

# Southern MN Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RTCC)

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# Snapshot: Current Environment

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- ▶ 100+ different transportation providers
- ▶ Public, private, nonprofit/volunteer
- ▶ Vary in size, geographic area served, population served, operating hours, capacity, qualifications, structure, mission, dispatch system, driver training

# Bottom line

- ▶ Service constricted by municipal boundaries
- ▶ Geographic and temporal service gaps
- ▶ Redundancies (equipment, dispatch, funding mechanisms)
- ▶ Regionally uncoordinated
- ▶ Inefficiencies
- ▶ Segmented
- ▶ Decentralized
- ▶ Fragmented
- ▶ Expensive



# What is an RTCC?

Regional collaborative forum for:

## Transportation **customers**

- ▶ county administration
- ▶ health/human services
- ▶ workforce development
- ▶ youth & senior
- ▶ care providers
- ▶ veterans services
- ▶ private citizens

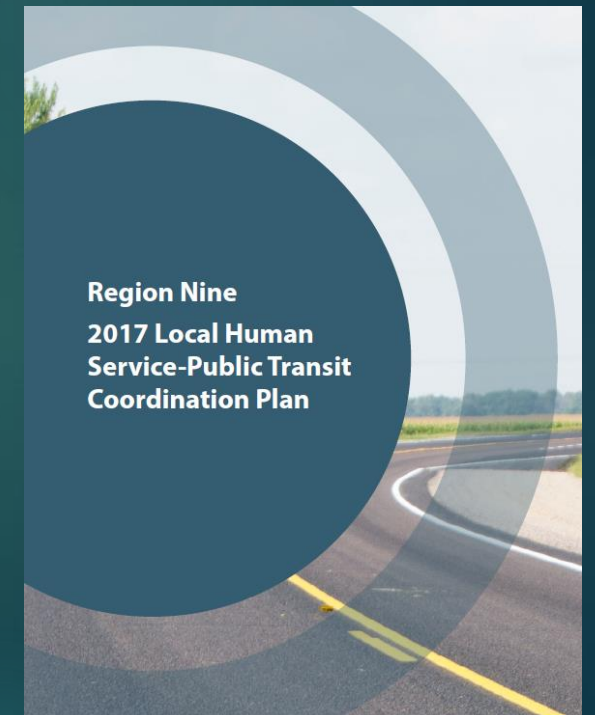
## Transportation **providers**

- ▶ Nonprofit/volunteer
- ▶ Public
- ▶ Private



# What will it do?

- ▶ Develop solutions toward providing safe, efficient, affordable regional transportation service
- ▶ Work to address challenges of current system
- ▶ Streamline access
- ▶ Identify gaps, redundancies, & service inefficiencies
- ▶ Work to decrease costs for riders & customers
- ▶ Develop regional policies & procedures
- ▶ Coordinate grant/funding opportunities
- ▶ Address special regional issues



# Current Solicitation

- ▶ MnDOT [Office of Transit and Active Transportation](#)
- ▶ **PHASE 1**
  - ▶ Organizational Planning/Development
  - ▶ Funds for planning for RTCC (up to \$75k for 12 months)
- ▶ **PHASE 2**
  - ▶ Organizational Implementation
  - ▶ Start producing solutions
- ▶ Phase 1 must be complete before Phase 2, which would commence immediately

# PHASE 1 - Organizational Planning/Development

To be developed in planning stage:

- ▶ Geographic region served
- ▶ Goals & objectives
- ▶ Description of how the RTCC will help meet needs/strategies defined in Region Nine's [2017 Local Human Service-Public Transit Coordination Plan](#)
- ▶ Membership, organizational structure, bylaws
- ▶ Organizational resources for implementation
- ▶ Annual budget proposal & funding scheme including how a 15-20% local match will be obtained in order to leverage MnDOT grants
- ▶ Work plan of activities to be undertaken for the first 2 years



# How will it function?

- ▶ Operational details to be determined in Phase 1: Organizational Planning/Development
- ▶ Structure to be determined in Phase 1
- ▶ Meetings of administrative body composed of representatives
- ▶ Collaborate toward solutions
- ▶ Make formal recommendations to MnDOT
- ▶ Set regional policies & protocols

# How will it be funded?

- ▶ Initial budget split between MnDOT (80%-85%) and local match (20%-15%)
- ▶ MnDOT will continue to be involved in administrative aspects, however MnDOT will not provide operational funds for trips
- ▶ Stakeholders and/or partners will provide percentage of funding
- ▶ Total amount dependent on how robust of RTCC (volunteer programs, travel/training, vehicle sharing, call center, etc.)

# What can I do?

- ▶ Share your organization's needs/concerns
- ▶ Provide letters of support from your organizational leadership
- ▶ Pass Resolution of Commitment to work in good faith with MAPO/MnDOT to develop Phase 1 Planning
- ▶ Serve on Application Steering Committee
- ▶ Serve on and/or engage with RTCC

# Questions & Contact

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