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By February 15 annually, the commissioner shall submit a report to the legislature on transit services outside the metropolitan area. The Metropolitan Council and any public transit system receiving assistance under section 174.24 shall provide assistance in creating the report, as requested by the commissioner. The report must include, at a minimum, the following:		
(1) a descriptive overview of public transit in Minnesota;	State of the Industry	2
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(5)a summary of the differences in program implementation requirements and aid recipient eligibility between federal aid and state sources of funds;	State of the Industry	5
(6) in each odd-numbered year, an analysis of public transit system needs and operating expenditures on an annual basis, which must include a methodology for identifying monetary needs, and calculations of:		
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(ii) the total expenditures from local sources for each transit system classification;	Financial Statistics	99
(iii) the comprehensive transit assistance percentage for each transit system classification, which equals the expenditures identified under clause (7), item (ii), for a transit system classification, divided by the amounts identified under subitem (A), plus the sum of state sources of funds plus federal funds provided to all transit systems in that classification; and	Financial Statistics	99
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Introduction

In Minnesota in 2014, 56 public transit systems operating in 86 counties offered scheduled transportation service to the public. Minnesota's public transit systems provide transportation alternatives to driving alone and allow all residents to participate in the state's communities and economy. Minnesota has two statutory goals directly related to transit (Minn. Stat., Sec. 174.01):

- to provide transit services to all counties in the state to meet the needs of transit users
- to promote and increase the use of high-occupancy vehicles and low-emission vehicles

Transit services are funded through a financial partnership that includes local, state and federal participation. In Minnesota, state and federal funding for public transit systems is administered by the Metropolitan Council and the Minnesota Department of Transportation. In the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area, the transportation division of the Metropolitan Council plans, coordinates and administers transit services to meet the needs of Twin Cities area residents. MnDOT's Office of Transit is responsible for administering financial assistance to public transit systems in Greater Minnesota, including all 80 counties outside the metropolitan area.

The Metropolitan Council's statutory transit goals are defined in Minn. Stat., Sec. 473.371:

- Provide, to the greatest feasible extent, a basic level of mobility for all people in the metropolitan area
- Arrange to the greatest feasible extent for the provision of a comprehensive set of transit and paratransit services to meet the needs of all people in the metropolitan area
- Cooperate with private and public transit providers to assure the most efficient and coordinated use of existing and planned transit resources
- Maintain public mobility in the event of emergencies or energy shortages

The statutory purpose of MnDOT's Public Transit Participation Program is found in Minn. Stat., Sec. 174.21:

- Provide access to transit for persons who have no alternative mode of transit available
- Increase the efficiency and productivity of public transit systems
- Alleviate problems of automobile congestion and energy consumption and provide desirable land use where such activities are cost-effective
- Maintain a state commitment to public transportation
- Meet the needs of individual transit systems to the extent they are consistent with the other objectives stated above

PURPOSE OF THE TRANSIT REPORT

Minnesota Statutes Section 174.247 governs the Transit Report

The Transit Report is published on an annual basis to provide residents and elected officials an overview of public transit services in Minnesota. The report includes fact sheets describing every state-supported public transit system in Minnesota. In addition, the "Financial Statistics" and "Operating Statistics" chapters present aggregated information depicting a snapshot of 2014 expenditures, funding sources, ridership and revenue hours.

The "State of the Industry chapter narrates how federal and state funding mechanisms, local initiatives, MnDOT and Metropolitan Council oversight combine to produce transit service in Minnesota. The following section, "Federal and State Funding for Transit," outlines current transit funding allocations. "Major Accomplishments" provides a detailed look at notable transit system activities during 2014. "Preparing for the Future" provides an outlook on factors affecting future transit provision in Minnesota, including projections of future transit need and funding requirements to meet this need through public transit service.

This report is also produced to comply with the terms of Minn. Stat., Sec. 174.247 requiring that MnDOT annually analyze, compile and publish financial information for state-supported transit systems. The chart on page III itemizes specific statutory guidelines for the report and indicates which sections meet the requirements of this legislation.

Federal and State Funding for Transit

This section outlines how federal and state funding is distributed among Minnesota's public transit systems. Minn. Stat., Sec. 174.247 requires that the transit report include "a summary of the differences in program implementation requirements and aid recipient eligibility between federal aid and state sources of funds." Federal and state funding levels directly impact the size of local transit system budgets.

FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT

Urbanized areas, defined by the U.S. Census as places with populations greater than 50,000, are eligible to receive Federal Transit Administration, Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program grant funds. Each of Minnesota's eight eligible metropolitan areas receives these funds. The Section 5307 program allows areas with populations greater than 50,000 but less than 200,000 to spend funds on transit capital, planning and operations activities. Mankato's population surpassed 50,000 at the 2010 Census and the city began receiving these funds in federal fiscal year 2013. Fargo-Moorhead, Grand Forks-East Grand Forks, La Crosse-La Crescent, Rochester, Duluth and St. Cloud also receive these funds. For areas with populations greater than 200,000, federal assistance is available for capital and planning funds only. The seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area falls in this funding category.

Metropolitan areas receive all Section 5307 grant funds directly from the FTA. As direct recipients of federal funds, metropolitan areas are individually responsible to the FTA for compliance with federal laws and regulations.

Rural and small urban areas, defined by the U.S. Census as places with populations less than 50,000, are eligible for Section 5311 Rural Area Formula Program grant funds. Eligible recipients include states and registered tribes. In 2014, 44 sub-recipients received Section 5311 funds administered by MnDOT. Eligible sub-recipients include local government authorities, non-profit organizations or operators of public transportation or intercity bus service. This program supports transit systems in both Greater Minnesota and in rural areas of the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area. These funds are available for transit capital and operating assistance.

2014 Minnesota
Public Transit Systems

Greater Minnesota: 56
Twin Cities Metro Area: 7
Commuter Rail: 1
Light Rail route: 2

As the direct federal recipient of all Section 5311 funds, MnDOT solicits applications for funding, selects sub-recipients and enters into grant contracts with participating public transit operators. MnDOT is responsible for monitoring federal regulatory compliance by all Section 5311 sub-recipients in Greater Minnesota and the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

The federal transportation law, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century, created capital formula program called the Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Program. The Metropolitan Council receives the Section 5339 formula funds for the Twin Cities metro area and MnDOT receives and distributes these funds for Greater Minnesota.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS SUPPORT LOCAL TRANSIT OPERATING AND CAPITAL PROJECTS

Sections 5307, 5311 and 5339 programs constitute the majority of federal transit formula funding in Minnesota and provide operating and capital support through grants to large urban, small urban and rural areas. In total, federal fiscal year 2015 funding through Sections 5307, 5311 and 5339 programs provided about $81.9 million toward public transportation assistance in Minnesota. Other federal programs focus on specialized services, such as the Section 5310 formula grants for the enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities. MAP-21 consolidated two independent programs into other programs: the former Section 5316 Job Access/Reverse Commute program was incorporated into the Sections 5307 and 5311 programs and the Section 5317 New Freedom program was rolled into the Section 5310 program.

Table I depicts federal transit funding that Minnesota transit systems use and the total dollars provided by each program in federal fiscal year 2015.

Table I. FFY 2015 Federal Funding for Minnesota Transit

Program	Description	Total	% of Grand Total
5305	**Metropolitan Transportation Planning Program:** Planning activities and technical assistance for public transit services. **Statewide Transportation Planning Program:** Planning activities, technical studies and cooperative research for public transit services	$1,829,341	1.5%
5307	**Urbanized Area Formula Program:** Operating and capital assistance for public transportation in urban areas (including Duluth, East Grand Forks, La Crescent, Mankato, Moorhead, Rochester, St. Cloud and metropolitan Twin Cities)	$59,771,535	49.8%
5309	**New Starts:** Capital funding for fixed guideway transportation investments	$0	0%
5310	**Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program:** Capital and operating assistance grants for organizations that serve elderly and/or persons with disabilities	$3,656,559	3.0%
5311	**Non-urbanized Area Formula Program:** Capital and operating funding for small urban and rural areas; includes intercity bus transportation	$15,403,957	12.8%
5311(b)(3)	**Rural Transit Assistance Program:** Research, training and technical assistance for transit operators in non-urbanized areas	$239,061	0.2%
5311 (c)	**Public Transportation on Indian Reservations**: Capital and operating funding for tribes.	$1,834,993	1.5%
5337	**State of Good Repair Program:** Funding to upgrade rail transit systems and high-intensity motor bus systems that use high-occupancy vehicle lanes, including bus rapid transit	$12,568,158	10.5%
5339	**Bus and Bus Facilities Program:** Funding to assist in procurement or construction of vehicles and facilities	$6,741,202	5.6%
FHWA Flexible Funds	**Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality:** Funding for transit capital projects	$17,961,754	15.0%
	Surface Transportation Program: Funding for transit capital projects in Minnesota	$29,106	0.02%
Grand Total		**$120,035,666**	**100%**

STATE PROGRAMS SUPPORT PUBLIC TRANSIT

2014 Minnesota Public Transit Ridership

109.7 million
total passenger trips

12.1 million
Greater Minnesota passenger trips

97.6 million
Twin Cities metro area passenger trips

The amount of service that Minnesota transit systems can provide is closely tied to the amount of funding provided by the state. In 2014, state funding covered approximately 53 percent of transit system operating costs in Minnesota. State funding for transit is determined by the Minnesota Legislature, which appropriates transit funding from the general fund on a biennial basis and sets the percentage of Motor Vehicle Sales Tax revenue dedicated to public transit. Metro area and Greater Minnesota transit both receive regular MVST revenues with the seven-county Twin Cities metro area receiving 36 percent of statewide collections and Greater Minnesota receiving 4 percent (the remaining 60 percent of statewide collections are deposited in the highway user tax distribution fund).

In addition to regular MVST revenues, Greater Minnesota receives a portion of MVST revenues received from leased vehicles, which are also split among the state general fund and county state-aid highways.

The Metropolitan Council administers the metro portion of these funds to provide transit service in the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area. MnDOT administers the Greater Minnesota portion of these funds to provide public transit services outside the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area.

MnDOT disburses funds for Greater Minnesota transit through the Public Transit Participation Program. Greater Minnesota public transit providers apply annually for funding that may be used for operating, capital and planning activities. Eligibility is determined by Minn. Stat., Sec. 174.24, which states, "Any legislatively established public transit commission or authority, any county or statutory or home rule charter city providing financial assistance to or operating public transit, any private operator of public transit, or any combination thereof is eligible to receive financial assistance through the Public Transit Participation Program."

State law requires local participation in funding public transit services in Greater Minnesota. A statutory fixed-share funding formula sets a local share of operating costs by system classification as follows:

Elderly and disabled	15%
Rural (population less than 2,500)	15%
Small urban (population 2,500 - 50,000)	20%
Urbanized (population more than 50,000)	20%

State and federal funding for public transit covers the remaining 80 or 85 percent of operating costs awarded through the Public Transit Participation Program.

STATE PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSISTANCE

Table II lists actual state transit funding in the 2014-2015 biennium. The totals were substantially higher than the 2012-2013 biennium, when yearly statewide totals were $286,927,000 and $307,643,000, respectively.

Table II. State Transit Funding for 2014-2015

	2014	2015	Total
Greater Minnesota Transit			
Public transit assistance (general fund)	$16,451,000	$23,002,000	$39,453,000
Greater MN transit account (MVST)	$25,610,873	$27,768,845	$53,379,718
Greater MN transit account (leased MVST revenues)	$22,612,244	$23,266,160	$45,878,404
Greater Minnesota total	$64,674,117	$74,037,005	$138,711,122
Twin Cities Metro Area Transit			
Public transit assistance (general fund)	$107,889,000	$76,970,000	$184,859,000
Metro Area transit account (MVST)	$230,497,857	$249,919,605	$480,417,462
Twin Cities Metro Area total	$338,386,857	$326,889,605	$665,276,462
Statewide total	**$403,060,974**	**$400,926,610**	**$803,987,584**

Table III lists Minnesota Management and Budget's February 2015 forecast for state transit funding in the 2016-2017 biennium. The 2015 legislature raised the general fund appropriation for Greater Minnesota transit by $2,500,000 above the base level for the 2018-2019 biennium of $17,245,000. Somewhat similarly, the metro area base level will drop to $89,820,000 in the 2018-2019 biennium after an appropriation of $101,126,000 for fiscal year 2017.

