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ECRTCC Subcommittee

Primary Concern

Transportation Management Coordination Center (TMCC)

Volunteer Driver Program Development, Coordination and Training

To insure that they are supplying safe transit

ECRTCC Staff
Transportation Exploration

Cross county borders

Policy Action & Transportation Exploration

Mobility and Lack of transportation issue for lower income people

TMCC

To specifically identify transportation needs and facilitate real solutions for them through program coordination and cooperation.

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Transportation across county lines. Needed in our rural communities.

Volunteer Driver Program and TMCC

Deeply concerned about the availability of volunteer drivers now and even more so into the future. Also, the long term fall-out of the COVID crisis. The increased access to virtual medical, home delivery of anything you need or want. That combined with an aging demographic that points to a senior ridership cliff in a few years. How we've done it in the past isn't gonna work in the future.....

Policy Action	Transportation should be available to all who need it, especially in smaller rural areas
TMCC	Currently trying to get wheelchairs back when used for patients transportation
TMCC	Having consistent and reliable transportation for their consumers.
ECRTCC Staff	All of the above. What is our future going to look like? How do we move forward? No more close seating, no more full buses with bodily touching.
Policy Action	Transportation throughout K. Co. making transportation available
Transportation Exploration	Transportation to aging population, LYFT Uber volunteer drivers, mass transit - crossing county lines
Transportation Exploration	How do we support telecommuters when their main vehicle breaks down? How do they ride share?
Volunteer Driver Program	No transportation in NO. Mille Lacs Co
Policy Action	Transportation should be available to all That people who need to get to Doctor's appointments, can't.
Transportation Exploration (interest in LYFT)	Mike works with people in housing, employment and homelessness. His concern is with transportation for these people who have minimal transportation in rural communities.

TMCC and Transportation Exploration

Rural Pedestrian Safety

Volunteer Driver Program

All the above. Crossing County Lines, V.D. Recruitment

TMCC and Volunteer Driver Program

Lack of access to transportation in rural areas & outside city limits

Raising awareness of our service and ensuring a convenient and safe passenger experience.

Volunteer Driver Program

Addressing patient's Social Determinants of Health which includes Transportation

Volunteer Driver Program

At the local level, there is a different transportation system coming in to Isanti County and across county lines. How will that come out?

TMCC

Current transportation options do not link together or allow for travel across county lines. Distance and capacity in a rural area prevent offering the transportation options that are truly needed.

TMCC

Covid and population they support. Taking toll on people and staff and businesses that they partner with. Health and wellness, safety of the people.

TMCC

Policy Action

Integrating transportation across county and regional lines across the state, and not having success with volunteer driver legislation issues (tax and insurance)

Lofty Aspiration

To try and restore confidence in transit and to go back to pre-COVID-19 ridership

Eliminate the barriers so that avenues to travel a and out of poverty in Rural MN

A unified transportation delivery program for passengers that is accessible, scaleable, and affordable.

In support of autonomous vehicles, MN not best drivers.

Solution based in Reality

Important to have open dialogue with stakeholders, decision makers, elected officials, and passengers as we move forward

Need a specific goal to work towards. Then identify specific objectives that focus on that goal and sticking to them. It is sometimes easy to get sidetracked on possibilities that support the objective, but does not advance the overall goal.

Easy access to everyone in region Hub - streamlining transportation in general

Consistent provider / system to reach rural areas coordinating consistent system to reach targeted areas

Automated vehicles, small, one person. Public transit to cross county lines, universal fare structure, simple system, block out routes, MaaS, 5310 program to include smaller vehicles, ...all of what we are working towards. Great group of people involved in this mission, working together with RTCCs throughout state, much insight and experience. Working from the bottom up. Ideas with people who can make things happen.

Coordinated system for the region, easy access to transport possible recruit more volunteer drivers to keep people moving to where they need to go, at this point in time

Future and autonomous driving. No need to pay driver gives more \$\$ to pay for technology. Other forms of transportation - Ebikes, golf carts, bikes, etc.

Someone creates a transportation information hub where riders, drivers, commuters can connect. More Ubers or education on what it takes to be an Uber or Lyft driver.

similar to Jeannette options for shopping and where people want to go

That everyone would be able to go to a rehab, Dr. appt., etc even if it was last minute. I don't have one at this time.

Public transportation system that will interlink seamless transportation between counties, that is easier for people to use. Be that peoples needs for Safety in transportation of people for medical, employment and food needs.

Keep People Safe	Projects funded, crosswalk in front of Grand Casino Mille Lacs
	Working on this together now
Collaborative approach to working together. Supportive assistance to the riders. Other avenues such as V.D. get the younger people involved in driving, utilizing other modes of transit (bicycles for example)	Access transportation across county lines and regions. User friendly, seamless routes.
Making it easier for people in less connected parts of the region to access the intercity bus network. Encouraging people to choose buses over cars for certain trips by demonstrating convenience of the former.	Raising awareness of all of the services in the region to promote ridership and ease of connections between providers.
Have an integrated system where we can provide all patients with the Transportation they need.	Allowing Transportation between regions and a user-friendly process that all people can understand.
Change is coming, and can be difficult, although different could be better	That the Isanti County Board and MnDOT will make the right choice for transportation in the county
Transportation availability that allows people of all ages and abilities access for all occasions; including increasing transportation options in addition to medical transportation such as those for work, school, activities.	Create a system in which all available transportation options are easily accessible with one call or on a website so that those needing transportation (and/or those helping people to find transportation) can find solutions and make informed decisions.
People must follow guidelines/regulations	People making the right choices in keeping everyone healthy.
1. Convert to zero emission initiative in Public Transit, 2. Autonomous/self driving vehicles	1. Concern with legislation of Volunteer Driver issues -- and NOW is the time to get to the elected officials to reintroduce solutions we see.