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RE: 2024 Transit Report

Dear Legislators:

I am pleased to present the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Annual Transit Report. This report includes information on transit service in Minnesota as required by Minn. Stat. 174.247. In addition, it provides a comprehensive overview of the state's public transit services by highlighting accomplishments; listing ridership, financial and performance information; and providing a snapshot of every public transit provider in the state.

Transit is a key component of Minnesota's multimodal transportation system, contributing to the health of people, the environment and the economy. In Greater Minnesota, 40 public transit systems in 79 counties offer scheduled transportation service to the public. These transit services are funded through a financial partnership that includes local, state and federal participation.

MnDOT strives to make access to quality public transit systems available to citizens statewide. To ensure Minnesota is at the forefront of future transit strategies and financing, MnDOT will work proactively toward its mission to provide the highest quality, dependable multimodal transportation system.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this report, or you may contact Sarah Ghandour in MnDOT's Office of Transit and Active Transportation at sarah.ghandour@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

Nancy Daubenberger, P.E.

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Commissioner

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Legislative Request

This report is issued to comply with <u>Minnesota Statutes 174.247</u>. The cost of preparing this report is approximately \$12,000. The following table details where specific items requested in legislation are found in the report.

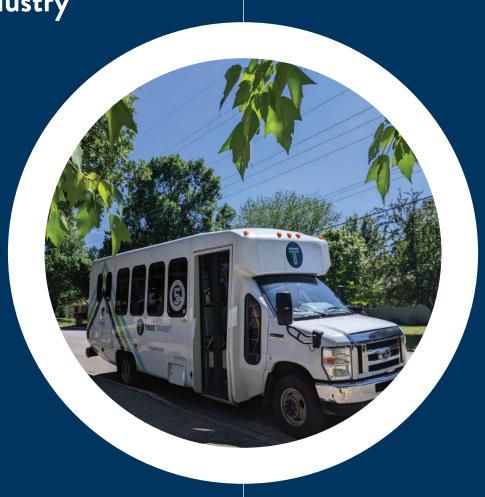
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By February 15 annually, the commissioner shall submit a report to the outside the metropolitan area. The Metropolitan Council and any pull under section 174.24 shall provide assistance in creating the report, a report must include, at a minimum, the following:	blic transit system receiving	assistance
(1) a descriptive overview of public transit in Minnesota;	State of the Industry	6
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(4) financial data that identifies for each public transit system and for each transit system classification under section 174.24, subdivision 3b:		
(i) the operating and capital costs;	Financial Statistics	66
(ii) each of the funding sources used to provide financial assistance; and	Financial Statistics	68
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(5) a summary of the differences in program implementation requirements and aid recipient eligibility between federal aid and state sources of funds;	State of the Industry	7
(6) in each odd-numbered year, an analysis of public transit system needs and operating expenditures on an annual basis, which must include a methodology for identifying monetary needs, and calculations of:		
(i) the total monetary needs for all public transit systems, for the year of the report and the ensuing five years;	State of the Industry	14
(ii) the total expenditures from local sources for each transit system classification;	Financial Statistics	68
(iii) the comprehensive transit assistance percentage for each transit system classification, which equals the expenditures identified under clause (7), item (ii), for a transit system classification, divided by the amounts identified under subitem (A), plus the sum of state sources of funds plus federal funds provided to all transit systems in that classification; (due to funding complexity, no percentages have been calculated) and	Financial Statistics	
(iv) the amount of surplus or insufficient funds available for paying capital and operating costs to fully implement the greater Minnesota transit investment plan under section 174.24, subdivision 1a.	State of the Industry	16

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State of the Industry



Purpose of the Transit Report

The Transit Report is published annually to give residents and elected officials an overview of public transit services in Greater Minnesota. The report includes fact sheets that describe each of these state-supported public transit systems, aggregated information about calendar year (2023) expenditures, and calendar year (2024) operating budgets. 2024 expenditures are not included because the report is developed in fall 2024. This report meets the requirements in Minn. Stat.174.247 that MnDOT annually compiles and publishes financial information for federal and state-supported transit systems. The chart on page 3 itemizes specific statutory guidelines for the report and indicates which sections meet the requirements.

About Greater Minnesota Transit

In 2023, Greater Minnesota had 40 public transit systems (28 rural, 7 small urban, and 5 tribal) offering scheduled transit service in 79 counties. Public transit systems provide transportation options that allow residents to participate in the state's communities and economy. In accordance with Minn. Stat.174.247, this report highlights information for the public transit and intercity bus systems in Greater Minnesota. Transit services offered in the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area are not included.

Minnesota has specific statutory goals directly related to transit under Minn. Stat.174.01 and 174.21. Minnesota Statutes, Section 174.01 has the following goals:

- Provide transit services to all counties in the state to meet the needs of transit users
- Promote and increase the use of high-occupancy vehicles and low-emission vehicles

The statutory purpose of MnDOT's Public Transit Participation Program is laid out in Minn. Stat. 174.21:

- (1) Provide access to transit for persons who have no alternative mode of transportation available
- (2) Increase the efficiency and productivity of public transit systems
- (3) Alleviate problems of automobile congestion and energy consumption, and provide desirable land use where such activities are cost-effective
- (4) Maintain a state commitment to public transportation

Minnesota Statutes Section 174.247 governs the Transit Report • (5) Meet the needs of individual transit systems to the extent they are consistent with the other objectives stated above

Transit services are funded with a combination of local, state and federal funding. In the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area, the Metropolitan Council plans, coordinates, administers and reports state and federal funding for public transit services. MnDOT's Office of Transit and Active Transportation administers state and federal financial assistance to public transit systems in Greater Minnesota.

Other Transit Opportunities

MnDOT provides federal section 5311 funding allocation in addition to the direct FTA funding for transit services offered by tribal nations in Minnesota. In recent years, MnDOT's support of tribal nations included sections 5311 and 5310 funds. All tribes are eligible for Rural Transit Assistance Program funding for transportation education and training. The federal funding allocation to tribal nations provides much needed transit services. The Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program (Section 5310), a federal program administered by MnDOT, improves mobility by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options to seniors and individuals with disabilities. This program, while not specifically considered public transit, supports the services planned, designed and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of these individuals. Eligible projects include traditional capital investment and nontraditional investment beyond the Americans with Disabilities Act complementary paratransit services

Federal and State Funding for Transit

This section outlines how federal and state funding is distributed among Greater Minnesota's public transit systems. Minn. Stat.174.247 requires "a summary of the differences in program implementation requirements and aid recipient eligibility between federal aid and state sources of funds."

Federal Funding Programs for Public Transit

Urbanized areas, defined by the U.S. Census Bureau as places with populations greater than 50,000 are eligible to receive Federal Transit Administration (Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program) grant funds. The Section 5307 program allows areas with populations greater than 50,000, but less than 200,000, to spend funds on transit planning, capital and operations. Each of Minnesota's eight eligible metropolitan areas receives these funds.

These areas are Fargo-Moorhead, Grand Forks-East Grand Forks, La Crosse-La Crescent, Rochester, Duluth-Superior, St. Cloud, Mankato, and the sevencounty Twin Cities metropolitan area. Mankato's population surpassed 50,000 at the 2010 census and the city began receiving these funds in federal fiscal year 2013. These metropolitan areas receive Section 5307 grant funds directly from the Federal Transit Administration. As direct recipients of federal funds, metropolitan areas are individually responsible to the FTA for compliance with federal laws and regulations. Rural and small urban areas (i.e. smaller cities), defined by the U.S. Census Bureau as places with populations less than 50,000, are eligible for Section 5311 Rural Area Formula Program grant funds. These funds can be used for transit capital and operating assistance. Program funds are typically awarded to states, or registered tribes, and states administer funds to local governments, non-profit organizations or operators of public transportation or intercity bus service. Additionally, there is a relatively new federal law that created a capital formula program for buses and bus facilities (Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Program).

Federal Programs Support Local Transit Operating and Capital Projects

Federal programs constitute the majority of transit formula funding in Minnesota. These funds are used to provide operating and capital support through grants to large urban, small urban and rural areas. In total, MnDOT provided \$34.7 million in Section 5311 funding toward public transportation assistance in Greater Minnesota (Table 1). Federal Section 5307 and tribal funds are directly appropriated and managed by the large urban systems and the tribal nations. Table 1 depicts the amounts of Section 5311 funding provided for Greater Minnesota Transit assistance for fiscal year 2022.

Table 1: FY 2023 Section 5311 & CARES Federal Funding for Greater Minnesota Transit

PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	2022 TOTAL
5311	Non-urbanized Area Formula Program: Operating funding Intercity bus transportation Rural Transit Assistance Program	\$ 34,752,000 5,239,960 383,844
Grand total		\$ 40.375.804

State Programs Support Public Transit

The Minnesota State Legislature decides on the funding levels for the state's public transit system every two years. A portion of the State General Fund is typically approved and dedicated for transit in Greater Minnesota.

Additionally, a percentage of funding from the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax is constitutionally dedicated to public transit. The 2023 Legislative Session increased the tax rate was from 6.5percent to 6.875percent. Sixty percent of the MVST tax stays in the Highway User Tax Distribution fund. The distribution of the funds was also changed during the 2023 Legislative Session from the current 36/4percent split between Metro Area transit and Greater Minnesota Transit Council to a 34.3/5.7percent split. Greater Minnesota also receives a portion of Motor Vehicle Lease Sales Tax revenues from leased vehicles, which are split among the state general fund and county state-aid highways.

The 2023 Legislative Session also provided \$40 million to fund the match for Federal aid and State investments. This is a one time appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

MnDOT disburses funds for Greater Minnesota transit through the Public Transit Participation Program. Greater Minnesota public transit providers apply annually for operating, capital and planning activities. Eligibility is determined by Minn. Stat.174.24, and subd. 2 states, "Any legislatively established public transit commission or authority, any county or statutory or home rule charter city providing financialassistancetooroperatingpublictransit, anyprivateoperator of public transit, or any combination thereof is eligible to receive financial assistance through the public transit participation program."

State law requires local participation in funding public transit services in Greater Minnesota. The percentage of total contracted operating costs paid by any recipient from local sources may not exceed the following percent for that recipient's classification:

- Elderly and disabled system 15 percent
- Rural (population less than 2,500) 15 percent
- Small urban (population 2,500 50,000) 20 percent
- Urbanized (population more than 50,000) 20 percent

In 2023, the Minnesota Legislature passed a temporary reduction in the required local match for public transit funding in Greater Minnesota underthrough Minnesota Statute, Section 174.24, Subdivision 3b. As a result, the local match percentages have been temporarily reduced for fiscal years 2024 and 2025, providing short-term financial relief to local governments and transit systems.

Other state, local, and federal funding for public transit covers the remaining percent of operating costs awarded through the Public Transit Participation Program.

State Public Transit Assistance

The following table lists Greater Minnesota state transit funding for 2022-2023.

Table 2: State Transit Funding for 2022-2023

SOURCE	2022	2023	TOTAL
Public transit assistance (general fund)	\$18,201,000	\$18,201,000	\$36,402,000
Greater MN transit account (MVLST daily receipts and one-time MVST leased revenues)	\$65,409,599	\$63,957,192	\$129,366,791
Greater Minnesota total	\$83,610,599	\$82,158,192	\$165,768,791

2023 Major Accomplishments

BETTER Minnesota Communities Application

Four transit systems in southern Minnesota were awarded electric vehicles through the federal 2022 Low or No Emission Grant Program. Prairie Lakes Transit (Faribault-Martin County Transit Board), Hermann Express (Brown County Human Services in partnership with the City of New Ulm), Minnesota River Valley Transit (City of Le Sueur and City of St. Peter) and SMART (Cedar Valley Services, Inc.) were awarded a total of six buses to begin electrifying their fleets.

In addition to electric buses, the grant funds charging stations, facility renovations to house the new buses and charging stations, and workforce development training in proper maintenance practices for electric vehicles. Facility renovations were initiated in fall 2023, bus deliveries and local workforce development will take place in 2025, and the project will be complete in December 2026.

The application process advanced local expertise in fleet electrification. For example, applicants learned that bus orders must be timed to coincide with delivery of charging stations to ensure manufacturers' warranties on each run concurrently. The project aligns well with the strategies outlined in Region Nine RDC's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. These include pursuing community and economic development that is resilient against the effects of climate change, aligning industry with global sustainability standards, and developing and maintaining a transportation system that fosters growth and enhances economic development.