Table III. State Transit Funding for 2016-2017

	2016	2017	Total
Greater Minnesota Transit			
Public transit assistance (general fund)	$19,745,000	$19,745,000	$39,490,000
Greater MN transit account (MVST)	$29,620,000	$31,530,000	$61,150,000
Greater MN transit account (leased MVST revenues)	$20,755,000	$22,370,000	$43,125,000
Greater Minnesota total	$70,120,000	$73,645,000	$143,765,000
Twin Cities Metro Area Transit			
Public transit assistance (general fund)	$81,626,000	$101,126,000	$182,752,000
Metro Area transit account (MVST)	$266,580,000	$283,770,000	$550,350,000
Twin Cities Metro Area total	$348,206,000	$384,896,000	$733,102,000
Statewide total	**$418,326,000**	**$458,541,000**	**$876,867,000**

2014 and 2015 Major Accomplishments

RIDE LINK

The Minnesota Ride Link project is sponsored by the Minnesota Departments of Veterans Affairs, Transportation, and Human Services and the Minnesota Board on Aging. Funding is provided through a grant from the Federal Transit Administration. The objective of the program is to help agencies partnering through a network that routes and transfers calls, chats, conferences, and sends secure email in real-time so that clients can get the information they need to schedule a ride. In addition, www.MinnesotaHelp.info can help partner agencies and the public find transportation information via the web. Over the past 12 months, 26 agencies (County Veteran Service Officers and transit agencies) were added to this growing network. More than 70 agencies have joined Ride Link program to ensure that veterans can get their transportation needs addressed.

TRANSIT RESTRUCTURING STUDIES

MnDOT Office of Transit completed three studies in 2014 and 2015 of transit systems in Greater Minnesota. The purpose of these studies was to understand and capitalize on the potential for transit systems to work together in a more formal setting to increase effectiveness and efficiency. As a result of the study in 2014, Faribault and Martin county transit systems entered into a formal partnership and are sharing administrative staffing positions and cross-county transit trips. Following a study of Kandiyohi, Renville and Meeker counties, the systems began the process to merge the three systems into a larger, more regional system. The third study included an analysis of transit in Blue Earth, Le Sueur and Nicollet counties. Since the study's completion, the counties and existing transit systems collaborated on a shared vision for a new, multi-county transit system to serve the three counties.

GREATER MINNESOTA TRANSIT INVESTMENT PLAN

In 2015, MnDOT began work on the Greater Minnesota Transit Investment Plan. The plan is a five-year update to refine the investment priorities and strategic direction for Greater Minnesota transit. The plan's objective is to improve mobility for the general public with emphasis on seniors, low income populations, homeless populations, individuals with disabilities, veterans, new americans and commuter consumer groups. The plan will combine technical analysis with community input to develop a strategic direction and investment priorities. The process will be completed in summer 2016.

SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA REGIONAL TRAVEL STUDY

In 2015, the Office of Transit began work on the Southeast Minnesota Regional Travel Study. The purpose of the study is to identify and assess travel corridors between regional trade centers for possible transit investment. The study will focus on Rice, Goodhue, Wabasha, Steele, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, Freeborn, Mower, Fillmore and Houston counties. This area was selected due to the diverse regional travel needs to both the Minneapolis-St. Paul and Rochester metropolitan

areas for employment and economic activity. The region has several single county transit systems, a metropolitan area with strong commuter draw and very few regional public transit routes in operation. The study is scheduled to be completed in early February 2016.

STATE FAIR BOOTH

At the 2015 Minnesota State Fair, MnDOT partnered with Metro Transit, HOURCAR, Bike Walk Twin Cities, Nice Ride, Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota, local bike shops and organizations at the Kick Gas booth in the Eco Experience building, where more than 253,934 people visited.

2040 TRANSORTATION POLICY PLAN

The Metropolitan Council adopted the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan in January 2015. The plan sets the policy and investment direction for the region's transportation system through 2040, to ensure residents have the transportation choices they need now and in the future. The plan helps maintain and enhance existing infrastructure, better connect people and places, provide transportation choices that help people in their everyday lives, and guide the growing region toward success and vibrancy for years to come. It includes two funding scenarios – one based on state and federal revenues from current funding streams, and a second scenario based on the availability of additional highway and transit funding. It also provides a stronger emphasis on the relationship between local development decisions and transportation investment – particularly in terms of effective transit investment.

METRO GREEN LINE

After many years of planning, the vision of the METRO Green Line linking Saint Paul and Minneapolis with light rail transit came to fruition in June 2014. In little more than six months of operation in 2014, 6.5 million rides were given on the line. Noted in that figure are that, when combined with bus service, more than twice as many commuters were taking transit along the corridor than when it was served by bus service alone. The line's success – combined with METRO Blue Line light rail service, Northstar commuter rail service and bus service – helped to bring Metro Transit ridership to 84.5 million in 2014, the highest level since 1981 and a 3.9 percent increase when compared with 2013.

ARTERIAL BUS RAPID TRANSIT

In 2015, Metro Transit began construction on a new kind of bus service for the Twin Cities' busiest urban streets, called Arterial Bus Rapid Transit. Arterial BRT is a package of transit enhancements that adds up to a faster trip and an improved customer experience. Improvements include specialized BRT vehicles, all-door boarding, pre-paid tickets, traffic signal priority, and other measures that reduce transit delay. Dedicated BRT stations will also feature real-time signage, heated shelters, security features, and increased maintenance and snow removal. Metro Transit's first Arterial BRT project, the A Line, completed design and began construction in 2015. The project is on schedule to open in 2016. The A Line runs from Rosedale Transit Center along Snelling Avenue, Ford Parkway and 46th Street in the cities of Roseville, Falcon Heights, St. Paul and Minneapolis. The A Line projects construction was closely coordinated with other roadway projects

led by MnDOT, Hennepin County and Ramsey County. Advancing these projects in coordination during 2015 resulted in smoother roads, shorter construction durations, and reduced total cost. A total of 20 Arterial BRT stations will be constructed and 12 A Line buses will be delivered by early 2016. A second Arterial BRT line, the C Line on Penn Avenue North, remains on track for 2016 design in preparation for 2017 construction, pending available funding.

Preparing for the Future

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING DURING 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Gov. Mark Dayton strongly advocated for increased transportation funding during the 2015 Minnesota legislative session. This included support for enacting a half cent sales tax in the metro area that would raise $2.8 billion over 10 years to build and operate an expanded, integrated regional transit system. In Greater Minnesota, Gov. Dayton proposed increasing public transit funding to fulfill the legislative target of meeting 90 percent of the need for transit by 2025. To ramp up service to achieve the target, this would require an additional $120 million over expected revenues from 2016 to 2025. Gov. Dayton's budget proposed an increase in the general fund appropriation to Greater Minnesota transit of $4 million over base in 2016 and $6 million in 2017.

Ultimately, the 2015 legislative session ended with Greater Minnesota transit receiving a one-time increase of $2.5 million from the general fund for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

MNDOT PROJECTS OPERATING AND CAPITAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS TO MEET FUTURE TRANSIT NEED

In 2010, MnDOT completed the Greater Minnesota Transit Investment Plan to estimate the need for transit services in Greater Minnesota and project the cost of providing additional public transit services to meet present and future need. MnDOT's model uses population size and transit trip rates to calculate transit need and translates this figure into service hours required to provide additional trips. MnDOT updates these figures annually to reflect current service hours and as new population projections are made available.

Table IV depicts projected operating and capital costs of providing service hours to meet 100 percent of projected need during the next five years. Capital costs are a combination of replacement costs to maintain the current fleet size and the cost of additional vehicles to fully close the gap between current levels of service and new service required to meet 100 percent of estimated needs. Operating costs are based on the hours of service required to meet new levels of service to provide for the expanding population.

Table IV Cost (in millions) to Meet 100% of Projected Transit Need, 2016-2020

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Operating cost	$129.1	$132.6	$135.9	$139.5	$143.1	$146.7
Capital cost: vehicle replacement	$11.9	$12.2	$12.5	$12.8	$13.2	$13.3
Capital cost: additional vehicles	$40.3	$0.8	$0.9	$0.9	$0.9	$0.9
Facilities	$3.0	$3.1	$3.2	$3.2	$3.3	$3.4
TOTAL	**$184.3**	**$148.7**	**$152.5**	**$156.5**	**$160.5**	**$164.4**

Between 2015 and 2030, MnDOT projects that transit need will grow from 19.1 million to 22.0 million passenger trips per year. To serve these trips, Greater Minnesota public transit systems would need to provide 1.90 million hours of service in 2015 and increase to 2.04 million hours of service in 2030. Table V illustrates these figures and the total funds required to provide this additional transit service.

Table V. Projected Transit Need and Cost (in millions) to Meet 100% of Need, 2015-2030

	2015	2020	2025	2030
Total passenger demand	19.1	20.2	21.1	22.0
Service hours to meet demand	1.90	1.96	2.00	2.04
Annual operating cost	$129.1	$146.7	$164.7	$185.0
Average annual capital cost*	$55.2	$16.9	$22.4	$30.5
TOTAL	**$184.3**	**$163.7**	**$187.1**	**$215.4**

* The average annual capital cost for 2015 is unusually high because a large capital investment would be necessary to acquire enough buses to jump from meeting 63% of need to meeting 100% of need.

Without sustained increases to future funding, Greater Minnesota public transit systems will not be able to sustain or expand the number of service hours currently provided. The Minnesota Legislature asked MnDOT to identify the cost of meeting 80 percent of transit need by 2015 and 90 percent of transit need by 2025. Clearly, transit service will not meet 80 percent of need by 2015. However, the need for increased transit service was evident when developing the transportation components of the State of Minnesota's Olmstead Plan and the Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness Plan. The legislative target of meeting 90 percent of transit need by 2025 was incorporated into both of those plans. Table VI depicts the gap between projected revenues for transit and the funds needed to meet the 2015 and 2025 targets.

Table VI Cost (in millions) to meet legislative targets: 2015 and 2025

	2015 Costs and Revenues Required to Meet 80% of Transit Need in 2015		2016-2025 Costs and Revenues Requred to Meet 90% of Transit Need in 2025	
	Capital	**Operating**	**Capital**	**Operating**
Projected costs to meet legislative targets	**$34.6**	**$103.3**	**$202.1**	**$1272.3**
Period projected revenues*				
Federal STP	$0.0		$77.9	
Federal 5307 urban	$8.5		$84.5	
Federal 5311 non-urbanized	$11.6		$115.5	
Federal 5339 bus and bus facilities	$1.9		$19.4	
State general fund	$22.8		$174.2	
State MVST	$27.4		$343.7	
State leased MVLST	$22.6		$234.8	
Local Share **	$23.67		$262.5	
Period gap between costs and projected revenues	**$19.5**		**$161.8**	
Period gap paid by local share**	$3.9		$32.4	
Period federal and state funding gap	**$15.6**		**$129.5**	
Average annual federal and state funding gap	**$15.62**		**$12.95**	

*Federal Surface Transportation Program and Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Program funds can only be used for capital. Federal Section 5307 Urban Formula Program funds are split equally between capital and operations. Federal Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Formula funds and all state funding sources can be used on capital or operations.

**Local share for capital expenditures is 20 percent. Local share for operating expenditures is statutorily set at a minimum of 15 percent for rural and paratransit service and 20 percent for urban service. In 2014, local share averaged 27 percent. For estimating purposes here, it is assumed at 20 percent for operating.

If future funding increases, MnDOT's highest priority for Greater Minnesota public transit service expansion is to establish service in locations without any existing public transit. Currently, only Waseca County has no form of public transit service available, although nine other counties only have service in a municipal area, not countywide. Assuming all eligible locations are served by public transit, MnDOT's top priorities for service expansion include:

- Expand service hours in the morning and night to serve more trips
- Expand multi-county services to link more communities
- Provide service on more days of the week
- Expand service frequencies and coverage
- Expand service to provide consistent levels of service statewide

Conclusion

As we look to the future, public transportation will be increasingly important in helping residents access economic and social opportunities in their communities. As population growth and environmental considerations create even greater demands on public transit, MnDOT strives to make access to quality public transit systems available to citizens statewide. MnDOT will work proactively toward its mission to provide the highest quality, dependable multimodal transportation system to assure that Minnesota is at the forefront of future transit strategies and financing.

Greater Minnesota Peer Group Averages

The 2010-2030 Greater Minnesota Transit Plan organized the transit systems into peer groups based on size using 2010 U.S. Census Bureau data, service area and the type of service provided. Groups include urban, ADA paratransit, small urban (population more than 10,000), small urban (population less than 10,000), county and multi-county transit systems. The peer groups are used in the Annual Transit Report to give comparison between each transit system and their peer group average. However, the peer groups are different than the state and federal classifications and the transit systems are organized by state classification in the Financial and Operating Statistics section of this report.

