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## **REGION 10 BULLETIN NO: 09-31**

Subject: New NTI T-Classes Available

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The National Transit Institute (NTI) is presenting its latest line-up of T-Classes in April and May. The 90-minute classes are delivered in a telephone conference format, with the last 30-minutes open to the audience for questions and answers. **All times for T-Classes are EASTERN TIME.** The classes are **FREE** and highlight important topics and trends in the transit industry.

The following classes are on the NTI website: Go to <http://www.ntionline.com>, click on the T-Class heading and choose the topic by its title:

**Integration of Paratransit and Fixed-Route Transit Services**, TCRP Synthesis Report 76, **April 23, 2009, 2:00-3:30 pm**,

<http://www.ntionline.com/CourseInfo.asp?CourseNumber=TRI18-53-21>. This report explores the experiences of transit agencies that have attempted to integrate their fixed route and paratransit services, such as by providing paratransit feeder services, community bus or circulators, connectors, fixed-route fare incentives, and route deviation. This study focuses on feeder services and community services, but also addresses instances where agencies adopted other approaches to shifting potential paratransit riders to less costly modes.

**Shared Use of Railroad Infrastructure with Noncompliant Public Transit Rail Vehicles: A Practitioner's Guide**, TCRP Report 130, **April 30, 2009, 2:00-3:30pm**,

<http://www.ntionline.com/CourseInfo.asp?CourseNumber=TRI18-53-24>. Public transit and freight rail operations can share rail corridors either by utilizing the same tracks or by separating track usage. This report focuses on "co-mingled" operations relating to light rail vehicles that do not meet current Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) crashworthiness regulations. This type of operations offers enormous potential for public transit expansion because freight rail corridors across the nation often provide the only available transportation corridors to connect suburban development with urban communities. The *Practitioner's Guide* is intended as a tool-kit and handbook to identify candidate corridors and implement shared-track operations.

**Insurance Challenges for Paratransit**, National Conference of State Legislatures, **May 28, 2009, 2:00-3:30pm**, <http://www.ntionline.com/CourseInfo.asp?CourseNumber=TRI18-53-23>.

This issue brief addresses some of the most pressing insurance challenges facing the paratransit industry, reviews state laws regarding paratransit insurance and outlines various risk management techniques that have been developed for paratransit providers. The paper examines different state policy approaches to help provide vital services.

You must be registered to receive the Dial-in information. Please be sure to give your email address when you register. The Dial-in information will be emailed to you in a confirmation letter once you are registered.

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Sincerely,



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