FTA Innovation and Research Grants

MnDOT continued the work of implementing two FTA research grants it was awarded in 2020 to drive transit innovation in Greater Minnesota. The first grant of \$785,000 (\$628,000 federal and \$157,000 state) from the FTA Accelerating Innovative Mobility (AIM) program is funding the Southern Minnesota Mobility-as-a-Service Project, an effort to develop and deploy a multimodal trip planning, booking, and trip tracking system built on an open architecture. MnDOT is working with seven Greater Minnesota public transit agencies in Southern Minnesota, two small urban (5307) and five rural systems (5311), as well as other shared mobility services like intercity bus and rail, carshare, taxis and ride hail, and micromobility.

For the second award, FTA's COVID-19 Research and Demonstration Project program is providing a \$900,000 grant (\$450,000 federal and \$450,000 state and local) to test mobile app and fare card based contactless payment and trip planning technologies in rural communities under the Wester Minnesota Contactless Payment Project. This will involve eight Greater Minnesota rural public transit systems (5311) in Western Minnesota.

With similar technology and project timelines, MnDOT moved forward in 2021 with a single procurement of Mobility-as-a-Service technologies for both the Southern and Western Minnesota Projects. The University of Minnesota will provide data collection and analysis on each project to determine impacts on travel behavior and on public transit system finances and operations. Both projects launched in early 2023 and ran through spring 2024.

Volunteer Drivers

MCOTA in partnership with MPTA and MN Volunteer Driver Coalition crafted and endorsed legislation for the 2021 session to adjust the state's charity tax credit for Minnesota Volunteer Drivers from \$.14 per mile to the current IRS Business Rate. The first law eliminated the state tax burden of any reimbursement for mileage expenses. The second law changed language to have a consistent definition of what a Volunteer Driver is and is not. Volunteer Drivers are not for hire, as they volunteer their time, the reimbursement that they receive above the \$.14 per mile up to the IRS Business rate is only cost reimbursement of operating volunteer's own vehicle. Both were passed in the 2021 Special Session were in place for CY 2022 tax year . Also, insurance carriers cannot decline coverage or charge a higher rate because Volunteer Drivers do not earn "income" on cost reimbursement at or lower than current IRS Business milage rate.

Since the passage of the legislation in 2021, MCOTA in partnership with MPTA and MN Volunteer Driver Coalition have been seeking federal legislation to address the federal tax burden to Volunteer drivers. Federal legislation was authored in 2022 and 2023, HR 2023, and is ready for debate in Congress.

Conclusion

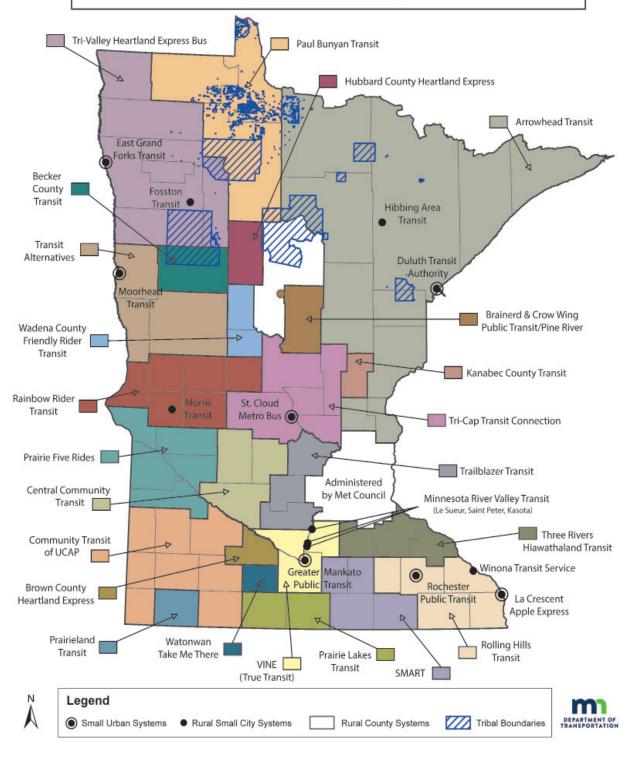
Public transportation is important to people in Greater Minnesota to access economic and social opportunities in their communities. Transportation equity objectives, an aging demographic, and climate change create even greater demands on public transit. MnDOT strives to make access to quality public transit systems available to citizens statewide. To assure that Minnesota is at the forefront of future transit strategies and financing, MnDOT proactively works toward its mission to provide the highest quality, dependable multimodal transportation system.

Transit System Fact Pages



Greater Minnesota Public Transit Map

Systems Administered by the Minnesota Department of Transportation Current as of December 2022



Arrowhead Transit

INFORMATION	ARROWHEAD TRANSIT
Transit Director	Brandon Nurmi
Street	702 3rd Avenue South
City/State/Zip	Virginia, MN 55792
Telephone	218-735-6807
Website	www.arrowheadtransit.com



System Highlights

- Announced our new Transit Director, Brandon Nurmi.
- Aired our first commercial during the Super Bowl; a milestone allowing us to reach viewers with our message of community-based transportation.
- Updating our website and brochures to make the resources more intuitive and user-friendly.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	ARROWHEAD TRANSIT
Vehicle Fleet	62 Class 400 Buses, 73 Class 500 Buses
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride, Route Deviation
Base Fare	\$2.00
Area Served	Aitkin, Carlton, Chisago, Cook, Isanti, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Pine and St. Louis counties
State/Fed District	03A&B, 05B, 07A, 10A&B, 11A&B, 31A, 32A&B, 39A/ 03, 05, 10, 11, 31, 32, 39



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION		
Weekday	6:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.		
Saturday	7:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.		
Sunday	7:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.		

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$12,261,998	\$5,257,634	\$0	\$0	\$4,943,175	\$2,061,190
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$2,018,000	\$1,351,400	\$0	\$316,300	\$0	\$350,300
2024 Operating Budget	\$13,577,800	\$4,612,842	\$0	\$2,071,517	\$6,214,551	\$678,890

Becker County Transit

INFORMATION	BECKER COUNTY TRANSIT
Transit Director	Kevin Johnson
Street	1771 North Tower Road
City/State/Zip	Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
Telephone	218-847-1674
Website	www.co.becker.mn.us/dept/transit



System Highlights

• Moved into a new facility that includes heated storage, offices, meeting room, training room, breakroom, wash bay, fuel depot and mechanics on site.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	BECKER COUNTY TRANSIT
Vehicle Fleet	1 Class 300 Bus, 7 Class 400 Buses
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride
Base Fare	\$1.50
Area Served	Detroit Lakes, Frazee, Audubon, Hawley
State/Fed District	4B/7



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION			
Weekday	7:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.			
Saturday	10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.			
Sunday	No service			

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$669,126	\$295,315	\$0	\$79,503	\$216,427	\$77,882
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$688,900	\$255,216	\$0	\$0	\$399,239	\$34,445

Brainerd & Crow Wing Public Transit

INFORMATION	BRAINERD & CROW WING PUBLIC TRANSIT
Transit Director	Crystal Gauthier
Street	501 Laurel Street
City/State/Zip	Brainerd, MN 56401
Telephone	218-825-7433 (RIDE) or 866-925-7433
Website	www.ci.brainerd.mn.us/transit



System Highlights

- Service in Crow Wing County was updated to morning and afternoon trips offered to and from the cities of Pequot Lakes or Crosby with morning trips offered from 6:30am-8:30am, and in the afternoon 2:00 pm-4:30 pm.
- Five (5) buses now offer service within the city limits of Brainerd and Baxter.
- The system received its fifth gasoline-powered bus in the fleet and was a much-welcomed addition in the community.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	BRAINERD & CROW WING PUBLIC TRANSIT			
Vehicle Fleet	9 Class 400 Buses, 1 Class 500 Bus			
Service Type	vial-a-Ride			
Base Fare	Brainerd: \$3.00, Baxter: \$7.00, Pequot Lakes: \$8.00 Crosby: \$8.00			
Area Served	Brainerd, Baxter, Peqout Lakes and Crosby			
State/Fed District	6, 6B/8			



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION		
Weekday	6:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.		
Saturday	No service		
Sunday	No service		

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$1,462,807	\$634,950	\$0	\$177,586	\$532,759	\$117,512
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$1,458,600	\$508,833	\$0	\$0	\$876,837	\$72,930

Brown County Heartland Express

INFORMATION	BROWN COUNTY HEARTLAND EXPRESS
Transit Director	Patrick LaCourse
Street	1900 North Franklin Street
City/State/Zip	New Ulm, MN 56073
Telephone	507-359-2717 or 800-707-2717
Website	www.co.brown.mn.us/transit



System Highlights

- Our Hermann Express route is adding passengers every year and has been a big hit to the citizens of New Ulm.
- Heartland Express ridership is coming back from pre-pandemic levels.
- We are working to secure two electric buses for our Hermann Express route.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	BROWN COUNTY HEARTLAND EXPRESS				
Vehicle Fleet	9 Class 400 Buses, 1 support vehicle				
Service Type	ial-a-Ride				
Base Fare	eartland in town \$1.50, out of the city limits \$3.00.				
Area Served	Brown County				
State/Fed District	16/1				



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION
Weekday	6:15a.m. to 5:45p.m. (Heartland) 7:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. and 1:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. (Hermann)
Saturday	10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. (Hermann)
Sunday	8:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. (Heartland)

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$1,099,442	\$503,458	\$0	\$136,225	\$363,019	\$96,740
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$1,186,600	\$428,922	\$0	\$0	\$698,348	\$59,330

Central Community Transit

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U ZZIIU Street
mar, MN 56201
-979-5233
w.cctbus.org



System Highlights

- CCT serves three counties in central Minnesota west of the Twin Cities.
- We have a fleet of mostly 400 series buses that run seven days a week at some of our locations.
- We have a robust volunteer driver program for individuals needing transportation beyond our regular bus routes.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	CENTRAL COMMUNITY TRANSIT			
Vehicle Fleet	29 Class 400 Buses, 4 Class 500 Buses, 2 support vans			
Service Type	ial-a-Ride, Route Deviation, Fixed Route			
Base Fare	Varies, \$2-8			
Area Served	Meeker, Kandiyohi and Renville counties			
State/Fed District	13A, 16B, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B/7			



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION				
Weekday	:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.				
Saturday	lo service				
Sunday	No service				

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$3,461,577	\$1,278,445	\$0	\$531,299	\$703,700	\$948,134
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$657,800	\$526,240	\$0	\$65,780	\$0	\$65,780
2024 Operating Budget	\$4,601,200	\$1,596,348	\$0	\$0	\$2,774,792	\$230,060

Community Transit (United Community Action Partnership)

INFORMATION	COMMUNITY TRANSIT				
Transit Director	Nick Leske				
Street	400 South Saratoga Street				
City/State/Zip	Marshall, MN 56258				
Telephone	507-537-1416				
Website	www.communitytransitswmn.org				



System Highlights

- Increased ridership 7.25 percent from previous year.
- Received three class 400 buses from calendar year 2020.
- Increased volunteer driver program to 34 volunteers and three rider companions.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	COMMUNITY TRANSIT					
Vehicle Fleet	2 Class 300 Buses, 40 Class 400 Buses					
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride, Route Deviation					
Base Fare	\$1.00 Routes \$2.00 Dial-a-Ride, \$2.50 same day. Rural Service varies by mileage.					
Area Served	Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Pipestone, Redwood and Rock counties					
State/Fed District	16, 16A, 16B, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 22, 22A, 22B, 23, 23A/1,7					



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION			
Weekday	Service hours vary by community, see website			
Saturday	Service hours vary by community, see website			
Sunday	Service hours vary by community, see website			

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$4,304,052	\$1,823,439	\$0	\$525,864	\$1,382,403	\$572,346
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$577,800	\$491,130	\$0	\$28,890	\$0	\$57,780
2024 Operating Budget	\$4,459,800	\$1,536,522	\$0	\$0	\$2,700,288	\$222,990

Duluth Transit Authority: Fixed Route

INFORMATION	DULUTH TRANSIT AUTHORITY: FIXED ROUTE
Transit Director	Rod Fournier
Street	2402 West Michigan Street
City/State/Zip	Duluth, MN 55812
Telephone	218-722-7283
Website	www.duluthtransit.com



System Highlights

- Better Bus Blueprint System Launch August of 2023 (Complete re-design, all new routes pre-BRT).
- New signage and bus stop improvements real-time information (where's my bus).
- Pilot Pass Program with Duluth High School students and staff over five (5) months.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	DULUTH TRANSIT AUTHORITY: FIXED ROUTE					
Vehicle Fleet	3 Class 200 buses, 3 Class 300 buses, 6 Class 400 buses, 80 Class 700 buses					
Service Type	Fixed Route					
Base Fare	\$0.75 - \$1.50					
Area Served	Duluth, Hermantown, Proctor, (Wisconsin-Superior)					
State/Fed District	6B, 7A, 7B/8					



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION				
Weekday	4:20a.m. to 12:23a.m.				
Saturday	5:40a.m. to 10:53 p.m.				
Sunday	5:40a.m. to 10:53p.m.				