Peer Group	System	Area Served	Population Served
Urban Fixed-Route	Duluth Transit Authority	Cities of Duluth, Hermantown, and Proctor, MN; and service to Superior, WI	125,714
	East Grand Forks Transit	City of East Grand Forks and Grand Forks, ND	61,478
	La Crescent Apple Express	City of La Crescent, MN and La Crosse, WI	56,613
	Mankato Transit	City of Mankato and North Mankato	40,743
	Moorhead Transit	Cities of Moorhead, Dilworth and Fargo, ND	159,124
	Rochester Public Transit	City of Rochester	43,261
	St. Cloud Metro Bus	Cities of St. Cloud, Sartell, Sauk Rapids and Waite Park	110,393
ADA paratransit (Dial-A-Ride)	Duluth DAR	Cities of Duluth, Hermantown, and Proctor, MN; and service to Superior, WI	125,714
	East Grand Forks DAR	City of East Grand Forks and Grand Forks, ND	61,478
	Mankato	City of Mankato and North Mankato	40,743
	Moorhead DAR	Cities of Moorhead, Dilworth and Fargo, ND	159,124
	Rochester DAR	City of Rochester	110,393
	St. Cloud DAR	Cities of St. Cloud, Sartell, Sauk Rapids and Waite Park	103,018

County systems (Continue	Becker County Transit	Becker County	33,836
	Brainerd/Crow Wing Public Transit	Crow Wing County	64,354
	Brown County Heartland Express	Brown County	25,570
	Faribault County Prairie Express	Faribault County	13,981
	Fond du Lac Band Transit	Fond du Lac Reservation	4,2040
	Hubbard County Heartland Express	Hubbard County	20,428
	Kandiyohi Area Transit	Kandiyohi County	42,819
	Lincoln County Heartland Express	Lincoln County	5,857
	Mahnomen County Heartland Express	Mahnomen County	5,468
	Martin County Transit	Martin County	20,774
	Meeker County Public Transit	Meeker County	23,348
	Murray County Heartland Express	Murray County	8,665
	Paul Bunyan Transit	Beltrami County	45,575
	Pipestone County Transit	Pipestone County	9,428
	Prairieland Transit System	Nobles County	21,792
	Red Lake Transit	Beltrami County	45,575
	Renville County Heartland Express	Renville County	15,558
	Rock County Heartland Express	Rock County	9,694
	Wadena County Friendly Rider	Wadena County	13,727
	Watonwan Take Me There	Watonwan County	11,189

Multi-County Systems	Arrowhead Transit	Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake and St. Louis Counties	327,199
	Chisago/Isanti County Heartland Express	Chisago and Isanti Counties	92,827
	Far North Public Transit	Lake of the Woods and Roseau Counties	19,633
	Prairie Five Rides	Big Stone, Chippewea, Lac Qui Parke, Swift and Yellow Medicine Counties	44,407
	Rainbow Rider Transit	Douglas, Grant, Pope, Stevens, Traverse and Todd Counties	92,761
	SEMCAC	Dodge, Fillmore, Houston and Winona Counties; and the City of Blooming Prairie and Stewartville	151,094
	Southern Minnesota Area Regional Transit (SMART)	Steel, Freeborn and Mower Counties, City of Albert Lea	93,737
	Three Rivers Hiawathaland Transit	Goodhue and Wabasha Counties	68,203
	Timber Trails Public Transit	Kanabec and Mille Lacs Counties	42,599
	Trailblazer Transit	McLeod, Sibley and Wright Counties	161,629
	Transit Alternatives	Clay and Otter Tail Counties	121,013
	Tri-CAP Transit Connection	Benton, Morrison, Stearns and Sherburn Counties	337,672
	Tri-Valley Heartland Express	Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk and Red Lake Counties; City of Bagley	68,089
	Western Community Action	Cottonwood, Jackson, Lyon and Redwood Counties	63,793

Small Urban systems (population over 10,000)	Hibbing Area Transit	City of Hibbing	16,335
	St. Peter Transit	Cities of Kasota and St. Peter	12,120
	Winona Transit Service	Winona	27,741
Small Urban systems (population under 10,000)	Benson Heartland Express	City of Benson	3,184
	Granite Falls	City of Granite Falls	2,832
	Hibbing Area Transit	City of Hibbing	
	Le Sueur Heartland Express	City of Le Sueur	7,074
	Morris	City of Morris	5,382

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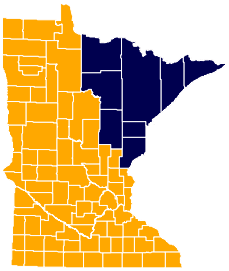
ARROWHEAD TRANSIT



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2014 Highlights

- Increased ridership by 11.7% from 2013
- Jointly promoted services with Jefferson Lines
- Informative commercials provided for television and Facebook, increasing Facebook postings nearly 50%

System snapshot

Legal Name	Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency
Governance	Community Action Program
Area Served	Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Pine and St. Louis counties
Legislative District	03A, 03B, 05A, 05B, 06A, 06B, 07A, 07B, 10B, 11A, 11B
Congressional District	8

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	20 Class 400, 68 Class 500
Service type	Route deviation, dial-a-ride, route guarantee
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation	6:00 am - 8:00 pm
Monday - Friday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday	$1.50
Base fare	

System performance

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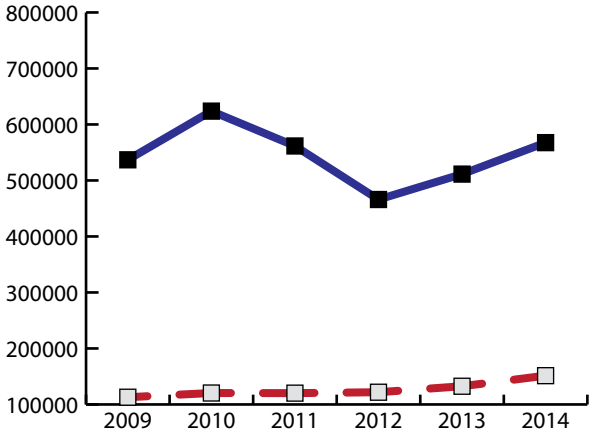

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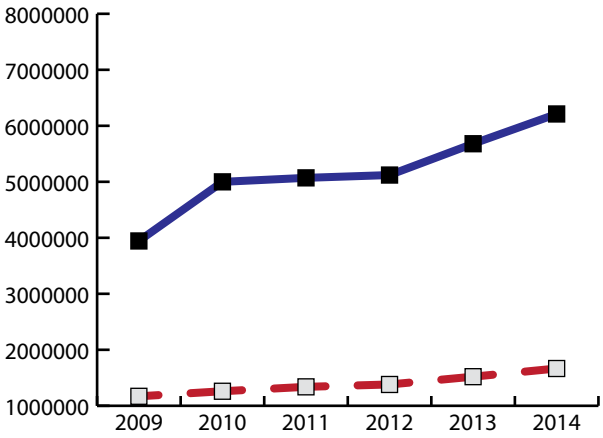

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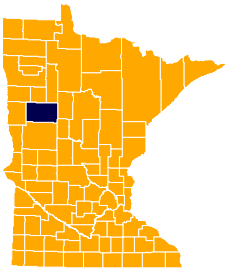
BECKER COUNTY TRANSIT



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2014 Highlights

- In initial stages of forming a Joint Powers Agreement with Wadena County to conserve resources and improve services
- Installed camera systems in all buses
- Ridership increased 10%

System snapshot

Legal Name	Becker County Transit
Governance	County
Area Served	Detroit Lakes, Becker County
Legislative District	02B, 04B
Congressional District	7

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	4 Class 400, 1 Class 300
Service type	Dial-a-ride, route deviation
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$1.50

System performance

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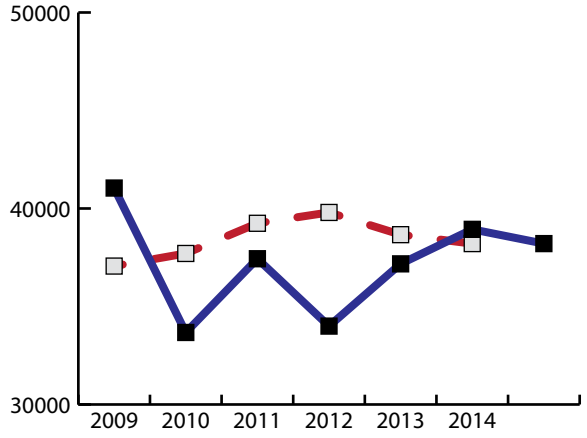

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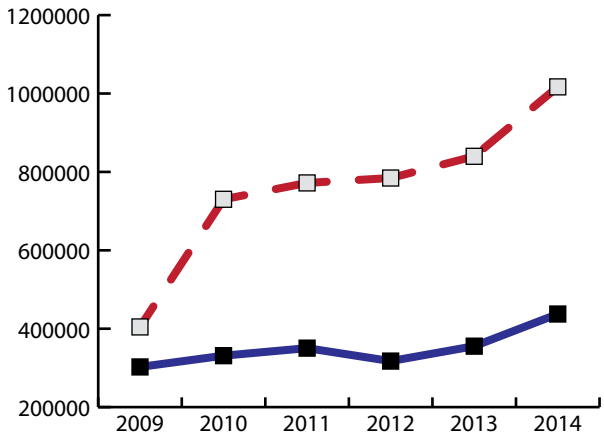

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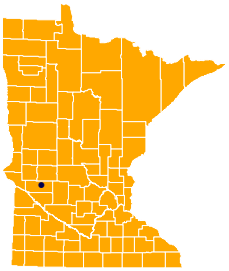

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2014 Highlights

- Prepared plans and specifications for a new bus garage
- Began providing service to Benson pre-school
- Initiated discussion with Prairie Five for consolidated dispatch service

System snapshot

Legal Name	City of Benson
Governance	City
Area Served	Benson
Legislative District	17A
Congressional District	7

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	3 Class 400
Service type	Dial-a-ride
Funding class	Small urban

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	7:00 am - 5:00 pm
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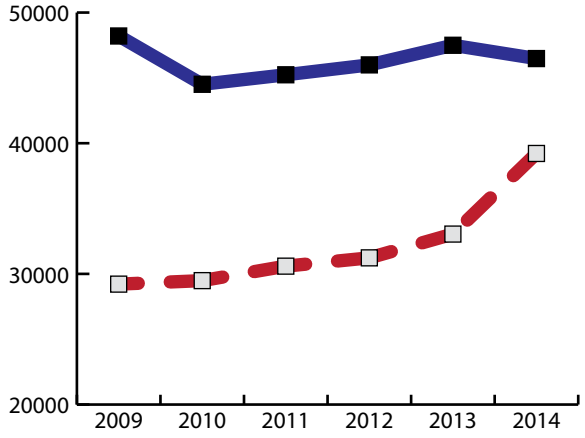
Sunday	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Base fare	$1.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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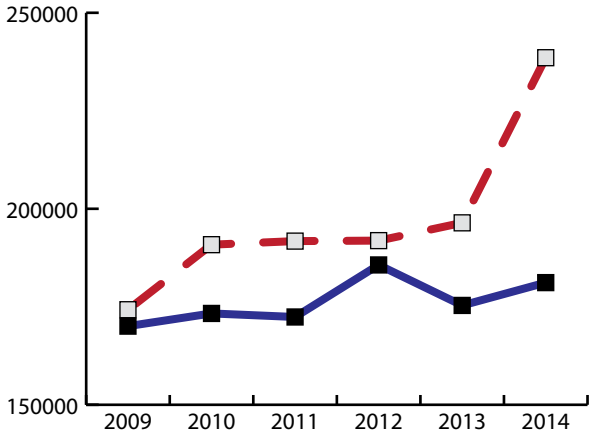

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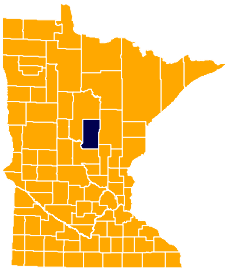

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2014 Highlights

- Ridership increased 3.9 YOY to 80,000
- Ten buses were outfitted with tablets for use with RouteMatch dispatching software and AngelTrax audio/video recording
- RFP concluded with three year party contract of transit operations, dispatch and bus maintenance

System snapshot

Legal Name	City of Brainerd
Governance	City
Area Served	Baxter, Brainerd, Crosby, Pequot Lakes, Pine River, in Cass County and parts of Crow Wing County
Legislative District	05B, 10A, 10B
Congressional District	8

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	10 Class 400
Service type	Demand Response, Deviated Route
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation

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Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$1.00

System performance

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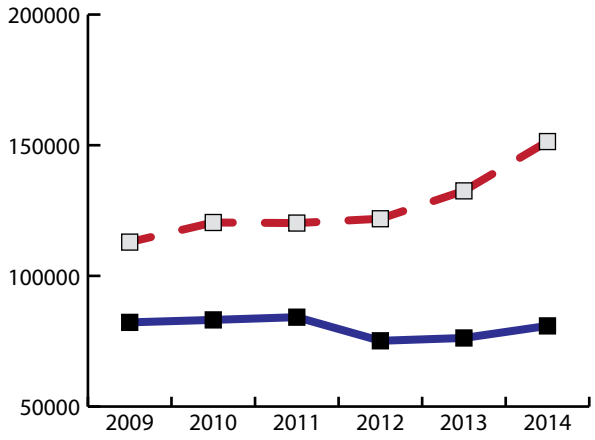

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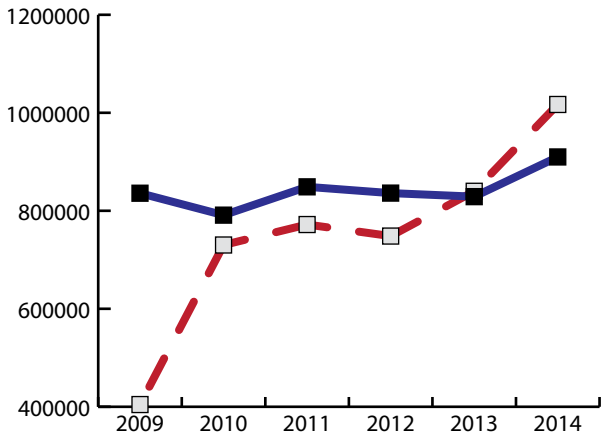

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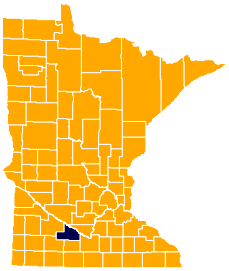

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2014 Highlights

- Procured and installed camera systems in all primary and back-up buses in an effort to ensure safety
- Added an on-call/part-time driver to staff
- Continued to favorably coordinate rides when possible with the Watonwan County Take-Me There Transit system.

