overlooking the headwaters of the Monongahela River that flows north to Morgantown and then Pittsburgh -- are the facilities home to the Fairmont-Marion County Transit Authority (FMCTA).

- [Fairmont-Marion County Transit Authority: You Can Count on Them](#) (PDF)(600 KB)

### Mountain Line Transit Authority: Making Connections in Real-Time



Mountain Line Transit Authority is an outstanding example of a fully formed, multi-modal transit operation that meets a multitude of needs and offers riders seamless connections. Manager David Bruffy spent the morning with us, riding along on vehicles, highlighting the system's numerous accomplishments and pointing to what he hopes he and his colleagues can achieve tomorrow.

- [Mountain Line Transit Authority: Making Connections in Real-Time](#) (PDF)(520 KB)

### The Potomac Valley Transit Authority: One of West Virginia's Original Rural Transit Operators Soldiers On



West Virginia's Potomac Valley is a broad, rolling plain framed by the Allegheny and Shenandoah Mountains and featuring the South Branch of the Potomac River. Serving this 2,700-square mile service area is the Potomac Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) -- a 35-year old full-service rural transit operation that in addition to public service emphasizes medical and employment trips.

- [The Potomac Valley Transit Authority: One of West Virginia's Original Rural Transit Operators Soldiers On](#) (PDF)(559 KB)

### Transit Notes



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## West Virginia Scrapbook



- [West Virginia Scrapbook \(PDF\)](#) (400 KB)

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