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$18,720,003	\$1,399,845	\$0	\$3,529,580	\$10,588,740	\$3,201,839
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$263,000	\$117,035	\$0	\$119,665	\$0	\$26,300
2024 Operating Budget	\$20,082,200	\$1,775,759	\$0	\$4,325,583	\$12,976,748	\$1,004,110

Duluth Transit Authority: STRIDE (Special Transit RIDE)

INFORMATION	DULUTH TRANSIT AUTHORITY: STRIDE
Transit Director	Rod Fournier
Street	2402 West Michigan Street
City/State/Zip	Duluth, MN 55806
Telephone	218-623-4307
Website	www.duluthtransit.com



System Highlights

- Procured 2.5 used vehicles.
- Cellular AVL Solution.
- E-Ticketing.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	DULUTH TRANSIT AUTHORITY: STRIDE				
Vehicle Fleet	14 Support Vans				
Service Type	ial-a-Ride; Subscription service				
Base Fare	Peak fare: \$3.00, Off-peak: \$1.50				
Area Served	Ouluth, Hermantown, Proctor (Wisconsin - Superior)				
State/Fed District	6B, 7A, 7B/8				



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION			
Weekday	4:00a.m. to 12:00a.m.			
Saturday	5:00a.m. to 12:00a.m.			
Sunday	5:00a.m. to 12:00a.m.			

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$1,093,572	\$0	\$0	\$235,386	\$706,159	\$152,027
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$1,473,900	\$0	\$0	\$350,051	\$1,050,154	\$73,695

East Grand Forks Transit: Fixed Route

INFORMATION	EAST GRAND FORKS TRANSIT: FIXED ROUTE
Transit Director	Nancy Ellis
Street	600 Demers Avenue NW
City/State/Zip	East Grand Forks, MN 56721
Telephone	218-773-0124
Website	https://www.grandforksgov.com/government/city- departments/cities-area-transit-cat



System Highlights

- Able to maintain Fixed Route ridership from 2022 and are showing a slight increase in 2023.
- Building an addition to the transit facility to update bus garage, washer and maintenance bays.
- Will be starting a Microtransit study to determine prime locations/service and how to implement.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	EAST GRAND FORKS TRANSIT: FIXED ROUTE				
Vehicle Fleet	2 Class 400 Bus, 1 Class 700 Bus				
Service Type	xed Route				
Base Fare	\$1.50				
Area Served	ast Grand Forks, MN and Grand Forks, ND				
State/Fed District	1B/7				



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION		
Weekday	6:00a.m. to 10:00p.m.		
Saturday	8:00a.m. to 10:00p.m.		
Sunday	No service		

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$588,605	\$191,824	\$0	\$71,655	\$214,965	\$110,161
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$500,100	\$135,820	\$0	\$84,819	\$254,456	\$25,005

East Grand Forks Transit: Dial-a-Ride

INFORMATION	EAST GRAND FORKS TRANSIT: DIAL-A-RIDE			
Transit Director	Nancy Ellis			
Street	600 Demers Avenue NW			
City/State/Zip	East Grand Forks, MN 56721			
Telephone	218-773-0124			
Website	www.grandforksgov.com/government/city- departments/cities-area-tr ansit-cat			



System Highlights

- Continuous review of service to move riders to regular route, if we can, to reduce costs.
- Working with partners to determine if agency fees are necessary.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	EAST GRAND FORKS TRANSIT: DIAL-A-RIDE				
Vehicle Fleet	1 Class 400 Bus				
Service Type	ial-a-Ride				
Base Fare	\$3.00				
Area Served	ast Grand Forks, MN and Grand Forks, ND				
State/Fed District	1B/7				



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION			
Weekday	6:00a.m. to 10:00p.m.			
Saturday	8:00a.m. to 10:00p.m.			
Sunday	No service			

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$125,497	\$0	\$0	\$27,349	\$82,046	\$16,102
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$199,400	\$0	\$0	\$47,358	\$142,073	\$9,970

Fosston Transit

INFORMATION	FOSSTON TRANSIT				
Transit Director	Dyana Dunnigan				
Street	20 East First Street				
City/State/Zip	Fosston, MN 56542				
Telephone	218-435-1959				
Website	www.fosston.com				
Website	www.fosston.com				



System Highlights

- The Fosston Star Committee sponsored rides for the annual Lefse Fest for extended hours during the event that was held Nov. 3, 2023.
- On July 21, 2023 the City Bus shuttled folks from the Mini Carnival on the east end of town to the Highway 2 Cruisers Car Show on the west end of town.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	FOSSTON TRANSIT
Vehicle Fleet	2 Class 400 Buses
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride
Base Fare	\$1.00
Area Served	Fosston
State/Fed District	1B/7



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION		
Weekday	8:00a.m. to 4:30p.m.		
Saturday	9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.		
Sunday	No service		

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$168,106	\$68,500	\$0	\$17,503	\$52,508	\$29,596
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$150,200	\$52,728	\$0	\$0	\$89,962	\$7,510

Hibbing Area Transit

INFORMATION	HIBBING AREA TRANSIT			
Transit Director	Erin Husmann			
Street	401 East 21st Street			
City/State/Zip	Hibbing, MN 55746			
Telephone	218-262-3486			
Website	www.hibbingmn.gov/168/Hibbing-Area-Transit			



System Highlights

- Teamed up with our police department and transported participants of our Police Youth Academy program.
- Continued providing rides for the Summer Reading Program to and from our city library.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	HIBBING AREA TRANSIT			
Vehicle Fleet	1 Class 400 bus, 3 Class 500 buses			
Service Type	ial-a-Ride, Route Deviation			
Base Fare	2.00			
Area Served	libbing			
State/Fed District	7A/8			



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION			
Weekday	6:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.,Mon-Thu.; 6:00a.m. to 6:30p.m. Fri.			
Saturday	9:00a.m. to 4:30p.m.			
Sunday	9:00a.m. to 4:30p.m.			

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$437,803	\$189,158	\$135,925	\$68,525	\$141,812	\$38,309
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$563,900	\$198,393	\$0	\$0	\$337,312	\$28,195

Hubbard County Heartland Express

INFORMATION	HUBBARD COUNTY HEARTLAND EXPRESS
Transit Director	Jason Ness
Street	205 Court Avenue
City/State/Zip	Park Rapids, MN 56470
Telephone	218-732-2421
Website	www.hubbardcountyheartlandexpress.com



System Highlights

- New bus arrived in April.
- Memorial Day service to local veterans.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	HUBBARD COUNTY HEARTLAND EXPRESS			
Vehicle Fleet	5 Class 400 Buses			
Service Type	ial-a-Ride, Route Deviation			
Base Fare	\$1.50			
Area Served	lubbard County			
State/Fed District	2/8			



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION		
Weekday	7:00a.m. to 7:00p.m.		
Saturday	7:45a.m. to 4:15p.m.		
Sunday	No service		

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$679,521	\$263,950	\$0	\$67,820	\$203,460	\$144,291
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$580,400	\$192,426	\$0	\$0	\$358,954	\$29,020

Jefferson Lines

JEFFERSON LINES			
Steve Woelfel			
2100 East 26th Street			
Minneapolis, MN 55404			
512-359-3400			
www.jeffersonlines.com			



System Highlights

- Jefferson Lines was recognized as MN Best Transportation four years in a row.
- Upgraded booking systems, which allows passengers to find their boarding pass, manage their trip and more.
- Improved passenger communication with up-to-date travel alerts on upcoming travels.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	JEFFERSON LINES			
Vehicle Fleet	5 Class 400 buses, 93 Class 700 buses			
Service Type	Intercity Bus, Fixed Route			
Base Fare	Varies by community, see website			
Area Served	More than 55 communities in Minnesota and 15 additional states			



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION			
Weekday	24 hours daily			
Saturday	24 hours daily			
Sunday	24 hours daily			

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$8,234,798	\$482,038	\$1,798,506	\$0	\$2,280,544	\$3,673,710
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$10,855,500	\$2,953,850	\$0	\$0	\$2,953,850	\$4,947,800

La Crescent Apple Express

LA CRESCENT APPLE EXPRESS
Adam Lorentz
2000 Marco Drive
La Crosse, WI 54601
608-789-7350
www.cityoflacrosse.org/mtu



System Highlights

- 2023 was another accident free year.
- A brand new 2023 ARBOC Low Floor Class 400 was placed into service in November of 2023.
- Ridership for the Apple Express increased by 13 percent in 2023 from 2022.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	LA CRESCENT APPLE EXPRESS			
Vehicle Fleet	1 Class 400 Bus			
Service Type	ural, Fixed Route, Route Deviation			
Base Fare	\$1.50			
Area Served	City of La Crescent			
State/Fed District	1/3			



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION
Weekday	5:40a.m. to 12:30p.m. and 1:10p.m. to 7:00p.m.
Saturday	7:40a.m. to 3:30p.m.
Sunday	No service

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL CARES	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$345,315	\$65,866	\$0	\$54,290	\$162,870	\$62,288
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$383,300	\$85,023	\$0	\$69,778	\$209,334	\$19,165

Land to Air Express (Blue Earth Blue Sky)

INFORMATION	LAND TO AIR EXPRESS			
Transit Director	Steve Woelfel			
Street	50 Sibley Parkway			
City/State/Zip	Mankato, MN 56001			
Telephone	507-625-3977			
Website	www.landtoairexpress.com			



System Highlights

- Passengers from Mankato have new round trip connections to Sioux Falls, Billings and Spokane.
- New bus station at Ramp B with customer friendly connections to Light Rail, North Star and Metro city bus.
- Land to Air Express' new 240 routes were implemented between Mankato and Fairmont.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	LAND TO AIR EXPRESS
Vehicle Fleet	3 Class 300 Buses, 6 Class 400 Buses, 2 Class 500 Buses
Service Type	Fixed Route
Base Fare	Varies by community, see website
Area Served	More than 17 communities in Minnesota
State/Fed District	N/A



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION
Weekday	24 hours daily
Saturday	24 hours daily
Sunday	24 hours daily

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$1,376,502	\$560,896	\$0	\$0	\$560,896	\$254,710
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$1,634,000	\$652,900	\$0		\$598,700	\$382,400

Mankato: Fixed Route

INFORMATION	MANKATO: FIXED ROUTE
Transit Director	Shawn Schloesser
Street	10 Civic Center Plaza, P.O. Box 3368
City/State/Zip	Mankato, MN 56002
Telephone	507-387-8600
Website	www.mankatomn.gov/residents/mankato-transit- system-127



System Highlights

- Increased ridership by 10 percent providing 37,611 additional rides.
- Programmed \$133,000 for ADA improvements to bus stops.
- Completed a Bus Branding Initiative to increase the visibility of public transit service in the communities served.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	MANKATO: FIXED ROUTE
Vehicle Fleet	18 Class 400 Buses, 13 Class 700 Buses
Service Type	Fixed Route
Base Fare	\$1.50
Area Served	Mankato, North Mankato, Eagle Lake, and Skyline
State/Fed District	19, 19A, 19B/1



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION				
Weekday	6:00a.m. to 10:00p.m.				
Saturday	10:00a.m. to 5:30p.m.				
Sunday	10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.				

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$3,600,527	\$636,183	\$0	\$534,210	\$1,588,149	\$841,985
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$263,000	\$0	\$0	\$236,700	\$0	\$26,300
2024 Operating Budget	\$3,903,500	\$638,519		\$767,452	\$2,302,355	\$195,175

Mankato: Dial-a-Ride

INFORMATION	MANKATO: DIAL-A-RIDE					
Transit Director	Shawn Schloesser					
Street	LO Civic Center Plaza, P.O. Box 3368					
City/State/Zip	Mankato, MN 56002					
Telephone	507-387-8600					
Website	www.mankatomn.gov/residents/mankato-transit- system-127					



System Highlights

- Increased ridership by 45 percent providing 11,361 additional rides.
- Completed the Technology Assistance Plan with the National Center for Applied Transit Technology (N-CATT) and released a Request for Proposals for dispatching software.
- Completed updates to the Title VI Plan, Transit Development Plan, and Safety Plan.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	MANKATO: DIAL-A-RIDE					
Vehicle Fleet	18 Class 400 Buses, 13 Class 700 Buses					
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride					
Base Fare	\$3.00					
Area Served	Mankato, North Mankato, Eagle Lake, and Skyline					
State/Fed District	19, 19A, 19B/1					



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION				
Weekday	6:00a.m. to 10:00p.m.				
Saturday	10:00a.m. to 5:30p.m.				
Sunday	10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.				