System snapshot

Legal Name	Brown County Family Services
Governance	County
Area Served	New Ulm, Brown County
Legislative District	16B
Congressional District	1

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	5 Class 400
Service type	Route deviation, dial-a-ride, volunteer driver
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation	
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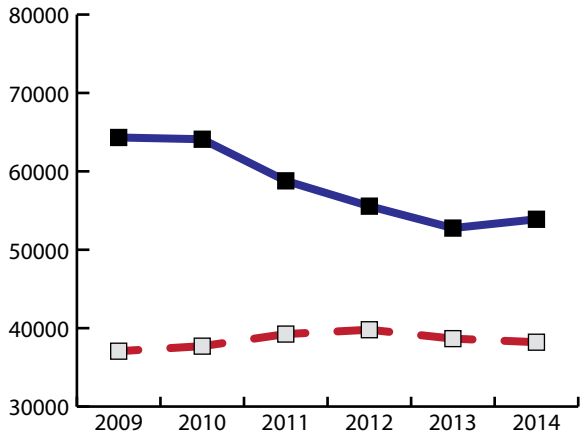
Saturday	No service
Sunday	8:00 am -12:00pm
Base fare	$1.50

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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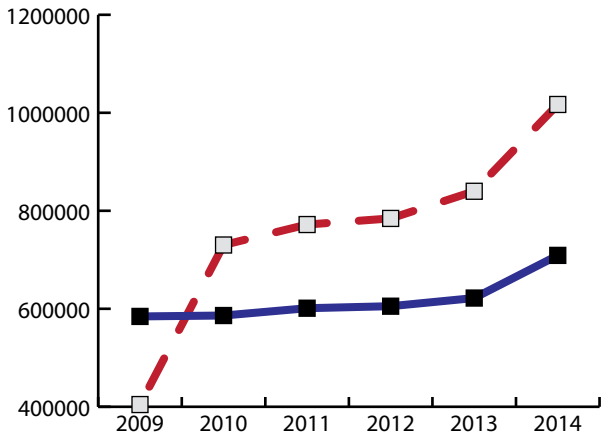

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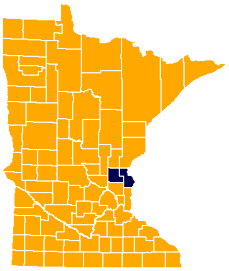
CHISAGO-ISANTI COUNTY HEARTLAND EXPRESS



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2014 Highlights

- Increased ridership by 10%
- Added a Operations Coordinator position

System snapshot

Legal Name	Isanti County
Governance	Joint Powers Board
Area Served	Chisago and Isanti counties
Legislative District	31A, 32A, 32B, 39A
Congressional District	8

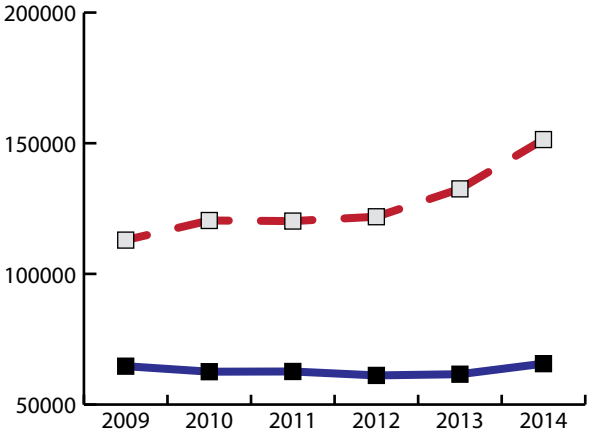
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	12 Class 400
Service type	Route deviation
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	6:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$2.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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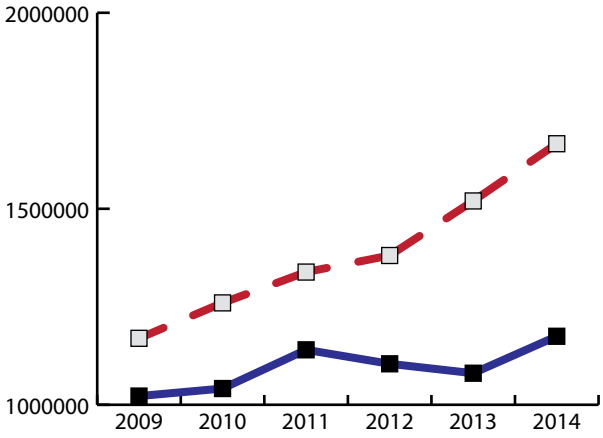

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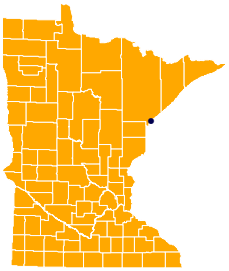
DULUTH TRANSIT AUTHORITY: REGULAR ROUTE



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2014 Highlights

- Began construction on the new $30 million Duluth Transportation Center
- Awarded a $7 million Low or No Emission grant from the FTA for six all-electric Proterra buses
- Hosted the 27th Annual Minnesota State Bus Roadeo

System snapshot

Legal Name	Duluth Transit Authority (DTA)
Governance	City
Area Served	Duluth, Hermantown, Proctor and Superior, WI
Legislative District	03B, 07A, 07B
Congressional District	8

System characteristics

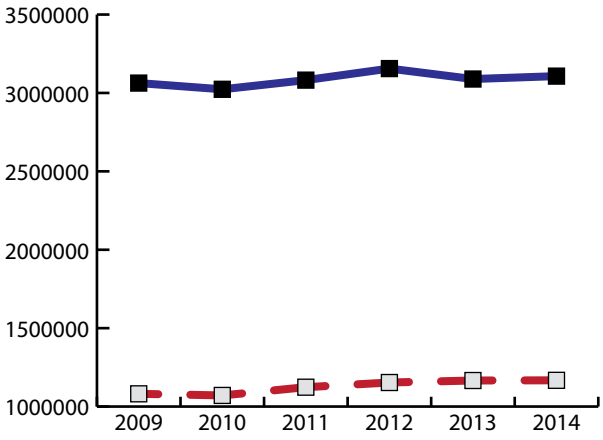
Vehicle fleet	63 Class 700
Service type	Fixed route
Funding class	Urban

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	4:30 am - 12:30 am
Saturday	6:02 am - 8:04 pm
Sunday	7:37 am - 7:39 pm
Base fare	$.75 - $1.50

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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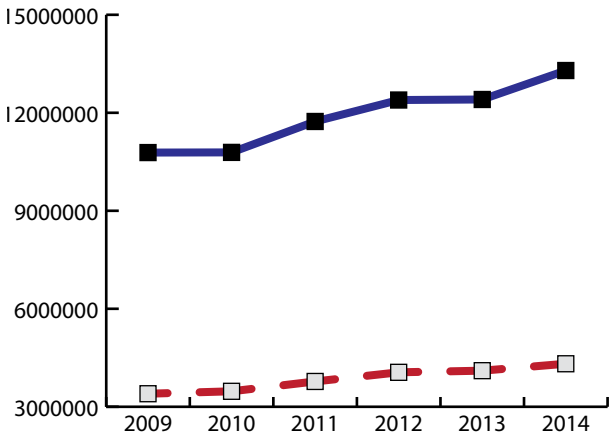

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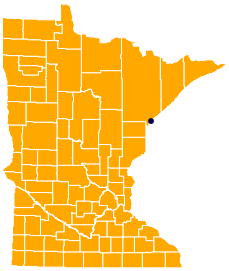

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2014 Highlights

- Designed a new DTA STRIDE guide brochure and certification form
- Maintained no trip denials

System snapshot

Legal Name	Duluth Transit Authority
Governance	City
Area Served	Duluth, Hermantown and Superior, WI
Legislative District	03B, 07A and 07B
Congressional District	8

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	9 Class 400
Service type	Dial-a-ride
Funding class	Urban/Complementary

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	4:30 am - 12:30 am
Saturday	6:02 am - 8:04 pm
Sunday	7:37am-7:39 pm
Base fare	$1.50 - $3.00

System performance

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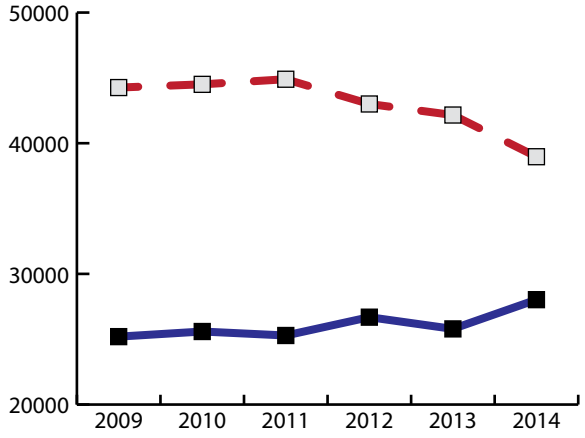

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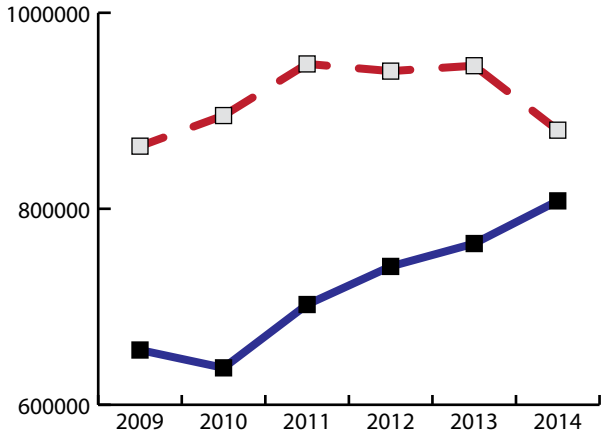

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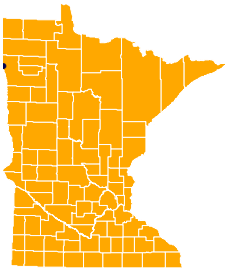
EAST GRAND FORKS TRANSIT: REGULAR ROUTE



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2014 Highlights

- Implemented designated stops with new signage
- Changed routes to provide more consistent hours of operation, one route starts and operates on the hour and one route starts and operates on the half hour
- Increased ridership by 3% from 2013

System snapshot

Legal Name	City of East Grand Forks
Governance	City
Area Served	East Grand Forks
Legislative District	01B
Congressional District	7

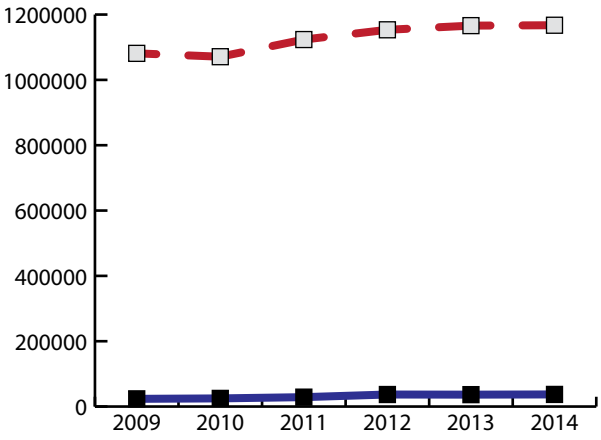
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	1 Class 400
Service type	Fixed route
Funding class	Urban

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	7:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$1.50

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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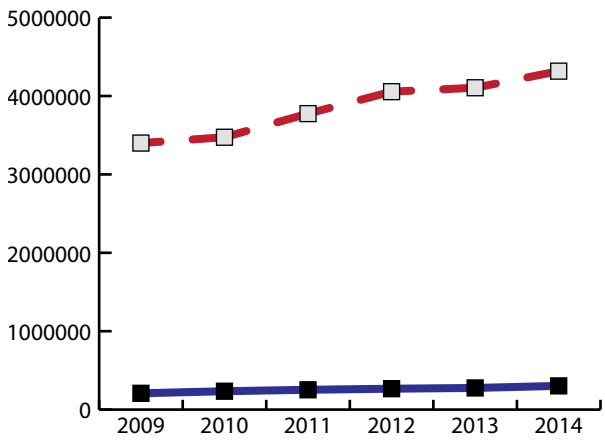

