

# NADO 2017 Regional Transportation Conference – June 28-30, Denver, CO

- Agenda from the conference:
  - <https://www.nado.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/2017rpoprogram.pdf>
- Presentations from the conference:
  - <https://www.slideshare.net/rpoamerica>

These slides highlight a few of the more unique presentations Iowa DOT attended.

## Mobilizing Support for Transportation Solutions

- Easter Seals presented on their efforts with twitter chats and podcasts. An example they did was an “ask the expert ADA podcast”.
- <https://www.slideshare.net/rpoamerica/using-twitter-chats-and-podcasts-to-mobilize-engagement>

### NADTC's First (So Far) Podcast

Ask the Expert ADA Podcast – March 30, 2017

- 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

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### Ask the Expert Podcast

Scripted Questions & Answers

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>

### WHAT IS CITIZENS' ACADEMY?

- 7 weeks  
21 hours
- Meet & work with other engaged & informed citizens
- Learn from local experts
- Engage on personal & professional levels

Action Plan Topics Chosen by Academy Applicants

## 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.

## 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 application-based process for expanding to new areas.

- <https://www.slideshare.net/rpoamerica/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.