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$1,270,718	\$0	\$0	\$260,971	\$801,158	\$208,589
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$1,305,900	\$0	\$0	\$310,151	\$930,454	\$65,295

Minnesota River Valley Transit

INFORMATION	MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY TRANSIT					
Transit Director	Sherri Terhurne and Sandi Owen					
Street	227 South Front Street					
City/State/Zip	Saint Peter, MN 56082					
Telephone	888-880-4696					
Website	www.saintpetermn.gov/322/Minnesota-River-Valley- <u>Transit</u>					



System Highlights

- Received the 2021 grant bus in early 2023.
- Received both 2022 grant buses in the fall of 2023.
- Over 90 percent of rides are a result of same-day calls.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY TRANSIT					
Vehicle Fleet	9 Class 400 Buses					
Service Type	al-a-Ride, Route Deviation					
Base Fare	\$3.00					
Area Served	Le Sueur, Kasota and Saint Peter					
State/Fed District	19A/1					



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION				
Weekday	Saint Peter: 6:30a.m. to 8:00p.m., LeSueur: 7:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.				
Saturday	Saint Peter: 9:00a.m. to 7:00p.m.				
Sunday	No service				

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$983,066	\$406,726	\$0	\$129,458	\$360,687	\$86,195
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$385,200	\$308,160	\$0	\$38,520	\$0	\$38,520
2024 Operating Budget	\$1,025,700	\$328,926	\$0	\$0	\$645,489	\$51,285

Moorhead Metro Area Transit: Fixed Route

INFORMATION	MOORHEAD METRO AREA TRANSIT: FIXED ROUTE
Transit Director	Lori Van Beek
Street	650 23rd Street North
City/State/Zip	Fargo, ND 58102
Telephone	701-476-6686
Website	www.matbus.com



System Highlights

- Increased ridership by 9 percent.
- Completed the design for improvements to the Dilworth Walmart Transit Hub.
- Received delivery of 11 replacement shelters with solar lighting.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	MOORHEAD METRO AREA TRANSIT: FIXED ROUTE					
Vehicle Fleet	11 Class 700 Buses, 2 support vans					
Service Type	ixed Route					
Base Fare	\$1.50					
Area Served	Dilworth, Moorhead					
State/Fed District	4A, 4B/7					



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION
Weekday	6:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. and 11:15a.m. to 11:15p.m.
Saturday	7:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. and 11:15a.m. to 11:15p.m.
Sunday	No service

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$3,330,442	\$467,258	\$0	\$548,120	\$1,644,360	\$670,704
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$3,531,000	\$563,796	\$0	\$697,664	\$2,092,991	\$176,550

Moorhead Metro Area Transit: Dial-a-Ride

INFORMATION	MOORHEAD METRO AREA TRANSIT: DIAL-A-RIDE
Transit Director	Lori Van Beek
Street	650 23rd Street North
City/State/Zip	Fargo, ND 58102
Telephone	701-476-6686
Website	www.matbus.com



System Highlights

- Increased ridership on MAT Paratransit by 7 percent.
- Increased ridership on Metro Senior Ride by 5 percent.
- Provided Narcan training to staff and installed kits on all vehicles.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	MOORHEAD METRO AREA TRANSIT: DIAL-A-RIDE					
Vehicle Fleet	4 Class 200 Buses, 4 Class 400 Buses					
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride					
Base Fare	\$3.00					
Area Served	Dilworth, Moorhead					
State/Fed District	4A, 4B/7					



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION
Weekday	6:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. and 11:15a.m. to 11:15p.m.
Saturday	7:15a.m. to 10:15a.m. and 11:15a.m. to 11:15p.m.
Sunday	7:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$680,577	\$0	\$0	\$132,536	\$397,609	\$150,432
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$642,500	\$0	\$0	\$152,594	\$457,781	\$32,125

Morris Transit

INFORMATION	CITY OF MORRIS TRANSIT					
Transit Director	Deann Recker					
Street	600 Oregon					
City/State/Zip	Morris, MN 56267					
Telephone	320-589-1000					
Website	www.ci.morris.mn.us/transit.php					



System Highlights

- City of Morris Transit is currently renovating our facility with hopes of completion by October, 2024.
- City of Morris Transit is anticipating delivery of our Electric Bus by the end of 2024.
- City of Morris Transit is nearing 50 years in service.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	CITY OF MORRIS TRANSIT					
Vehicle Fleet	7 Class 400 Buses					
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride					
Base Fare	\$3.00					
Area Served	Morris					
State/Fed District	12A/7					



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION			
Weekday	6:00a.m. to 10:00p.m.			
Saturday	12:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.			
Sunday	8:00a.m. to 12:30p.m.			

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$525,909	\$218,175	\$0	\$73,979	\$190,238	\$43,518
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$274,965	\$216,120	\$0	\$23,112	\$0	\$35,733
2024 Operating Budget	\$585,800	\$196,482	\$0	\$0	\$360,028	\$29,290

Paul Bunyan Transit

PAUL BUNYAN TRANSIT				
Lezlie Grubich				
706 Railroad Street SE				
Bemidji, MN 56601				
218-751-8765				
www.paulbunyantransit.com				



System Highlights

- Roseau County's demand for rides in 2023 was at 83 percent of the ridership in 2019 (pre-pandemic).
- New hoist and alignment system to do the work in house, greatly reducing the time a bus is out of service.
- Dispatch system reported in 2023 our driver's safety rating was 98 percent while traveling enough miles to go around the earth 13 times.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	PAUL BUNYAN TRANSIT
Vehicle Fleet	20 Class 400 Buses, 4 Class 500 Buses, 3 support vehicles
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride, Route Deviation
Base Fare	\$1.50
Area Served	Bemidji, Roseau, Warroad and Baudette
State/Fed District	1,2,3/7,8



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION				
Weekday	Bemidji: 7:00a.m. to 6:00p.m., Roseau: 6:30a.m. to 5:00p.m. Baudette: 7:30a.m. to 5:15p.m., Warroad: 6:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.				
Saturday	Bemidji: 7:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.				
Sunday	No service				

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$1,622,282	\$718,731	\$0	\$270,280	\$430,256	\$203,016
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$385,200	\$308,160	\$0	\$38,520	\$0	\$38,520
2024 Operating Budget	\$2,374,800	\$854,841	\$0	\$350,305	\$1,050,914	\$118,740

Prairie Five RIDES

INFORMATION	PRAIRIE FIVE RIDES				
Contact	Paul Coyour				
Street	719 North 7th Street, Suite 302				
City/State/Zip	Montevideo, MN 56265				
Telephone	320-269-6578				
Website	www.prairiefive.org				



System Highlights

- Prairie Five restarted the deviated route bus in August after Covid.
- 2023 ridership increased 8.5 percent from 2022.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	PRAIRIE FIVE RIDES				
Vehicle Fleet	9 Class 200 Buses, 25 Class 400 Buses, 3 support vans				
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride, Route Deviation				
Base Fare	City Fare: \$2.00 / Regional fare base on per mile rate				
Area Served	Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac Qui Parle, Swift and Yellow Medicine counties				
State/Fed District	12, 12A, 16, 16A, 17, 17A/7				



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION			
Weekday	6:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.			
Saturday	No service			
Sunday	No service			

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$2,871,695	\$1,297,830	\$0	\$404,918	\$875,809	\$293,138
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$557,500	\$446,000	\$0	\$55,750	\$0	\$55,750
2024 Operating Budget	\$3,535,600	\$1,261,884	\$0	\$0	\$2,096,936	\$176,780

Prairie Lakes Transit (Faribault-Martin County)

PRAIRIE LAKES TRANSIT				
Jeremy Monahan				
1023 North Dewey Street, P.O. Box 996				
Fairmont, MN 56031				
507-238-3128				
www.PLTransit.com				



System Highlights

- Finished construction of new office spaces within Transit Facility in Fairmont.
- Faribault County routes rebounded to pre-pandemic level ridership numbers.
- Added an accessible mini-van for use in transit operations as part of our fleet.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	PRAIRIE LAKES TRANSIT				
Vehicle Fleet	14 Class 400 Buses, 1 Accessible Mini-Van				
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride, Route Deviation				
Base Fare	\$2 Deviated Route, \$4 Demand Response				
Area Served	Faribault and Martin counties				
State/Fed District	23/1				



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION				
Weekday	6:00a.m. to 10:00p.m.				
Saturday	8:00a.m. to 10:00p.m.				
Sunday	No service				

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$1,272,235	\$580,437	\$0	\$178,493	\$414,969	\$98,336
2023 Capital Expnditures	\$192,900	\$154,080	\$0	\$19,260	\$0	\$19,560
2024 Operating Budget	\$1,531,200	\$565,968	\$0	\$0	\$888,672	\$76,560

Prairieland Transit (Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council)

PRAIRIELAND TRANSIT (SMOC)				
Karen DeBoer				
1106 3rd Avenue				
Worthington, MN 56187				
507-376-3322				
www.smoc.us				



System Highlights

• Prairieland Transit System is available in every community in Nobles County. On-demand ridership continues to increase.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	PRAIRIELAND TRANSIT (SMOC)				
Vehicle Fleet	4 Class 400 Buses				
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride, Fixed Route				
Base Fare	\$2.50				
Area Served	Nobles County				
State/Fed District	21/1				



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION			
Weekday	7:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.			
Saturday	No service			
Sunday	No service			

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$436,550	\$194,532	\$0	\$68,959	\$135,728	\$37,332
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$583,300	\$211,302	\$0	\$0	\$342,833	\$29,165

Rainbow Rider Transit

INFORMATION	RAINBOW RIDER TRANSIT					
Transit Director	Brenda Brittin					
Street	249 Poplar Avenue					
City/State/Zip	Lowry, MN 56349					
Telephone	800-450-7770					
Website	www.rainbowriderbus.com					



System Highlights

- Generated 17 percent Local Share Revenues.
- Increase ridership by 4 percent.
- Reduce cost per passenger by 7 percent.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	RAINBOW RIDER TRANSIT				
Vehicle Fleet	2 Class 300 Buses, 35 Class 400 Buses, 1 Support Van				
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride				
Base Fare	0 - 5 miles = \$2.00, 5.1 - 10 miles = \$4.00, 10.1 - 20 miles = \$6.00, \$2.00 additional for every 10 miles thereafter				
Area Served	Douglas, Grant, Pope, Stevens, Todd, and Traverse counties				
State/Fed District	12/7				



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	DOUGLAS	GRANT AND TODD	ALEXANDRIA	POPE AND TRAVERSE	STEVENS
Weekday	7:00a.m 5:00p.m.	7:00a.m 4:00p.m.	5:30a.m 6:00p.m.	7:00a.m 5:00p.m.	7:00a.m 5:00p.m.
Saturday	No service	No service	7:00am - 5:00pm	No service	No service
Sunday	No service	No service	No service	No service	No service

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$3,751,495	\$1,555,500	\$0	\$500,094	\$1,079,270	\$616,630
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$385,200	\$327,420	\$0	\$19,260	\$0	\$38,520
2024 Operating Budget	\$4,304,900	\$1,446,393	\$0	\$0	\$2,643,262	\$215,245

Rochester Public Transit: Fixed Route

ROCHESTER PUBLIC TRANSIT: FIXED
la Xiong
4300 East River Road Northeast
Rochester, MN 55906
507-328-7433
www.RPTride.com_



System Highlights

- Launched a new CAD/AVL system.
- Switched to the Transit App for transit riders, which replaces DoubleMap.
- Launched a pilot program for microtransit services.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	ROCHESTER PUBLIC TRANSIT: FIXED					
Vehicle Fleet	1 Class 400 Bus, 59 Class 700 Buses, 4 Class 800 Buses					
Service Type	Fixed Route					
Base Fare	\$2.00					
Area Served	Rochester and four surrounding townships					
State/Fed District	24A, 24B, 25A/1					



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION				
Weekday	5:00a.m. to 10:45p.m.				
Saturday	6:30a.m. to 10:30p.m.				
Sunday	6:30a.m. to 10:30p.m.				