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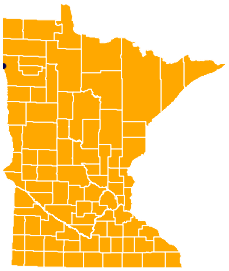

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2014 Highlights

- Purchased a new Class 400 vehicle
- Continued efficient origin to destination service
- Continued successful partnership with the City of Grand Forks

System snapshot

Legal Name	City of East Grand Forks
Governance	City
Area Served	East Grand Forks
Legislative District	01B
Congressional District	7

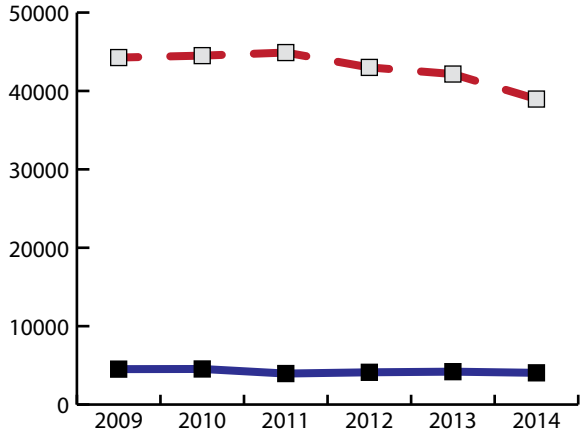
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	1 Class 400, 9 Class 300
Service type	Complementary dial-a-ride
Funding class	Urban

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	6:00 am - 10:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am - 10:00 pm
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$3.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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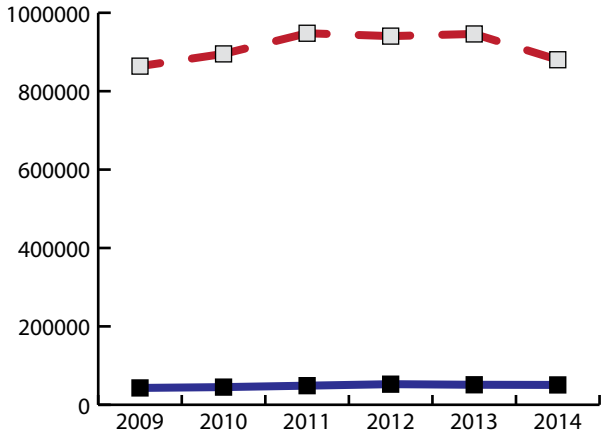

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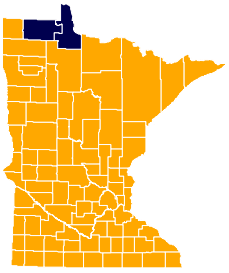

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2014 Highlights

- System merged with Paul Bunyan Transit beginning in 2014

System snapshot

Legal Name	Roseau County Committee on Aging
Governance	Joint Powers Board
Area Served	Roseau, Lake of the Woods counties
Legislative District	01A, 02A
Congressional District	7

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	4 Class 400
Service type	Route deviation, dial-a-ride
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	7:00 am - 5:00 pm
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Base fare	$1.00 - $1.50

System performance

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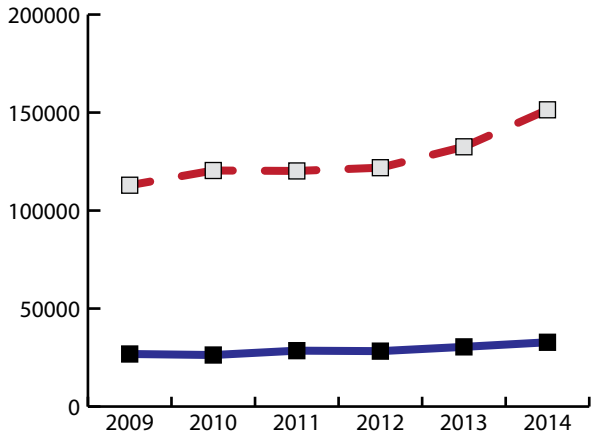

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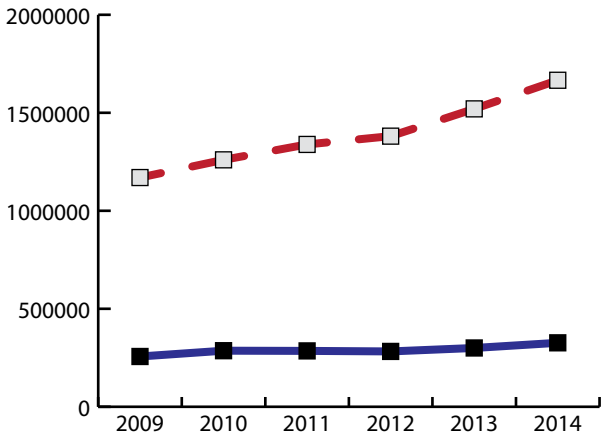

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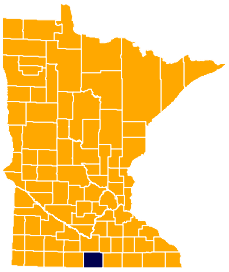
FARIBAULT COUNTY PRAIRIE EXPRESS



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2014 Highlights

- A reorganization study was completed to form a Joint Powers Board for the merger of Faribault County Prairie Express with Martin County effective Jan. 1, 2016
- Had an accident free year
- Continued to provide service to selected areas of neighboring counties

System snapshot

Legal Name	Faribault County
Governance	County
Area Served	Faribault County
Legislative District	23A, 27A
Congressional District	1

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	2 Class 400
Service type	Dial-a ride
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation

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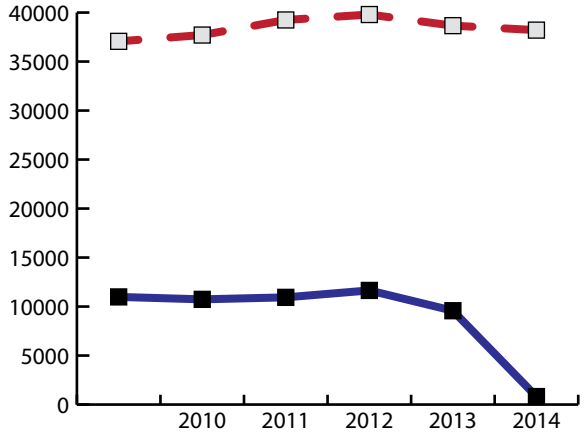
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$3.00 - $6.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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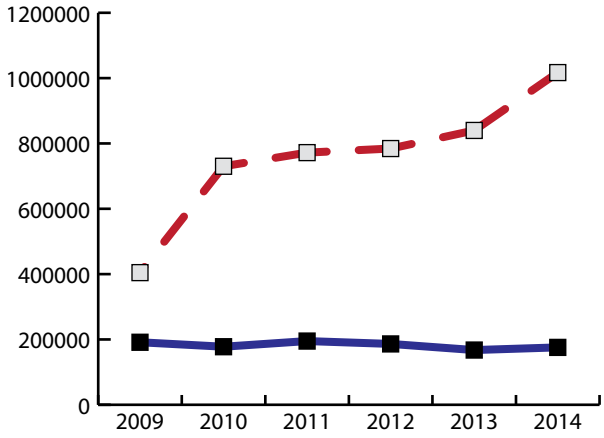

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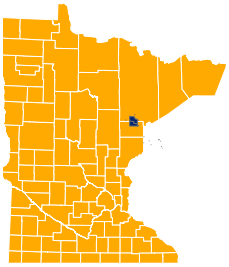

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2014 Highlights

- Increased ridership
- Added two new vehicles to transit fleet

System snapshot

Legal Name	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
Governance	Tribal
Area Served	Carlton and St. Louis counties
Legislative District	11A
Congressional District	8

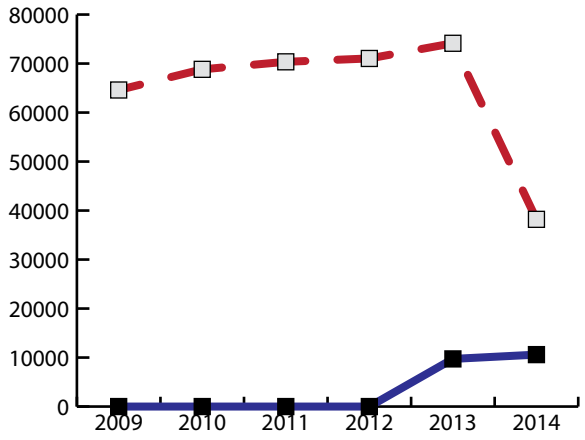
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	3 Class 200, 6 Class 400, 1 Class 500
Service type	On demand, deviated fixed route
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	5:30 am - 8:30 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am - 5:00 m
Base fare	$1.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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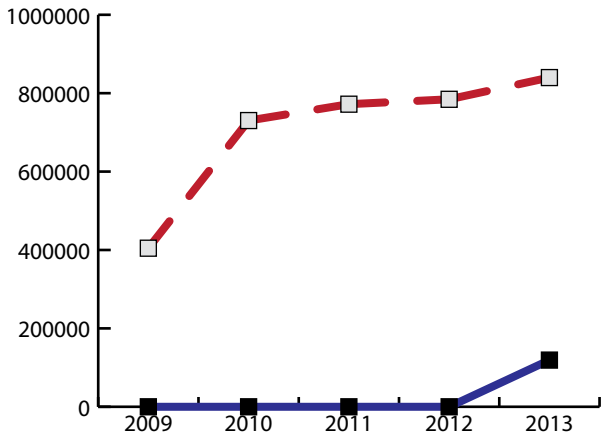

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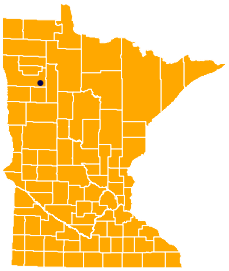

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2014 Highlights

- Coordinated with Health Care and School District to provide evening rides to the Intergenerational Health Fair
- Partnered with Polk County Law Enforcement to provide evening rides for the National Night Out event
- Installed cameras system for safety and security for riders

System snapshot

Legal Name	City of Fosston
Governance	City
Area Served	Fosston
Legislative District	01B
Congressional District	7

System characteristics

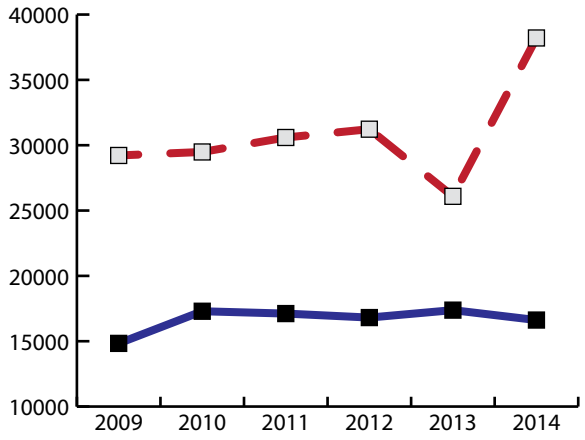
Vehicle fleet	1 Class 400
Service type	Dial-a-ride
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$0.50

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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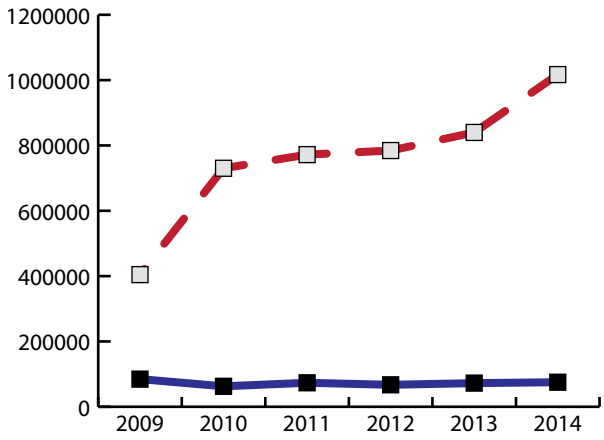

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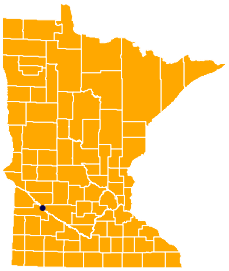

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2014 Highlights

- Hired a new driver
- Have provided 25 years of safe transportation to Granite Falls residents
- Provided free rides for WesternFest celebration

System snapshot

Legal Name	City of Granite Falls
Governance	City
Area Served	Granite Falls
Legislative District	16A, 17A
Congressional District	7

