Southern MN Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RTCC)

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Snapshot: Current Environment

- 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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