WHAT IS AN RTCC?

A Regional Transportation Coordination Council (RTCC) is comprised of stakeholders working together to address unmet transit needs.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) provided funding to develop and support coordination activities implemented by RTCCs across the state.

The RTCC will have 2-3 staff members facilitating coordination activities that make transportation more effective, efficient, and accessible for passengers.
WHO IS INVOLVED?

Region 6W RTCC is composed of stakeholders across the counties of Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, Swift, and Yellow Medicine to collaborate on the improvement of transportation services throughout the region.

- Human Service Agencies
- Transportation Providers
- Community Action
- Area Agency on Aging
- Centers for Independent Living
- MN Continuum of Care Coordinators
- Health Care Systems
- Veterans Service Offices
- Workforce Development
- Transportation and Human Service Advocates
- County Representatives
- City Representatives
- Tribal Representatives
- Public/Private Funders of Transportation Services
- Regional Development Commission
WHY DO WE NEED AN RTCC?

Despite a variety of transit providers operating unique services across Region 6W, the need for transportation continues to rise and passengers often still struggle to get the rides they need.

The objective of the RTCC is to help close gaps in transportation by increasing communication and collaboration between transit providers and other local entities, ultimately ensuring that passengers have access to the transportation they need.
CHALLENGES FOR TRANSIT SERVICES IN OUR REGION

• Our low population and large geographic area make providing rides difficult for both private and public transit providers
• We currently have demand-response services, which is difficult in low population area
• Public transportation cannot fulfill all the transit service needs in our region
WHAT WILL AN RTCC DO FOR OUR REGION?

• Identify unmet transportation needs
• Identify all available transportation options and resources
• Coordinate between transportation providers – public and private
• Identify and understand transportation barriers
• Develop solutions to reduce barriers
• Develop a centralized information center for passengers in coordination with all transportation providers
• Advocate for policies supporting transportation services in our region
GOALS OF THE RTCC

1. Make transportation easier and more accessible for customers
2. Provide more rides with the same or fewer resources
3. Reduce barriers and advocate for high quality transportation services which are safe, efficient, effective, reliable and responsive to consumer needs
WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

Research
- RTCC staff will research possibilities in improving transit services. This research will be presented to the RTCC board to decide action items.

Develop
- Action items will be developed into an operational plans to effectively and efficiently use resources to provide improved transportation services.

Implement
- Operational plans will be implemented and monitored by the RTCC to record and analyze progress.
QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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