System characteristics

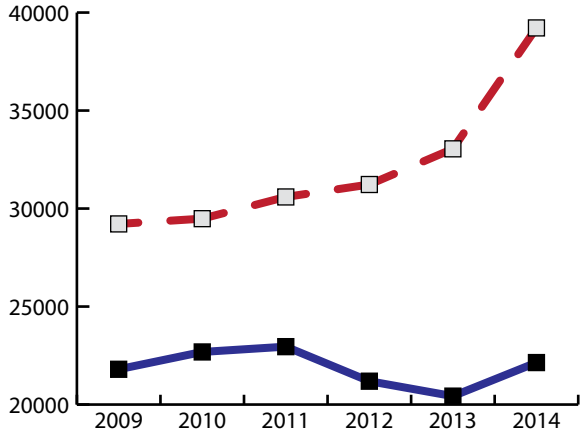
Vehicle fleet	1 Class 400
Service type	Dial-a-ride
Funding class	Small urban

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	6:30 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday	No service
Sunday	7:00 am - 12:00 pm
Base fare	$2.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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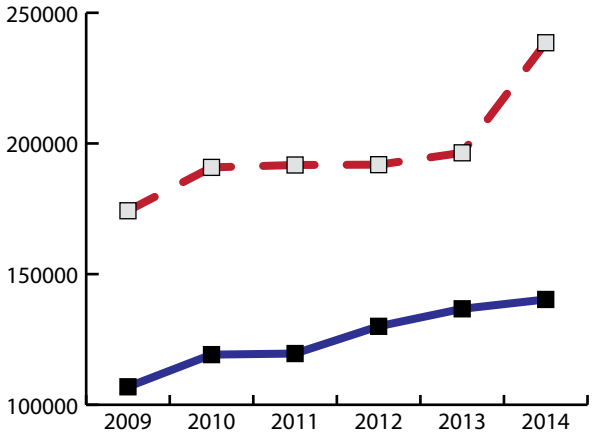

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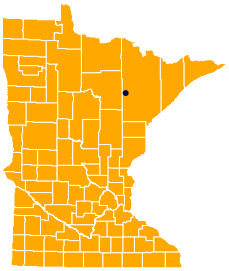
HIBBING AREA TRANSIT



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2014 Highlights

- Brought two new Ford Goshen buses into service
- Added service along the Highway 37 corridor
- Continued partnership with Hibbing Community College to provide student rides as a sustainable resource

System snapshot

Legal Name	City of Hibbing
Governance	City
Area Served	Hibbing
Legislative District	06A
Congressional District	8

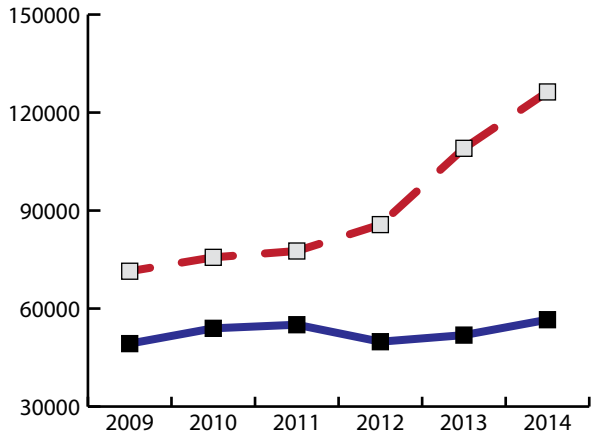
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	4 Class 500
Service type	Route deviation, dial-a-ride
Funding class	Small urban

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	6:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Base fare	$2.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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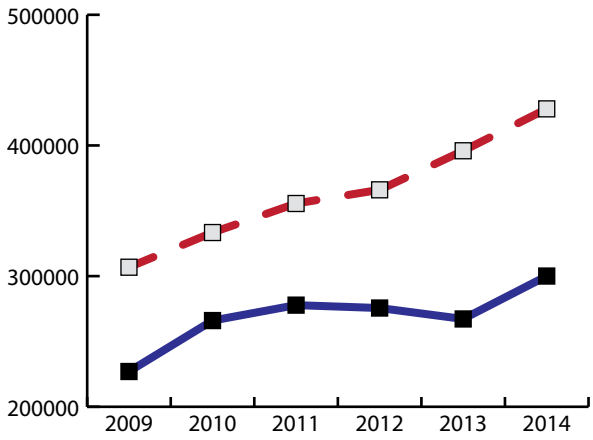

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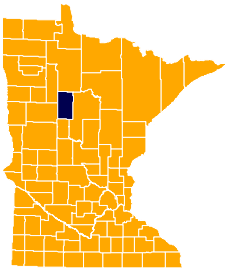
HUBBARD COUNTY HEARTLAND EXPRESS



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2014 Highlights

- Added a third bus to the City of Park Rapids Demand Response system
- Offered summer passes to children to get to activities
- System is balancing the population served; disabled 24%, seniors 25%, adults 24% and children 27%

System snapshot

Legal Name	Hubbard County
Governance	County
Area Served	Hubbard County
Legislative District	02A, 02B, 05A
Congressional District	8

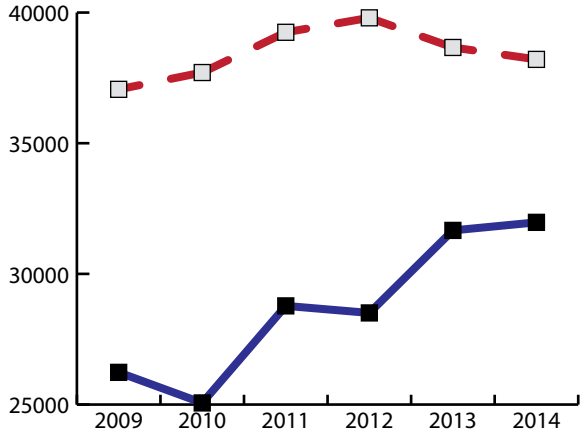
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	5 Class 400
Service type	Route deviation, dial-a-ride, volunteer
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	6:15 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$1.50

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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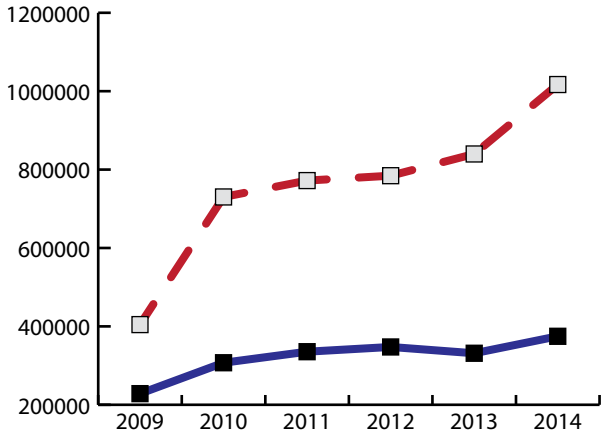

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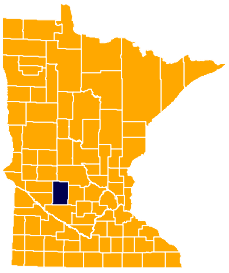
KANDIYOHI AREA TRANSIT



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2014 Highlights

- Began a coordinated route on Highway 12 between Willmar and Litchfield
- Successfully merged Kandiyohi Area Transit and Renville County Heartland Express into Central Community Transit effective Jan. 1, 2015

System snapshot

Legal Name	Kandiyohi Area Transit JPB
Governance	Joint Powers Board
Area Served	Willmar, Kandiyohi County
Legislative District	17A, 17B
Congressional District	7

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	12 Class 400, 4 Class 500
Service type	Route deviation, demand response
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation	
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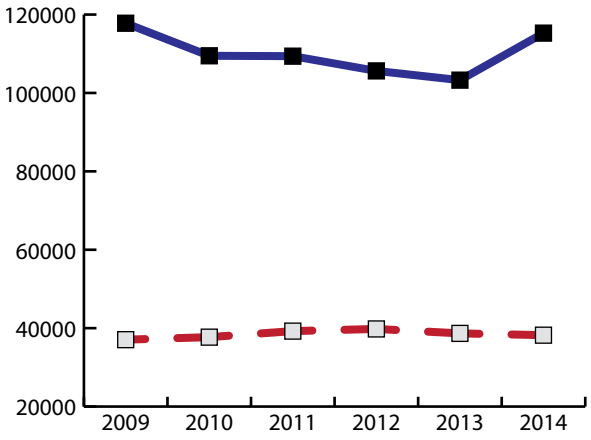
Saturday	8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$2.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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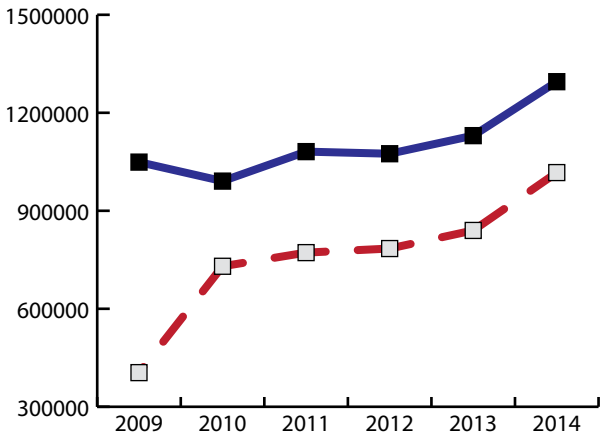

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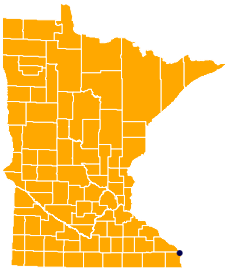

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2014 Highlights

- Cities of La Crosse and La Crescent partnered to purchase a new Class 400 bus that has now been placed in service
- Transit Development Plan recommends service enhancements to include service on weekends
- Accident free service in La Crescent

System snapshot

Legal Name	City of La Crescent
Governance	City
Area Served	La Crescent, MN, La Crosse, WI
Legislative District	28B
Congressional District	1

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	1 Class 600
Service type	Route deviation
Funding class	Urban

Hours of Operation	
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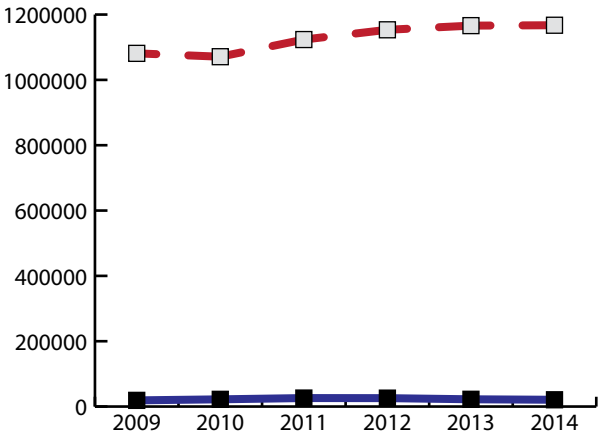
Base fare	$0.75-$1.50

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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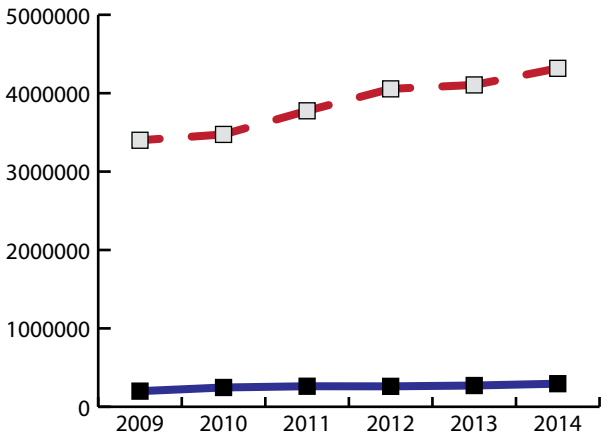

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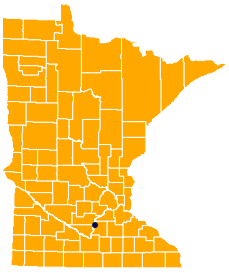
LE SUEUR HEARTLAND EXPRESS



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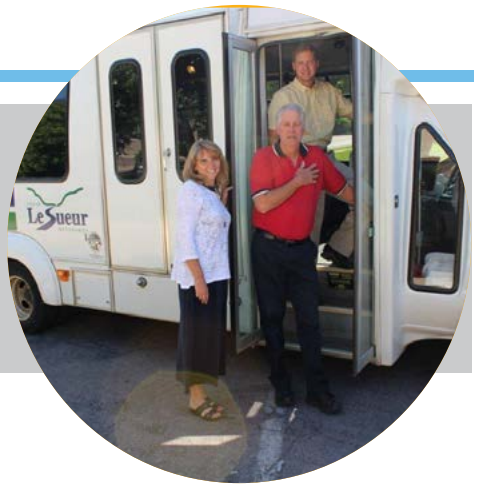