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$11,331,467	\$1,559,480	\$0	\$1,925,020	\$5,775,060	\$2,071,907
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$12,236,700	\$1,973,162	\$0	\$2,412,926	\$7,238,777	\$611,835

Rochester Public Transit: Dial-a-Ride

ROCHESTER PUBLIC TRANSIT: DIAL-A-RIDE
la Xiong
4300 East River Road Northeast
Rochester, MN 55906
507-328-2520
www.RPTride.com



System Highlights

- Increased previous year ridership by 27 percent.
- Hired a Mobility Coordinator, which is a new position for RPT.
- Improved system reliability and on-time percentage.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	ROCHESTER PUBLIC TRANSIT: DIAL-A-RIDE					
Vehicle Fleet	10 Class 400 Buses					
Service Type	oial-a-Ride					
Base Fare	\$3.00					
Area Served	Rochester and 4 surrounding townships					
State/Fed District	24A, 24B, 25A, 25B/1					



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION				
Weekday	5:00a.m. to 10:30p.m.				
Saturday	6:30a.m. to 7:30p.m.				
Sunday	6:30a.m. to 7:30p.m.				

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$1,326,176	\$0	\$0	\$235,110	\$705,330	\$385,736
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$1,422,300	\$0	\$0	\$337,796	\$1,013,389	\$71,115

Rolling Hills Transit (Semcac Transportation)

INFORMATION	ROLLING HILLS TRANSIT					
Transit Director	William Spitzer					
Street	400 Commerce Drive Southeast					
City/State/Zip	Kasson, MN 55944					
Telephone	507-634-4340					
Website	www. rhtbus.com					



System Highlights

- Our service area spans five counties in southeast Minnesota.
- Our system serves more than 20 communities with 13 buses centered in 11 towns.
- Nearly 50,000 passengers utilized the public transit system.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	ROLLING HILLS TRANSIT					
Vehicle Fleet	18 Class 400 Buses					
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride					
Base Fare	\$2.00					
Area Served	Dodge, Fillmore, Houston, Olmsted and Winona counties					
State/Fed District	20, 20B, 24, 24A, 26, 26A, 26B/1					



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION				
Weekday	6:30a.m. to 5:00p.m.				
Saturday	No service				
Sunday	No service				

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$1,694,258	\$772,584	\$0	\$214,280	\$553,084	\$154,310
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$192,600	\$163,710	\$0	\$9,630	\$0	\$19,260
2024 Operating Budget	\$1,865,000	\$666,588	\$0	\$0	\$1,105,162	\$93,250

Saint Cloud Metro Bus: Fixed Route

INFORMATION	SAINT CLOUD METRO BUS: FIXED ROUTE
Transit Director	Ryan I. Daniel
Street	665 Franklin Avenue Northeast
City/State/Zip	St. Cloud, MN 56304
Telephone	320-251-1499
Website	www.ridemetrobus.com



System Highlights

- Maintained 99 percent on-time performance rate.
- Ridership increased by 4 percent.
- Missed less than 1 percent of published service.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	SAINT CLOUD METRO BUS: FIXED ROUTE					
Vehicle Fleet	39 Class 700 Buses					
Service Type	Fixed Route					
Base Fare	\$1.25					
Area Served	St. Cloud, Sartell, Sauk Rapids and Waite Park					
State/Fed District	13B, 14A, 14B, 15B, 30A/6					



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION				
Weekday	5:00a.m. to 10:43p.m.				
Saturday	7:45a.m. to 7:12p.m.				
Sunday	8:45a.m. to 6:12p.m.				

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$10,833,240	\$1,710,657	\$0	\$1,683,310	\$5,049,930	\$2,389,343
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$11,258,300	\$2,056,998	\$0	\$2,159,597	\$6,478,790	\$562,915

Saint Cloud Metro Bus: Dial-a-Ride

INFORMATION	SAINT CLOUD METRO BUS: DIAL-A-RIDE
Transit Director	Ryan I. Daniel
Street	665 Franklin Avenue Northeast
City/State/Zip	St. Cloud, MN 56304
Telephone	320-251-1499
Website	www.ridemetrobus.com



System Highlights

- Maintained 99 percent on-time performance rate.
- Ridership increased by 18 percent.
- Deemed 424 new customers eligible to utilize the service.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	SAINT CLOUD METRO BUS: DIAL-A-RIDE					
Vehicle Fleet	35 Class 400 Buses					
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride					
Base Fare	\$2.50					
Area Served	St. Cloud, Sartell, Sauk Rapids and Waite Park					
State/Fed District	13B, 14A, 14B, 15B, 30A/6A					



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION				
Weekday	5:00a.m. to 10:15p.m.				
Saturday	7:45a.m. to 6:30p.m.				
Sunday	8:45a.m. to 5:45a.m				

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$5,399,850	\$0	\$0	\$1,152,175	\$3,456,525	\$791,150
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$5,584,700	\$0	\$0	\$1,326,366	\$3,979,099	\$279,235

Saint Cloud Northstar Link

INFORMATION	SAINT CLOUD NORTHSTAR LINK
Contact	Ryan I. Daniel
Street	665 Franklin Avenue Northeast
City/State/Zip	Saint Cloud, MN 56304
Telephone	877-546-5010
Website	www.catchthelink.com



System Highlights

- Ridership increased by 13 percent.
- Maintained 99 percent on-time performance rate.
- Increased service levels by 33 percent.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	SAINT CLOUD NORTHSTAR LINK				
Vehicle Fleet	5 Class 700 Buses				
Service Type	Intercity Bus				
Base Fare	\$2.00				
Area Served	Anoka, Becker, Coon Rapids, Elk River, Minneapolis, Ramsey and St. Cloud				
State/Fed District	13B, 14A, 14B, 15B, 30A/6				



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION			
Weekday	3:50a.m. to 8:05p.m.			
Saturday	9:00a.m. to 8:55p.m.			
Sunday	8:20a.m. to 6:50p.m.			

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$14,708,730	\$851,800	\$0	\$397,874	\$598,368	\$12,860,688
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$25,021,500	\$876,750	\$0	\$397,871	\$1,193,614	\$22,553,265

SMART Transit (Cedar Valley Services)

INFORMATION	SMART TRANSIT				
Transit Director	Kirk Kuchera				
Street	2111 4th Street Northwest				
City/State/Zip	Austin, MN 55912				
Telephone	855-762-7821				
Website	www.smartbusmn.org				



System Highlights

- Hit the two millionth ride milestone as an agency in March.
- Held Open House event at our new Owatonna facility in April.
- Public Transportation short-film "COVID Confessions featuring SMART" was nominated for Midwest Emmy.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	SMART TRANSIT
Vehicle Fleet	33 Class 400 Buses, 1 Class 500 Bus, 1 Support Van
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride, Route Deviation
Base Fare	Deviated Route: \$2.00, Dial-a-Ride: \$2.50 in town, \$3.00 rural, \$4.00 shuttle
Area Served	Freeborn, Mower, Steele, and Waseca counties
State/Fed District	19A, 19B, 23A, 23B, 24A/1



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	FREEBORN	MOWER AND STEELE	WASECA
Weekday	5a.m. to 9p.m.	Mower: 5a.m. to 2a.m., Steele: 5a.m. to 7p.m.	6a.m. to 6p.m.
Saturday	9a.m. to 1p.m.	Mower: 9a.m. to 3p.m., Steele: 9a.m. to 3p.m.	9a.m. to 1p.m.
Sunday	8a.m. to noon	Mower: 1p.m. to 5p.m., Steele: 7:30a.m. to 1p.m.	8a.m. to noon

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$3,618,602	\$1,569,133	\$0	\$483,246	\$1,030,921	\$535,302
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$770,400	\$616,320	\$0	\$77,040	\$0	\$77,040
2024 Operating Budget	\$4,267,600	\$1,500,018	\$0	\$638,551	\$1,915,652	\$213,380

Three Rivers Hiawathaland Transit

INFORMATION	THREE RIVERS HIAWATHALAND TRANSIT
Transit Director	Tracy Borgschatz and Dianne Ford (Co-Directors)
Street	55049 241st Avenue
City/State/Zip	Plainview, MN 55964
Telephone	866-623-7505
Website	https://www.threeriverscap.org/hiawathaland- transit/



System Highlights

- January 2023, we went live with our route redesign in Red Wing.
- July 2023, we did a redesign of our routes in Rice County, so they aligned with 60-minute loop our Red Wing routes were operating on.
- Hiawathaland Transit hired a trainer to assist in keeping our drivers up to date on MnDOT and FTA requirements.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	THREE RIVERS HIAWATHALAND TRANSIT
Vehicle Fleet	27 Class 400 Buses, 5 Class 500 Buses
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride, Route Deviation, Subscription Services
Base Fare	\$2.00 Route, \$2.50 Dial A Ride, \$5.00 Between town rides (Connect)
Area Served	Wabasha, Goodhue, and Rice counties
State/Fed District	20B, 21A/1,2



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	REDWING	NORTHFIELD	FARIBAULT	RURAL DAR
Weekday	4:30a.m. to 9:00p.m.	6:00a.m. to 10:00p.m.	6:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.	7:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.
Saturday	7:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.	7:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.	12:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.	7:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
Sunday	7:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.	No service	No service	No service

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$4,740,906	\$2,152,241	\$0	\$565,114	\$1,559,406	\$464,146
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$385,200	\$327,420	\$0	\$19,260	\$0	\$38,520
2024 Operating Budget	\$4,933,600	\$1,827,891	\$0	\$714,757	\$2,144,272	\$246,680

Timber Trails Public Transit (Kanabec County)

INFORMATION	TIMBER TRAILS PUBLIC TRANSIT (KANABEC CTY)
Transit Director	Helen Pieper
Street	300 Industrial Road
City/State/Zip	Mora, MN 55051
Telephone	320-364-1350
Website	www.timbertrailstransit.com



System Highlights

- Said good-bye to our Operations Supervisor., Kevin. He expertly took care of our Fleet for seven (7) years; earning excellent comments in our Comprehensive Review.
- Our annual exhibit at the county fair was a big success.
- Timber Trails was named the 2023 Minnesota Public Transit Association Transit System of the Year.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	TIMBER TRAILS PUBLIC TRANSIT (KANABEC CTY)					
Vehicle Fleet	6 Class 400 Buses					
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride					
Base Fare	\$3.00 in town/ \$5.00 out of town					
Area Served	Southern portion of Kanabec County					
State/Fed District	11, 11B, 15, 15A/8					



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION			
Weekday	7:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.			
Saturday	No service			
Sunday	No service			

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$681,739	\$291,026	\$0	\$85,356	\$190,539	\$114,818
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$756,500	\$257,517	\$0	\$0	\$461,158	\$37,825

Trailblazer Transit

TRAILBLAZER TRANSIT				
Gary R. Ludwig				
207 West 11th Street				
Glencoe, MN 55336				
320-864-1000				
www.trailblazertransit.com				



System Highlights

- Increased 2023 annual ridership by 7.8 percent to 229,735 rides.
- Increased 2023 efficiency by 3.4 percent to 4.71 rides/hour.
- Implemented NOVUS map upgrade to improve scheduling software.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	TRAILBLAZER TRANSIT				
Vehicle Fleet	44 Class 400 Buses				
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride				
Base Fare	\$4.00				
Area Served	Sibley, McLeod, and Wright counties				
State/Fed District	15B, 18A, 18B, 29A, 29B, 30A, 30B/6,7				



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION
Weekday	6:30a.m. to 5:30p.m.
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$5,998,712	\$2,361,062	\$0	\$918,889	\$1,331,714	\$1,387,048
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$192,600	\$163,710	\$0	\$9,630	\$0	\$19,260
2024 Operating Budget	\$8,165,800	\$2,654,262	\$0	\$1,275,812	\$3,827,436	\$408,290

Transit Alternatives (Productive Alternatives)

INFORMATION	TRANSIT ALTERNATIVES					
Transit Director	Kayla Sullivan					
Street	1225 North Tower Road					
City/State/Zip	Fergus Falls, MN 56537					
Telephone	218-736-7586					
Website	www.otterexpress.com					



System Highlights

- Implemented software for auto reminder rides for passengers.
- Received a new bus.
- Created a Rider Advisory Committee to engage riders and get their feedback.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	TRANSIT ALTERNATIVES				
Vehicle Fleet	15 Class 400 Buses, 2 Class 500 Buses				
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride				
Base Fare	\$2.00				
Area Served	Clay, Otter Tail and Wilkin counties				
State/Fed District	9A, 9B/7				



