



Tri-CAP Transportation
Five Year Transit System Plan
Community Stakeholder Meeting

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and Minnesota Public Transit Association (MPTA) selected consultant teams to support and work directly with thirty transit providers within Greater Minnesota to create five-year transit system plans. WSB & Associates was selected to work with six rural and community transit systems in central Minnesota in completing their five-year transit system plans.

The goal of this five-year planning process is to facilitate and develop for each transit provider identification of their strengths and weaknesses, challenges and opportunities, including their unmet needs and anticipated or desired future transit service changes.

Five-year plans will help transit systems better deliver service and work toward overall goals such as:

- Improve coordination of services to meet transportation needs
- Increase ridership/usage across the network
- Ensure fiscal responsibility as a transit funding agency

Each transit agency will have a standardized, yet unique plan to fit the needs of the transit agency.

Transit systems recognize the importance of involving local input in planning activities to build local support for increasing ridership opportunities, improving transit operations, including long-term commitment of local funds to leverage state and federal dollars.

Community stakeholder meetings are being held to offer citizens, agencies, businesses and organizations an opportunity to share their thoughts on how the transit system currently serves and can improve service to their family, clients and customers.

Meetings will be open house format where transit system staff and consultants will be present to share the report's current progress, gather information and answer questions. See the Stakeholder Meeting list for date, time, and location of each meeting. One meeting will be held in each of the counties of: Mille Lacs, Benton, Morrison, Stearns, and Sherburne.

Direct questions prior to the meeting to Lee Nichols, Project Manager, WSB & Associates at lnichols@wsbeng.com or 612.360.1309.

Stakeholder meeting location information is posted on www.tricap.org