2014 Highlights

- Increased previous year ridership by 9%
- Had an accident free year
- Provided good customer service

System snapshot

Legal Name	City of Le Sueur
Governance	City
Area Served	Le Sueur
Legislative District	20A
Congressional District	1, 7

System characteristics

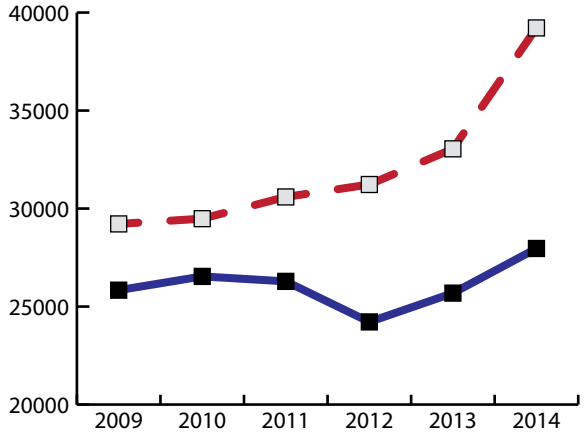
Vehicle fleet	3 Class 400
Service type	Route deviation, dial-a-ride, route guarantee, subscription
Funding class	Small urban

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	7:00 am to 4:30 pm
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$2.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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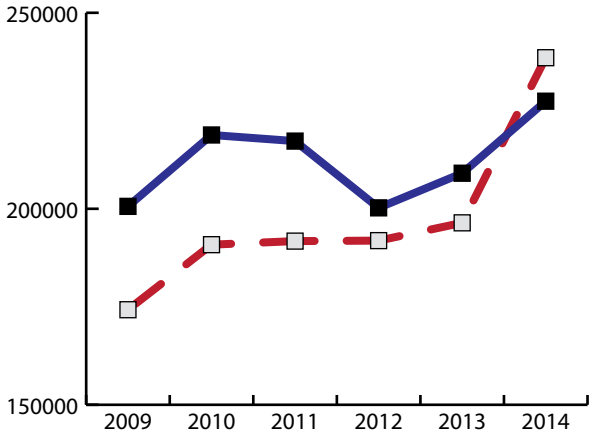

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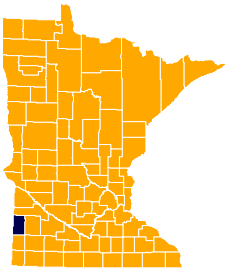

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2014 Highlights

- Helped Western Community Transit provide service to their customers when they were unable to
- Work continues to merge Lincoln County Heartland Express with Western Community Action Program in Jan. 2016

System snapshot

Legal Name	Lincoln County
Governance	County
Area Served	Lincoln County
Legislative District	22A
Congressional District	7

System characteristics

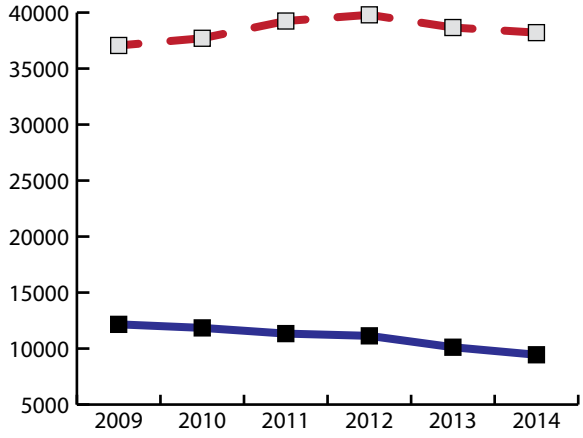
Vehicle fleet	3 Class 400
Service type	Dial-a-ride
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm,
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$2.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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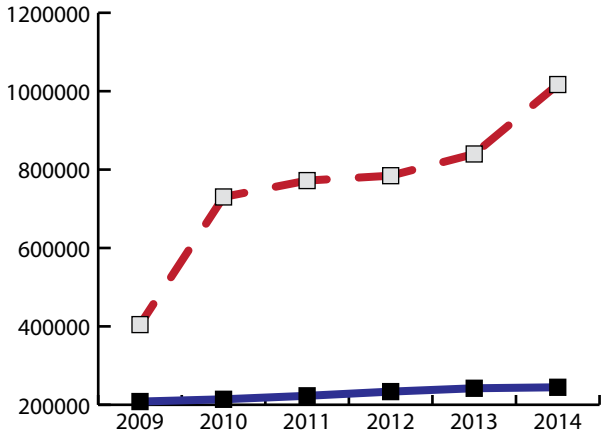

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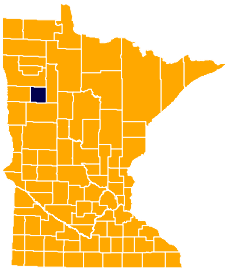

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2014 Highlights

- Successfully merged with Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. in Aug., 2014

System snapshot

Legal Name	Mahnomen County Human Services
Governance	County
Area Served	Mahnomen County
Legislative District	02B
Congressional District	7

System characteristics

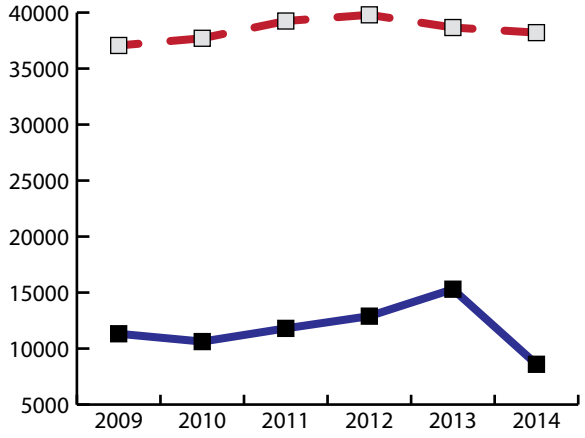
Vehicle fleet	4 Class 400
Service type	Dial-a-ride
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	7:30 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$1.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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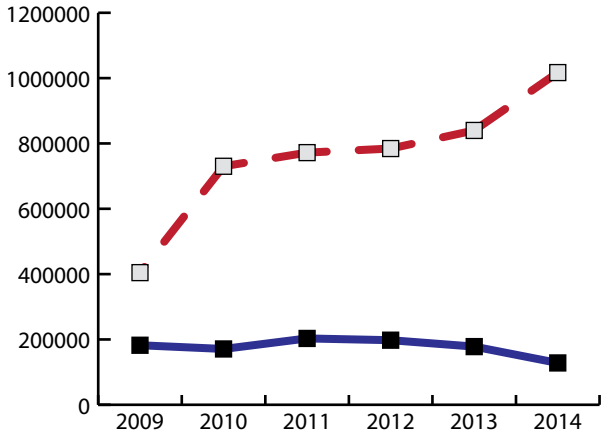

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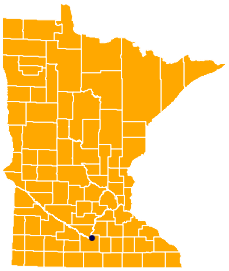

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2014 Highlights

- Took delivery of three 40 ft. Gillig buses
- Bid the construction portion of Transit Maintenance Facility
- Increased ridership by 10.7% from 2013

System snapshot

Legal Name	City of Mankato
Governance	City
Area Served	Mankato, North Mankato
Legislative District	19A, 19B
Congressional District	1

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	6 Class 500, 2 Class 600, 8 Class 700
Service type	Fixed route, complementary paratransit
Funding class	Urban

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	6:30 am - 6:00 pm
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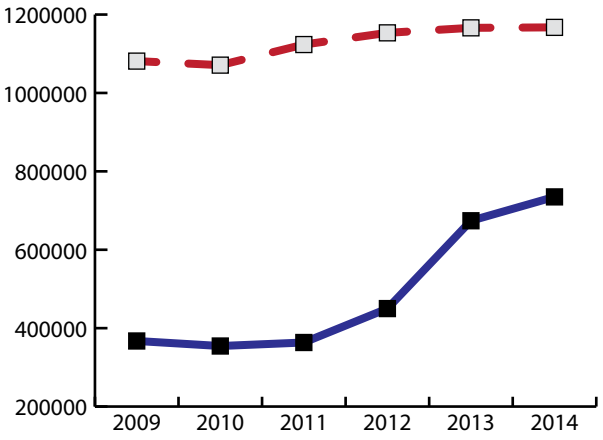
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$1.50

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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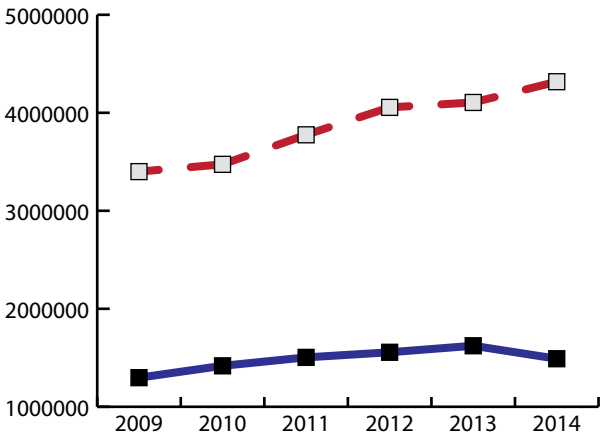

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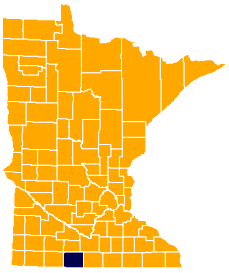

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2014 Highlights

- Conducted a consolidation study with Nelson/Nygaard for a two county system-merger of Faribault-Martin County
- Approved consolidation of system merger and create a Joint Powers Transit Board
- Installed digital radios in all buses

System snapshot

Legal Name	Martin County
Governance	County
Area Served	Martin County
Legislative District	23A
Congressional District	1

System characteristics

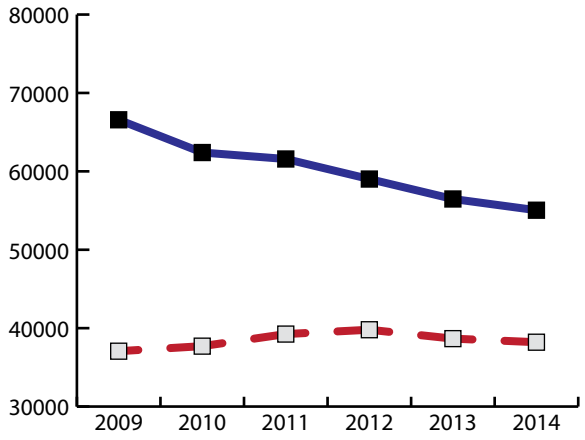
Vehicle fleet	1 Class 300, 9 Class 400
Service type	Dial-a-ride, commuter service, deviated route
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	5:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am - 10:00 pm
Sunday	
Base fare	$2.75 - $3.25

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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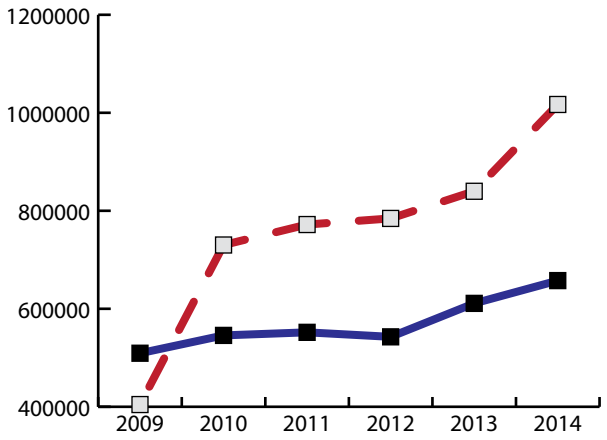

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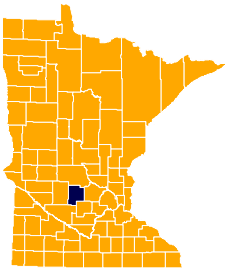
MEEKER COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT



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2014 Highlights

- Coordinated with Central Community Transit to start a Highway 12 route between Litchfield and Willmar Monday through Thursday

System snapshot

Legal Name	Ecumen dba Meeker Public Transit
Governance	County
Area Served	Litchfield, Meeker County
Legislative District	18A
Congressional District	7