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION			
Weekday	6:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.			
Saturday	No service			
Sunday	No service			

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$2,368,509	\$1,119,735	\$0	\$272,331	\$795,990	\$180,452
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$2,419,000	\$871,962	\$0	\$0	\$1,426,088	\$120,950

Transit Connection (Tri-County Action Program)

TRANSIT CONNECTION				
Barbara Willard				
1200 23rd Avenue South				
Waite Park, MN 56387				
320-251-1612				
www.tricap.org				



System Highlights

- Completed the expansion of the bus garage in Waite Park.
- Growth in staffing and support.
- Added client notification and customer portal to dispatch software.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	TRANSIT CONNECTION				
Vehicle Fleet	17 Class 400 Buses, 12 Class 500 Buses				
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride, Route Deviation				
Base Fare	\$2.00 in-city, \$4.00 rural				
Area Served	Benton, Stearns, Sherburne, Morrison and Mille Lacs counties				
State/Fed District	9B, 12B, 13A, 13B, 14A, 14B, 15A, 15B, 30A, 31A/6, 7, 8				



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION
Weekday	6:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.
Saturday	8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.
Sunday	No service

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$4,238,705	\$1,582,173	\$0	\$410,419	\$1,778,447	\$467,667
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$4,277,200	\$1,504,230	\$0	\$0	\$2,559,110	\$213,860

Tri-Valley Heartland Express

INFORMATION	TRI-VALLEY HEARTLAND EXPRESS
Transit Director	Cynthia Pic
Street	1345 Fairfax Avenue
City/State/Zip	Crookston, MN 56716
Telephone	800-201-3432
Website	www.tvoc.org/services/transportation



System Highlights

- Rides in the City of Crookston increased by almost 23 percent from 2022 to 2023.
- Rides in the City of Thief River Falls increase by almost 24 percent from 2022 to 2023.
- Rides in the City of Mahnomen increased by over 27 percent from 2022 to 2023.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	TRI-VALLEY HEARTLAND EXPRESS					
Vehicle Fleet	2 Class 200 Buses, 5 Class 300 Buses, 30 Class 400 Buses, 3 Class 500 Buses, 1 Support Van					
Service Type	ial-a-Ride, Route Deviation					
Base Fare	\$1.00 - 10.00					
Area Served	Clearwater, Kittson, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk and Red Lake counties					
State/Fed District	1A, 1B, 2A, 2B/7, 8					



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION
Weekday	service hours vary by community, see website
Saturday	service hours vary by community, see website
Sunday	service hours vary by community, see website

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$3,428,163	\$1,546,321	\$0	\$1,303,837	\$518,020	\$59,985
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$3,560,000	\$818,550	\$0	\$2,125,750	\$0	\$615,700
2024 Operating Budget	\$4,153,400	\$1,418,976	\$0	\$	\$2,526,754	\$207,670

TRUE Transit (VINE Faith in Action)

TRUE TRANSIT			
Ron Decker			
421 East Hickory Street			
Mankato, MN 56001			
507-388-8783			
www.truetransit.org			



System Highlights

- Slight increase in ridership despite a vehicle shortage.
- Increased driver retention.
- Maintained a 97 percent on-time performance.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	TRUE TRANSIT
Vehicle Fleet	5 Class 400 Buses
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride
Base Fare	\$5.00
Area Served	Blue Earth, Nicollet, and Le Sueur counties
State/Fed District	18A, 18B, 22B/1



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION			
Weekday	8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.			
Saturday	No service			
Sunday	No service			

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$791,888	\$369,725	\$0	\$115,018	\$273,959	\$33,187
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$385,200	\$327,420	\$0	\$19,260	\$0	\$38,520
2024 Operating Budget	\$973,000	\$352,092	\$0	\$0	\$572,258	\$48,650

Wadena County Friendly Rider Transit

INFORMATION	WADENA COUNTY FRIENDLY RIDER TRANSIT
Transit Director	Randy Jahnke
Street	229 Harry Rich Drive
City/State/Zip	Wadena, MN 56482
Telephone	218-631-5730
Website	www.friendlyrider.com



System Highlights

- Increase overall ridership by 7 percent.
- On-time performance is greater than 97 percent.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	WADENA COUNTY FRIENDLY RIDER TRANSIT					
Vehicle Fleet	7 Class 400 Buses, 1 Class 500 Bus					
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride					
Base Fare	0-5 Miles: \$1.50; 5-10 Miles: \$3.00; 10+ Miles: \$4.00					
Area Served	Morrison, Ottertail, Todd, and Wadena Counties					
State/Fed District	02, 02B, 09A/7					



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION				
Weekday	6:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. Mon-Wed.; 6:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. Thu-Fri.				
Saturday	9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.				
Sunday	7:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.				

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$970,527	\$397,253	\$0	\$132,623	\$282,953	\$157,699
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$1,095,700	\$361,335	\$0	\$0	\$679,580	\$54,785

Watonwan Take Me There

INFORMATION	WATONWAN TAKE ME THERE				
Transit Director	Allison Karau				
Street	.304 7th Avenue South				
City/State/Zip	Saint James, MN 56081				
Telephone	507-375-7385				
Website	www.co.watonwan.mn.us/213/TMT-Public- Transportation				



System Highlights

- Purchased a used class 300 bus to relieve aging fleet.
- Participated in a tour of Holiday Lights for the community during a Winter Carnival for the first time.
- Despite operating a route less all year, revenues increased 36 percent with no fare increases.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	WATONWAN TAKE ME THERE				
Vehicle Fleet	1 Class 300 Bus, 4 Class 400 Buses, 1 Support Van				
Service Type	oial-a-Ride				
Base Fare	\$1.50 or 1 token				
Area Served	Watonwan County				
State/Fed District	16B, 19A, 19B, 22B, 23A, 23B/1				



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION				
Weekday	5:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.				
Saturday	No service				
Sunday	No service				

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$413,624	\$173,667	\$0	\$65,441	\$121,368	\$53,147
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Operating Budget	\$547,700	\$186,303	\$0	\$0	\$334,012	\$27,385

Winona Transit Service

WINONA TRANSIT SERVICE					
Monica Hennessy Mohan					
P.O. Box 378					
Winona, MN 55987					
507-457-8200					
www.cityofwinona.com/Transit					



System Highlights

- Ridership increased 10 percent over 2022.
- New Transit Coordinator position approved for 2024 budget.
- Continued providing subscription services to Winona State University.

System Characteristics

INFORMATION	WINONA TRANSIT SERVICE
Vehicle Fleet	1 Class 400 Bus, 8 Class 500 Buses
Service Type	Dial-a-Ride, Route Deviation, Subscription Service
Base Fare	\$1.25 for Route Deviation; \$0.75 additional for a Deviation; \$3.50 for Demand Response
Area Served	Cities of Winona and Goodview
State/Fed District	28/1



Span of Service

DAY OF WEEK	HOURS OF OPERATION				
Weekday	6:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.				
Saturday	9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.				
Sunday	No service				

FINANCIAL DATA	TOTAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL ARP/CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL
2023 Operating Expenditures	\$1,215,694	\$485,749	\$0	\$147,184	\$401,559	\$181,203
2023 Capital Expenditures	\$817,800	\$654,240	\$0	\$81,780	\$0	\$81,780
2024 Operating Budget	\$1,203,400	\$383,721	\$0	\$0	\$759,509	\$60,170

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GREATER MINNESOTA CATEGORY	EXPENDITURES
Urbanized	\$ 48,749,599
Elderly and Disabled	\$ 9,896,390
Small Urban	\$ 2,179,407
Rural	\$ 63,989,58
Intercity Bus	\$ 9,611,300
GM Funded Service	\$ 14,708,730
Other Transit Service	\$ 536,631
Total	\$ 85,682,057

Greater Minnesota Transit Systems - 2023 Operating Expenditures

Greater Minnesota public transit systems are displayed according to categories within state statute: urbanized, elderly and disabled, small urban and rural systems. Figures presented are unaudited.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding

Table A-1: Greater Minnesota transit system operating expenditures

SYSTEM CATEGORY	TOTAL	FEDERAL	ARP/ CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL SHARE
Urbanized	\$48,749,599	\$6,031,113	\$0	\$8,346,185	\$25,024,074	\$9,348,227
Elderly & Disabled	\$9,896,390	\$0	\$0	\$2,043,528	\$6,148,827	\$1,704,036
Small Urban	\$2,179,407	\$893,081	\$135,925	\$289,688	\$733,609	\$263,029
Rural	\$63,989,585	\$27,214,365	\$0	\$6,868,735	\$20,916,388	\$8,990,098
Other Transit Services	\$536,631	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$419,988	\$116,643
Total	\$125,351,613	\$34,138,559	\$135,925	\$17,548,135	\$53,242,886	\$20,422,032

Table A-2: Intercity bus operating expenditures

INTERCITY BUS	TOTAL	FEDERAL	ARP/ CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL SHARE
Blue Earth Blue Sky LLC	\$1,376,502	\$560,896	\$0	\$0	\$560,896	\$254,710
Jefferson Lines	\$8,234,798	\$482,038	\$1,798,506	\$0	\$2,280,544	\$3,673,710
Intercity Bus Total	\$9,611,300	\$1,042,934	\$1,798,506	\$0	\$2,841,440	\$3,928,420

Table A-3: Other GM Funded Service operating expenditures

OTHER GM FUNDED SERVICE	TOTAL	FEDERAL	ARP/ CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL SHARE
Metropolitan Council Northstar Commuter Rail	\$11,720,856	\$0	\$0	\$397,874	\$598,368	\$10,724,614
Metropolitan Council Transit Link	\$2,987,874	\$851,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,136,074
Other GM Funded Service Total	\$14,708,730	\$851,800	\$0	\$397,874	\$598,368	\$12,860,688

Table A-4: Urbanized system operating expenditures

URBANIZED SYSTEMS	TOTAL	FEDERAL	ARP/ CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL SHARE
Duluth Transit Authority	\$18,720,003	\$1,399,845	\$0	\$3,529,580	\$10,588,740	\$3,201,839
East Grand Forks Transit	\$588,605	\$191,824	\$0	\$71,655	\$214,965	\$110,161
La Crescent Apple Express	\$345,315	\$65,866	\$0	\$54,290	\$162,870	\$62,288
Mankato Transit System	\$3,513,194	\$636,183	\$0	\$534,210	\$1,518,906	\$823,896
Mankato Transit System - New Service	\$87,333	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$69,244	\$18,089
Moorhead Metro Area Transit	\$3,330,442	\$467,258	\$0	\$548,120	\$1,644,360	\$670,704
Rochester Public Transit	\$11,331,467	\$1,559,480	\$0	\$1,925,020	\$5,775,060	\$2,071,907
St. Cloud Metro Bus	\$10,833,240	\$1,710,657	\$0	\$1,683,310	\$5,049,930	\$2,389,343
Total	\$48,749,599	\$6,031,113	\$0	\$8,346,185	\$25,024,074	\$9,348,227

Table A-5: Elderly & Disabled system operating expenditures

ELDERLY & DISABLED SYSTEMS	TOTAL	FEDERAL	ARP/ CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL SHARE
Duluth Transit Authority-STRIDE	\$1,093,572	\$0	\$0	\$235,386	\$706,159	\$152,027
East Grand Forks Transit Dial-A-Ride	\$125,497	\$0	\$0	\$27,349	\$82,046	\$16,102
Mankato Dial-A-Ride	\$1,246,600	\$0	\$0	\$260,971	\$782,914	\$202,715
Mankato Dial-A-Ride- New Service	\$24,118	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,244	\$5,874
Moorhead Metro Area Transit Dial-A-Ride	\$680,577	\$0	\$0	\$132,536	\$397,609	\$150,432
Rochester Dial-A-Ride	\$1,326,176	\$0	\$0	\$235,110	\$705,330	\$385,736
St. Cloud Metro Bus Dial-A-Ride	\$5,399,850	\$0	\$0	\$1,152,175	\$3,456,525	\$791,150
Total	\$9,896,390	\$0	\$0	\$2,043,528	\$6,148,827	\$1,704,036

