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# MAPT MEMBER NEWSLETTER



# WINTER 2025



We hope that everyone's 2025 is going great so far!



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**MAPT PRESENTS:**

**VIRTUAL SPRING CONFERENCE**

**DATE:**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 9:00AM – 2:30PM**

**SCHEDULE:**

- 9:00-9:30 – WRI – Charging Management Software for ESB's: Presentation will cover what you need to know when it comes to the chargers "talking" to the ESB's.
- 9:30-11:30 – Ted Zotos –The Power of a Positive Team: Ted will present on the book The Power of a Positive Team and the impact it can have on your transportation departments.
- 11:40-1:00 – Jo Mascorro – Are you having behaviors on the school bus? Jo is an expert in this area and will be giving a prelude to what she will be presenting at the annual conference June 25th at Boyne Mountain
- 1:00-2:30 – Mac Dashney & Thrun Law – How are the new bills PA-161, 162 & 163 different from previous and what does this mean for transportation departments?

**Cost: \$150.00 for members**

**Register at: [www.mapt.org](http://www.mapt.org)**

**Registration ends February 28<sup>th</sup>!**



**VIRTUAL SPRING CONFERENCE**

**Be sure to sign up for the Virtual Spring Conference. It will be Tuesday, March 4th, 2025, 9:00AM – 2:30PM. The cost is \$150.00 for members. Register today at: [www.mapt.org](http://www.mapt.org). Registration ends February 28th!**

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**MAPT Scholarship opportunity!**

**Have your kids APPLY TODAY!!**

**Essays are due April 1, 2025 at 5PM.**

**For more info, visit [MAPT.ORG](http://MAPT.ORG).**

**2025 MAPT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY! APPLY TODAY!**



**Due Date: April 1, 2025**

Information needed:

Name:

Address:

Email address:

College attending during 2025/2026 school year:

Name and position of parent or guardian in transportation:

Name of parent/guardian's school district or contractor:

Specifications for essay: 400-600 words



**APPLY TODAY**

**(5) \$1,000 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS!!!!**

School buses are an essential mode of transportation for many students, providing a safe way to travel to and from school. However, safety on and around school buses is a critical issue that requires attention from students, parents, and the community.

In a well-organized essay, discuss the importance of school bus safety, including specific risks that students may face and the measures that can be taken to mitigate these risks. Share any personal experiences or observations that have shaped your understanding of school bus safety. Finally, propose actionable steps that students and community members can take to enhance safety for all bus riders.

**Who may apply:** Any current 12th grader going into college in the 2025-2026 school year who is a child of an employee who works for a school district or contractor in transportation. The supervisor of the school district or contractor must be a member of MAPT.

**EMAIL COMPLETED ESSAYS TO: [executive-director@mapt.org](mailto:executive-director@mapt.org)**



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**DUE: APRIL 1, 2025 @ 5PM EST**

**Visit: [MAPT.ORG](http://MAPT.ORG) for more info**

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**MAPT 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

**Join us June 24-26, 2025**

**at Boyne Mountain Resort**

**More information coming soon!**



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## Redwings & Pistons Recap

- 200 Redwings tickets sold
- 600 Pistons tickets sold



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## Members of the GTSAC and other interested parties:

Dear Traffic Safety Partners:

The [Safe Routes to School \(SRTA\) Mini Grant Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#) for the 2025-2026 school year are now open!

Mini Grants are an excellent way to make quick gains in your community with the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) movement to inspire change to the transportation culture around schools and neighborhoods. They are designed to be used to encourage and educate students about how they can travel safely to and from school in healthy ways. By increasing the number of students that walk, bike, and roll to school, the Mini Grant can be the spark for broader local active transportation improvements that focus on safety and physical activity.

Proposals are due **March 7, 2025, by 5 p.m.** Mini Grant award notifications will be announced in June.

For questions about the Mini Grant, contact [Erin Paskus](#).

Thank you,

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# MINI GRANTS



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## **SEC 74 Clean School Bus Grant**

- **The 74(b) Clean Bus Energy Grant is OPEN for ROUND #3: November 4, 2024 till 8:00 PM ET May 2, 2025**
- Michigan Department of Education (MDE) in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and Michigan Association of Pupil Transportation (MAPT) opened applications for the 74(b) Clean Bus Energy Grant, a \$125 million program aimed at helping Michigan school districts replace aging diesel school buses with cleaner alternatives.
- Through the program, public school districts can receive up to 70% of the cost of an electric school bus, charging station and infrastructure. The program also works to prioritize high-need districts, examining criteria like income, environmental risk factors, and rural or indigenous populations. Schools that meet these criteria are eligible for additional funding to cover up to 90% of the total project costs. Alternative fueled buses will be funded at lower levels.
- Office hours are (Fridays from 9:30-10:30 AM) and questions can be emailed to [MDE-CleanBusEnergy@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-CleanBusEnergy@michigan.gov). Please see <https://mapt.org/sec-74-clean-school-bus-grant/> for further resources and details on informational events and webinars.



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## Contact Us



- **For questions on billing and membership:**  
**[admin@mapt.org](mailto:admin@mapt.org)**
- **All other questions regarding MAPT:**  
**[executive-director@mapt.org](mailto:executive-director@mapt.org)**
- **To register for Basic Transportation Management class:**  
**Contact your TAAM Rep**
- **Questions regarding Advanced Bus Driver/Supervisor classes:** **Contact your TAAM Rep**
- **Send any photos of 2024-2025 MAPT involvement to:**  
**[0312photography@gmail.com](mailto:0312photography@gmail.com)**

## **THANK YOU!**



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