Table A-6: Small urban system operating expenditures

SMALL URBAN SYSTEMS	TOTAL	FEDERAL	ARP/ CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL SHARE
Hibbing Area Transit	\$437,803	\$189,158	\$135,925	\$68,525	\$141,812	\$38,309
Morris Transit	\$525,909	\$218,175	\$0	\$73,979	\$190,238	\$43,518
Winona Transit Service	\$1,215,694	\$485,749	\$0	\$147,184	\$401,559	\$181,203
Total	\$2,179,407	\$893,081	\$135,925	\$289,688	\$733,609	\$263,029

Table A-7: Rural system operating expenditures

RURAL SYSTEMS	TOTAL	FEDERAL	ARP/ CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL SHARE
Arrowhead Transit	\$12,261,998	\$5,257,634	\$0	\$0	\$4,943,175	\$2,061,190
Becker County Transit	\$669,126	\$295,315	\$0	\$79,503	\$216,427	\$77,882
Brainerd and Crow Wing Public Transit	\$1,462,807	\$634,950	\$0	\$177,586	\$532,759	\$117,512
Brown County Heartland Express	\$1,099,442	\$503,458	\$0	\$136,225	\$363,019	\$96,740
Central Community Transit	\$3,461,577	\$1,278,445	\$0	\$531,299	\$703,700	\$948,134
Faribault/Martin County (Prairie Lakes Transit)	\$1,272,235	\$580,437	\$0	\$178,493	\$414,969	\$98,336
Fosston Transit	\$168,106	\$68,500	\$0	\$17,503	\$52,508	\$29,596
Hubbard County Heartland Express	\$679,521	\$263,950	\$0	\$67,820	\$203,460	\$144,291
Minnesota River Valley Transit	\$983,066	\$406,726	\$0	\$129,458	\$360,687	\$86,195
Paul Bunyan Transit	\$1,622,282	\$718,731	\$0	\$270,280	\$430,256	\$203,016
Prairie Five Rides	\$2,871,695	\$1,297,830	\$0	\$404,918	\$875,809	\$293,138
Prairieland Transit (SMOC)	\$436,550	\$194,532	\$0	\$68,959	\$135,728	\$37,332
Rainbow Rider Transit	\$3,751,495	\$1,555,500	\$0	\$500,094	\$1,079,270	\$616,630
Rolling Hills Transit (SEMCAC)	\$1,694,258	\$772,584	\$0	\$214,280	\$553,084	\$154,310
Southern MN Area Rural Transit (Cedar Valley)	\$3,618,602	\$1,569,133	\$0	\$483,246	\$1,030,921	\$535,302
Three Rivers Hiawathaland Transit	\$4,740,906	\$2,152,241	\$0	\$565,114	\$1,559,406	\$464,146
Timber Trails Public Transit (Kanabec County)	\$681,739	\$291,026	\$0	\$85,356	\$190,539	\$114,818
Trailblazer Transit	\$5,998,712	\$2,361,062	\$0	\$918,889	\$1,331,714	\$1,387,048
Transit Alternatives (Productive Alternatives)	\$2,368,509	\$1,119,735	\$0	\$272,331	\$795,990	\$180,452
Transit Connection (Tri-CAP)	\$4,238,705	\$1,582,173	\$0	\$410,419	\$1,778,447	\$467,667
Tri-Valley Heartland Express	\$3,428,163	\$1,546,321	\$0	\$518,020	\$1,303,837	\$59,985

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RURAL SYSTEMS	TOTAL	FEDERAL	ARP/ CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL SHARE
Community Transit (UCAP)	\$4,304,052	\$1,823,439	\$0	\$525,864	\$1,382,403	\$572,346
VINE Faith in Action, Inc. (TRUE Transit)	\$791,888	\$369,725	\$0	\$115,018	\$273,959	\$33,187
Wadena County Friendly Rider Transit	\$970,527	\$397,253	\$0	\$132,623	\$282,953	\$157,699
Watonwan Take Me There	\$413,624	\$173,667	\$0	\$65,441	\$121,368	\$53,147
Total	\$63,989,585	\$27,214,365	\$0	\$6,868,735	\$20,916,388	\$8,990,098

Table A-8: Other transit service operating expenditures

OTHER TRANSIT SERVICE	TOTAL	FEDERAL	ARP/ CRRSAA	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL SHARE
St. Cloud Northstar Link	\$536,631	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$419,988	\$116,643
Total	\$536,631	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$419,988	\$116,643

Greater Minnesota Transit Systems - 2023 Capital Budget

Capital expenditures are categorized according to National Transit Database categories. Figures presented are unaudited.

Note - Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table B-1: Total Greater Minnesota capital budgeted

TRANSIT SYSTEM	TOTAL BUDGETED	FEDERAL SHARE	STATE SHARE	LOCAL SHARE
Urbanized	\$526,000	\$117,035	\$356,365	\$52,600
Small Urban	\$660,165	\$524,280	\$61,632	\$74,253
Rural	\$11,078,200	\$6,675,800	\$2,886,110	\$1,516,290
Total	\$12,264,365	\$7,317,115	\$3,304,107	\$1,643,143

Table B-2: Urbanized system capital budgeted

URBANIZED SYSTEMS	ASSET CATEGORY	TOTAL BUDGETED	FEDERAL SHARE	STATE SHARE	LOCAL SHARE
Duluth Transit Authority	Vehicle replacement	\$263,000	\$117,035	\$119,665	\$26,300
City of Mankato	Vehicle replacement	\$263,000	\$0	\$236,700	\$26,300
Total Urban		\$526,000	\$117,035	\$356,365	\$52,600

Table B-3: Small Urbanized system capital budgeted

SMALL URBANIZED SYSTEMS	ASSET CATEGORY	TOTAL BUDGETED	FEDERAL SHARE	STATE SHARE	LOCAL SHARE
City of Morris	Facility - Rehab/ Renovation electrical & equipment	\$82,365	\$65,892	\$0	\$16,473
City of Morris	Vehicle replacement	\$192,600	\$150,228	\$23,112	\$19,260
Minnesota River Valley Transit	Vehicle replacement	\$385,200	\$308,160	\$38,520	\$38,520
Total Urban		\$660,165	\$524,280	\$61,632	\$74,253

Table B-4: Rural system capital budgeted

RURAL SYSTEMS	ASSET CATEGORY	TOTAL BUDGETED	FEDERAL SHARE	STATE SHARE	LOCAL SHARE
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency	Vehicle replacement	\$440,000	\$286,000	\$0	\$154,000
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency	Facility - Rehab/ Renovation electrical & equipment	\$60,000	\$39,000	\$0	\$21,000
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency	Facility - roof replacement	\$235,000	\$0	\$188,000	\$47,000
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency	Vehicle replacement	\$1,283,000	\$1,026,400	\$128,300	\$128,300
Cedar Valley Services	Vehicle replacement	\$770,400	\$616,320	\$77,040	\$77,040
Central Community Transit Joint Powers Board	Vehicle replacement	\$657,800	\$526,240	\$65,780	\$65,780
City of Winona	Vehicle replacement	\$817,800	\$654,240	\$81,780	\$81,780
Faribault-Martin County Transit Board	Vehicle replacement	\$192,900	\$154,080	\$19,260	\$19,560
Paul Bunyan Transit	Vehicle replacement	\$385,200	\$308,160	\$38,520	\$38,520
Prairie Five CAC, Inc	Vehicle replacement	\$557,500	\$446,000	\$55,750	\$55,750
Rainbow Rider Transit Board	Vehicle replacement	\$385,200	\$327,420	\$19,260	\$38,520
SEMCAC Inc.	Vehicle replacement	\$192,600	\$163,710	\$9,630	\$19,260
Three Rivers Community Action Inc.	Vehicle replacement	\$385,200	\$327,420	\$19,260	\$38,520
Trailblazer Joint Power Board	Vehicle replacement	\$192,600	\$163,710	\$9,630	\$19,260
Tri-Valley Opportunity Council	Vehicle replacement	\$963,000	\$818,550	\$48,150	\$96,300
Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.	Facility - new construction	\$2,597,000	\$0	\$2,077,600	\$519,400
United Community Action Partnership, Inc.	Vehicle replacement	\$577,800	\$491,130	\$28,890	\$57,780
Vine Faith in Action	Vehicle replacement	\$385,200	\$327,420	\$19,260	\$38,520
Total Rural		\$11,078,200	\$6,675,800	\$2,886,110	\$1,516,290

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Greater Minnesota Transit Systems - 2024 Operating Budget

Transit systems historically have collected revenues from rides provided and applied the funding as local match on contracts. During the past approximately year and a half, due to the financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, MnDOT included additional state funding to supplement as local share - instead of transit systems using collected revenues as local match. This results in contract totals not aligning with the sum of all funding types by provider in table series C that include CARES Act funding.

Figures represent contracted amounts.

Notes: Totals may not add up due to rounding. Budgets with CARES Act funding – total funding will be greater than the sum of the funding splits. This is due to CARES Act funds are 100% reimbursable on the operating deficit.

Table C-1: Greater Minnesota transit system operating budget

SYSTEM CATEGORY	TOTAL	FEDERAL	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL SHARE
Urbanized	\$51,895,100	\$7,229,077	\$10,517,817	\$31,553,451	\$2,594,755
Elderly & Disabled	\$10,628,700	\$0	\$2,524,316	\$7,572,949	\$531,435
Small Urban	\$2,353,100	\$778,596	\$0	\$1,456,849	\$117,655
Rural	\$73,513,500	\$25,454,325	\$5,050,942	\$39,332,559	\$3,675,675
Other Transit Services	\$558,000	\$0	\$0	\$530,100	\$27,900
Total	\$138,948,400	\$33,461,998	\$18,093,075	\$80,445,907	\$6,947,420

Table C-2: Intercity bus operating budget

INTERCITY BUS	TOTAL	FEDERAL	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL SHARE
Blue Earth Blue Sky LLC	\$1,634,000	\$652,900	\$0	\$598,700	\$382,400
Jefferson Lines	\$10,855,500	\$2,953,850	\$0	\$2,953,850	\$4,947,800
Intercity Bus Total	\$12,489,500	\$3,606,750	\$0	\$3,552,550	\$5,330,200

Table C-3: Other Greater MN funded transit service operating budget

OTHER GM FUNDED SERVICES	TOTAL	FEDERAL	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL SHARE
Metropolitan Council Northstar Commuter Rail	\$23,059,000	\$0	\$397,871	\$1,193,614	\$21,467,515
Metropolitan Council Transit Link	\$1,962,500	\$876,750	\$0	\$0	\$1,085,750
Total	\$25,021,500	\$876,750	\$397,871	\$1,193,614	\$22,553,265

TABLE	TOTAL	FEDERAL	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL SHARE
C-1	\$138,948,400	\$33,461,998	\$18,093,075	\$80,445,907	\$6,947,420
C-2	\$12,489,500	\$3,606,750	\$0	\$3,552,550	\$5,330,200
C-3	\$25,021,500	\$876,750	\$397,871	\$1,193,614	\$22,553,265
Grand Total	\$176,459,400	\$37,945,498	\$18,490,946	\$85,192,071	\$34,830,885

Table C-4: Urbanized system operating budget

URBANIZED SYSTEMS	TOTAL	FEDERAL	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL SHARE
Duluth Transit Authority	\$20,082,200	\$1,775,759	\$4,325,583	\$12,976,748	\$1,004,110
East Grand Forks Transit	\$500,100	\$135,820	\$84,819	\$254,456	\$25,005
La Crescent Apple Express	\$383,300	\$85,023	\$69,778	\$209,334	\$19,165
Mankato Transit System	\$3,903,500	\$638,519	\$767,452	\$2,302,355	\$195,175
Moorhead MAT	\$3,531,000	\$563,796	\$697,664	\$2,092,991	\$176,550
Rochester Public Transit	\$12,236,700	\$1,973,162	\$2,412,926	\$7,238,777	\$611,835
St. Cloud Metro Bus	\$11,258,300	\$2,056,998	\$2,159,597	\$6,478,790	\$562,915
Total	\$51,895,100	\$7,229,077	\$10,517,817	\$31,553,451	\$2,594,755

Table C-5: Elderly & Disabled system operating budget

ELDERLY & DISABLED SYSTEMS	TOTAL	FEDERAL	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL SHARE
Duluth Transit Authority - STRIDE	\$1,473,900	\$0	\$350,051	\$1,050,154	\$73,695
City of East Grand Forks - Dial-A-Ride	\$199,400	\$0	\$47,358	\$142,073	\$9,970
City of Mankato Dial-A- Ride	\$1,305,900	\$0	\$310,151	\$930,454	\$65,295
Moorhead MAT Paratransit	\$642,500	\$0	\$152,594	\$457,781	\$32,125
Rochester - Dial-A-Ride	\$1,422,300	\$0	\$337,796	\$1,013,389	\$71,115
St. Cloud Metro Bus Dial- A-Ride	\$5,584,700	\$0	\$1,326,366	\$3,979,099	\$279,235
Total	\$9,154,800	\$0	\$2,174,265	\$6,522,795	\$457,740

Table C-6: Small urban system operating budget

SMALL URBAN SYSTEMS	TOTAL	FEDERAL	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL SHARE
Hibbing Area Transit	\$563,900	\$198,393	\$0	\$337,312	\$28,195
Morris Transit	\$585,800	\$196,482	\$0	\$360,028	\$29,290
Winona Transit Service	\$1,203,400	\$383,721	\$0	\$759,509	\$60,170
Small Urban Total	\$2,353,100	\$778,596	\$0	\$1,456,849	\$117,655

Table C-7: Rural system operating budget

RURAL SYSTEMS	TOTAL	FEDERAL	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL SHARE
Arrowhead Transit	\$13,577,800	\$4,612,842	\$2,071,517	\$6,214,551	\$678,890
Becker County Transit	\$688,900	\$255,216	\$0	\$399,239	\$34,445
Brainerd and Crow Wing County Transit	\$1,458,600	\$508,833	\$0	\$876,837	\$72,930
Brown County Heartland Express	\$1,186,600	\$428,922	\$0	\$698,348	\$59,330
Central Community Transit	\$4,601,200	\$1,596,348	\$0	\$2,774,792	\$230,060
Faribault/Martin County (Prairie Lakes Transit)	\$1,531,200	\$565,968	\$0	\$888,672	\$76,560
Fosston Transit	\$150,200	\$52,728	\$0	\$89,962	\$7,510
Hubbard County Heartland Express	\$580,400	\$192,426	\$0	\$358,954	\$29,020
Minnesota River Valley Transit JPA (LeSueur/St. Peter)	\$1,025,700	\$328,926	\$0	\$645,489	\$51,285
Paul Bunyan Transit	\$2,374,800	\$854,841	\$350,305	\$1,050,914	\$118,740
Prairie Five Rides	\$3,535,600	\$1,261,884	\$0	\$2,096,936	\$176,780
Prairieland Transit (SMOC)	\$583,300	\$211,302	\$0	\$342,833	\$29,165
Rainbow Rider Transit	\$4,304,900	\$1,446,393	\$0	\$2,643,262	\$215,245
Rolling Hills Transit (SEMCAC)	\$1,865,000	\$666,588	\$0	\$1,105,162	\$93,250
SMART (Cedar Valley Services)	\$4,267,600	\$1,500,018	\$638,551	\$1,915,652	\$213,380
Three Rivers Hiawathaland Transit	\$4,933,600	\$1,827,891	\$714,757	\$2,144,272	\$246,680
Timber Trails Public Transit (Kanabec County)	\$756,500	\$257,517	\$0	\$461,158	\$37,825
Trailblazer Transit	\$8,165,800	\$2,654,262	\$1,275,812	\$3,827,436	\$408,290
Transit Alternatives (Productive Alternatives)	\$2,419,000	\$871,962	\$0	\$1,426,088	\$120,950
Transit Connection (Tri-CAP)	\$4,277,200	\$1,504,230	\$0	\$2,559,110	\$213,860
Tri-Valley Heartland Express	\$4,153,400	\$1,418,976	\$0	\$2,526,754	\$207,670
Community Transit (UCAP)	\$4,459,800	\$1,536,522	\$0	\$2,700,288	\$222,990
VINE Faith in Action, Inc. (TRUE Transit)	\$973,000	\$352,092	\$0	\$572,258	\$48,650
Wadena County Friendly Rider Transit	\$1,095,700	\$361,335	\$0	\$679,580	\$54,785
Watonwan Take Me There	\$547,700	\$186,303	\$0	\$334,012	\$27,385
Total	\$73,513,500	\$25,454,325	\$5,050,942	\$39,332,559	\$3,675,675

Table C-8: Other transit service operating budget

OTHER TRANSIT SERVICE	TOTAL	FEDERAL	STATE GF	STATE GMTA (MVST)	LOCAL SHARE
St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission - Northstar Link	\$558,000	\$0	\$0	\$530,100	\$27,900
Total	\$558,000	\$0	\$0	\$530,100	\$27,900

Glossary

This glossary contains technical terms that may appear in the Greater Minnesota Transit Report. Many of these terms have multiple definitions; therefore, terms are defined as they are used in the context of this report.

Accessible vehicle

A public transportation vehicle that does not restrict access, is usable and provides allocated space and/or priority seating for individuals who use wheelchairs.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The Americans with Disabilities Act passed in July 1991 and gave direction to local transit agencies to ensure full access to transportation for persons with disabilities.

Base fare

The price charged to one adult for one transit ride. It excludes transfer charges, zone charges, express service charges, peak period surcharges and reduced fares.

Bus Roadeo

An annual competition in which transit bus drivers demonstrate skills such as emergency stops and maneuvers.

Capital cost

The cost of equipment and facilities required to support transportation systems: vehicles, radios, shelters, etc.

CARES Act Funding

The CARES Act was enacted on March 27, 2020 and provides emergency assistance and health care response for individuals, families and businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and provide emergency appropriations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commuter service

Express transit service generally connecting residential areas and activity centers via a high speed, non-stop connection.

Coordination

A cooperative arrangement among transportation providers and/or purchasers aimed at realizing increased benefits through the shared management and/or operation of one or more transportation-related functions.

Dedicated funding source

A funding source that by law, is available for use only to support a specific purpose and cannot be diverted to other uses; e.g., the federal gasoline tax can only be used for highway investments and, since 1983, for transit capital projects.

Demand response/Dial-a-Ride service

A transportation service characterized by flexible routing and scheduling of relatively small vehicles to provide door-to-door or point-to-point transportation at the user's demand.

Fare

The payment for a ride on a passenger vehicle, whether cash, tokens, transfer or pass.

Fare box

A device that accepts coins, bills, tickets and tokens given by passengers as payment for rides.

Fare box recovery ratio

Total fare revenue divided by the total operating cost.

FAST Act

The first federal law in more than a decade to provide long-term funding certainty for surface transportation infrastructure planning and investment. The FAST Act authorized \$305 billion over fiscal years 2016 through 2020 for highway, highway and motor vehicle safety, public transportation, motor carrier safety, hazardous materials safety, rail, and research, technology, and statistics programs.

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

An operating administration within the U.S. Department of Transportation that administers federal programs and provides financial assistance to public transit.

Fixed route

Transportation service operated over a set route or network of routes on a regular time schedule.

Flexible fixed route

See route deviation.

Funding classification

Greater Minnesota public transit services are categorized according to the following classifications in Minn. Stat.174.22:

- Rural A county or multi-county transit system serving a geographic area primarily with populations under 2,500 or a stand-alone transit system within a city of less than 2,500 people.
- Small Urban A stand-alone transit system within a city of between 2,500 and 50,000 people.
- Urbanized A transit system within a metropolitan area with populations greater than 50,000.
- ADA complementary paratransit Demand response service for persons with disabilities in geographic areas
 where fixed route services are provided; Provision of this service is required by the Americans with Disabilities
 Act. This is also described in Minnesota State Statutes as "Elderly and Disabled Service."

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GMTA

Greater Minnesota Transit Assistance

Intercity bus service

Transportation between metropolitan areas and rural areas, traveling over long distances, via an over-the-road coach with luggage space.

Light rail transit

An electric railway system characterized by its ability to operate single cars or short trains along exclusive right-of-way at ground level, on aerial structures or in subways.

Motor vehicle sales tax (MVST)

A source of revenue for Minnesota public transit. The percentages of this revenue source designated for metropolitan area and Greater Minnesota transit are defined in Minn. Stat. 297B.09.

Operating expenditures

The recurring costs of providing transit service, e.g., wages, salaries, fuel, oil, taxes, maintenance, depreciation, insurance, marketing, etc.

Operating deficit

Total operating expenditures minus total operating revenue.

Operating revenue

The total revenue earned by a transit agency through its transit operations. It includes passenger fares, advertising and other revenues.

Total operating cost

The total of all operating costs incurred during the transit system calendar year, excluding expenses associated with capital grants.

Paratransit

A flexible form of public transportation service that is not provided over a fixed-route. This is a demand responsive service typically for the disabled community.

Park and ride facility

A common location, e.g., parking lot, for individuals to park their personal vehicle and board a high occupancy travel mode such as a commuter train or bus.

Pass

A means of transit payment, usually a pre-paid card that is displayed to a bus driver in lieu of cash for the fare.

Peak period

The hours when traffic or transit passenger demand is the greatest, typically during morning and afternoon commuting hours.

Public transportation

Transportation service that is available to any person upon payment of the fare either directly, subsidized by public policy, or through some contractual arrangement, and which cannot be reserved for the private or exclusive use of one individual or group. "Public" in this sense refers to the access to the service, not to the ownership of the system that provides the service.

Ridership

The total of all revenue passengers, transfer passengers on second/successive rides and free ride passengers.

Passenger trip

A measure for one person making a one-way trip from origin to destination. One round trip equals two passenger trips.

Revenue hours

The number of transit vehicle hours when passengers are being transported. Calculated by taking the total time when a vehicle is available to the general public and there is an expectation of carrying passengers. Excludes deadhead hours, when buses are moving but not carrying passengers, but includes recovery/layover time.

Route deviation

Transportation service operating on a standard route along a public right of way, from which it may deviate from time to time, in response to a demand for its service or to take a passenger to a destination, after which it returns to its standard route.

Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP)

The section of the Federal Transit Act of 1991, as amended, that provides funds for training, technical assistance, research and other support services for rural transit providers.

Section 5307 (Urbanized Area Formula Program)

The section of the Federal Transit Act of 1991, as amended, that authorizes grants to public transit systems in urban areas with populations of more than 50,000 for both capital and operating projects. Based on population and density figures, these funds are distributed directly to the transit agency from the FTA.

Section 5309 (Capital Program)

The section of the Federal Transit Act of 1991, as amended, that authorizes discretionary capital assistance for major capital needs, such as fleet replacement and construction of transit facilities.

Section 5310 (Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Capital Program)

The section of the Federal Transit Act of 1991, as amended, that provides grant funds for the purchase of accessible vehicles and related support equipment for private non-profit organizations to serve elderly and/or disabled people, public bodies that coordinate services for elderly and disabled, or any public body that certifies to the state that non-profits in the area are not readily available to carry out the services.

Section 5311 (Non-urbanized Area Formula Program)

The section of the Federal Transit Act of 1991, as amended, that authorizes grants to public transit systems in non-urbanized areas (fewer than 50,000 population). The funds initially go to the governor of each state. In Minnesota, MnDOT administers these funds.

Section 5339 (Facilities Program)

Provides funding to states and transit agencies through a statutory formula to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities. In addition to the formula allocation, the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities program (49 U.S.C. 5339) includes two discretionary components: the Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Program and the Low or No Emissions Bus Discretionary Program.

Service area

The geographic area that coincides with a transit system's legal operating limits; e.g., city limits, county boundary, etc.

Service hours

See revenue hours.

Service span

The duration of time that service is made available or operated during the course of the service day, e.g., 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Subscription service

Transportation service in which routes and schedules are prearranged to meet the needs of riders who sign up for the service in advance.

Transit

Transportation by bus, rail or other conveyance, either publicly or privately owned, that provides general or special service on a regular and continuing basis. The term includes fixed-route and paratransit services as well as ridesharing. Also known as mass transportation, mass transit, or public transit.

Transit dependent

A description for a population or person who does not have immediate access to a private vehicle, or because of age or health reasons cannot drive and must rely on others for transportation.

Vehicle Classification

MnDOT classifies transit vehicles according to the following categories:

- Class 300 A small-size light-duty transit bus approximately 16-22 feet long with a raised roof and single or dual rear wheels (up to 12,500 lbs. gross vehicle weight rating).
- Class 400 A medium-size light-duty transit bus approximately 20-30 feet long with a raised roof and dual rear wheels (12,300-16,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight rating).
- Class 500 A medium-size medium-duty transit bus approximately 25-40 feet long (17,000-24,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight rating).
- Class 600 A medium-size heavy-duty transit bus approximately 25-40 feet long (21,000-32,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight rating).
- Class 700 A large-size heavy-duty transit bus/over-the-road bus approximately 30 feet and longer with a rearmounted engine.