System characteristics

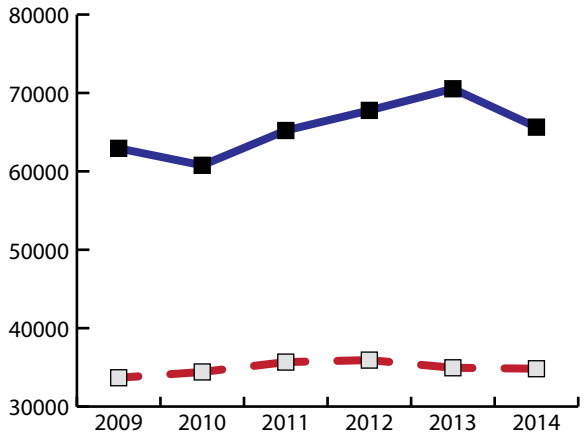
Vehicle fleet	7 Class 400
Service type	Route deviation, dial-a-ride, subscription
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	6:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am - 1:00 pm (October-March only)
Sunday	7:30 am - 12:30 pm
Base fare	$1.50 - $3.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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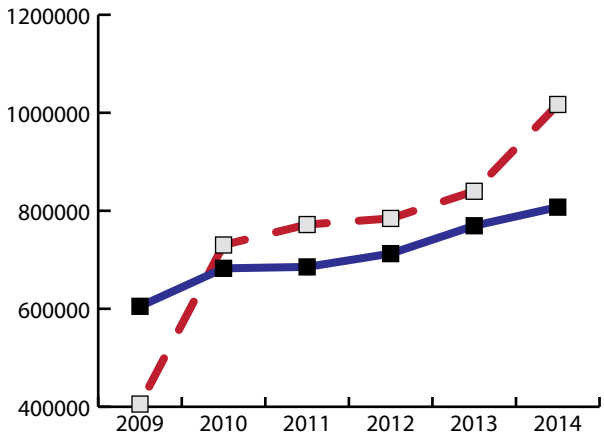

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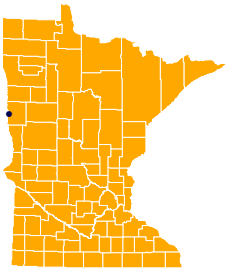
MOORHEAD METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT: REGULAR ROUTE BUS



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2014 Highlights

- Implemented new bus service to City of Dilworth and Southeast Moorhead
- Installed two new passenger shelters
- Upgraded the on-board camera system to allow WiFi download of video footage

System snapshot

Legal Name	City of Moorhead
Governance	City
Area Served	Dilworth, Moorhead
Legislative District	04A, 04B
Congressional District	7

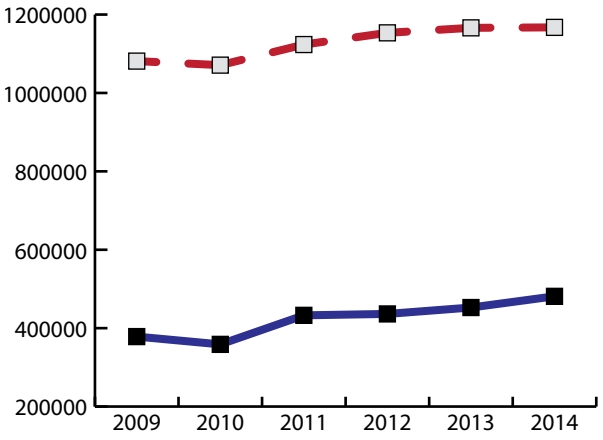
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	10 Class 700
Service type	Fixed route
Funding class	Urban

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	6:15 am - 11:15 pm
Saturday	7:15 am - 11:15 pm
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$1.50

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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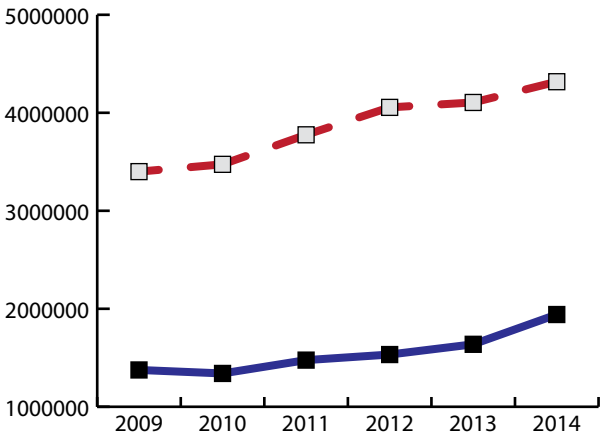

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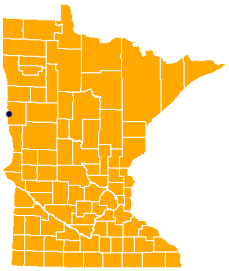

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2014 Highlights

- Increased ridership on Metro Senior Ride by 3%
- Replaced two paratransit vehicles
- Completed analysis of service needs for Oakport Township
- Upgraded security camera system and radios

System snapshot

Legal Name	City of Moorhead
Governance	City
Area Served	Dilworth, Moorhead
Legislative District	04A, 04B
Congressional District	7

System characteristics

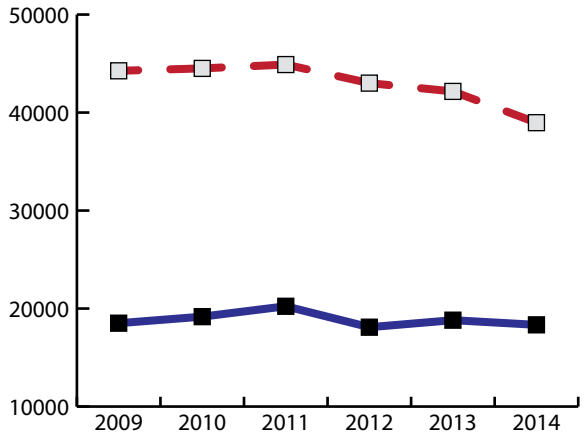
Vehicle fleet	5 Class 400, 3 Class 200
Service type	Dial-a-ride
Funding class	Urban, complementary paratransit

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	6:15 am - 11:15 pm
Saturday	7:15 am - 11:15 pm
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$3.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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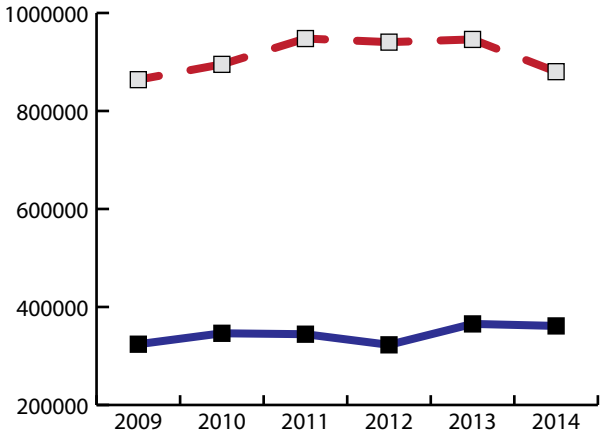

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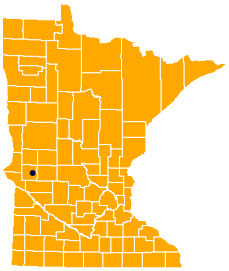

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2014 Highlights

- The University of MN-Morris started offering discounted transit passes to students to encourage use of the transit system, which increased visibility and student ridership
- Ridership in 2014 was the fourth largest in the system's history

System snapshot

Legal Name	City of Morris
Governance	City
Area Served	Morris
Legislative District	12A
Congressional District	7

System characteristics

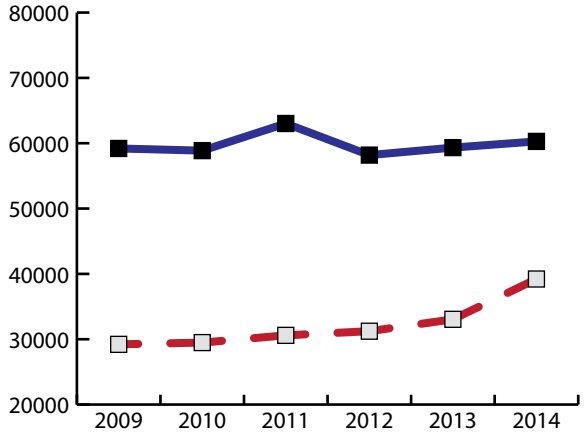
Vehicle fleet	6 Class 400
Service type	Dial-a-ride
Funding class	Small urban

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	6:00 am - 10:00 pm
Saturday	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am - 12:30 pm
Base fare	$1.25 - $2.50

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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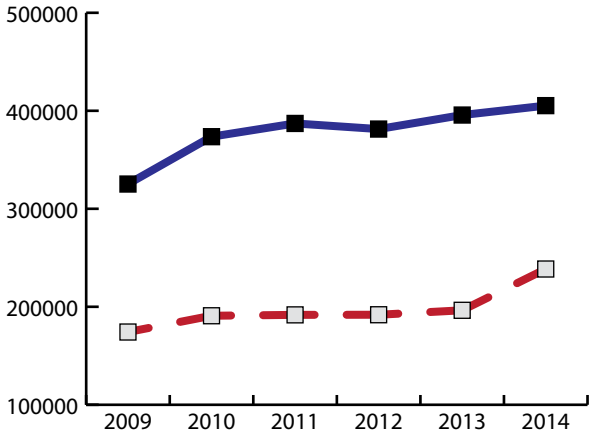

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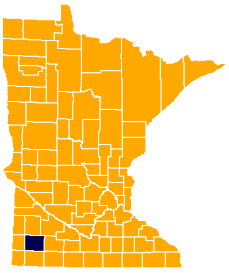

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2014 Highlights

- Accident free in 2014
- Maintained a dedicated pool of volunteer drivers
- Raised awareness of public transportation by attending local events and Murray County Fair

System snapshot

Legal Name	Murray County
Governance	County
Area Served	Murray County
Legislative District	22A
Congressional District	7

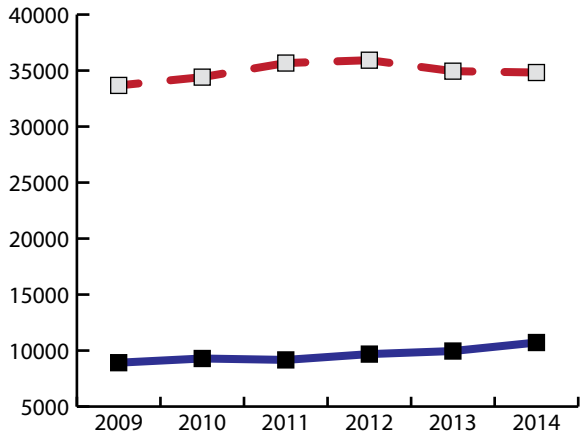
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	1 Class 400
Service type	Demand response
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$2.50 - $6.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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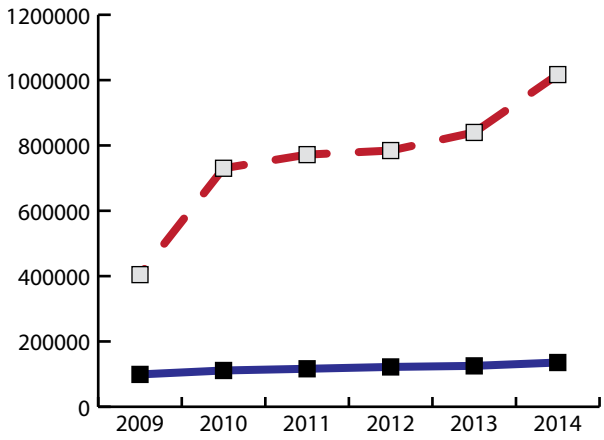

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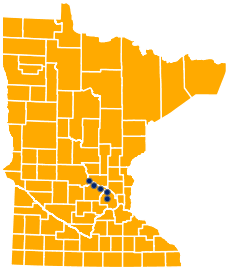
NORTH STAR LINK



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2014 Highlights

- Ridership increased 8.8%
- Daily trips averaged over 200/day for the year
- Partnered with St. Cloud State University students to strengthen presence and promote service on campus

System snapshot

Legal Name	Northstar Link Commuter Bus
Governance	Northstar Corridor Development Authority Joint Powers
Area Served	Becker, Big Lake, St. Cloud
Legislative District	14A,14B, 15B, 30A
Congressional District	6

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	4 Class 700
Service type	Fixed route commuter bus
Funding class	Urban

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	4:40 am - 8:10 pm
Saturday	9:15 am - 8:55 pm
Sunday	8:20 am - 6:50 pm
Base fare	$2.00

Note: Northstar Link is operated by St. Cloud Metro Bus.
- 2010-2012 under contract with Northstar Corridor Development Authority
- 2013 under contract with MnDOT
- See the Operating and Financial Statistics sections of this report for 2013 data

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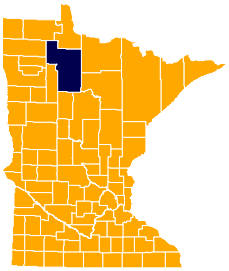
PAUL BUNYAN TRANSIT



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2014 Highlights

- Prepared for merger with Far North Transit
- Obtained all-time high ridership
- Jefferson Line partnership resulted in an all-time high for revenue for tickets sold

System snapshot

Legal Name	Paul Bunyan Transit
Governance	Non-profit
Area Served	Bemidji, Beltrami County
Legislative District	02A, 05A
Congressional District	7, 8

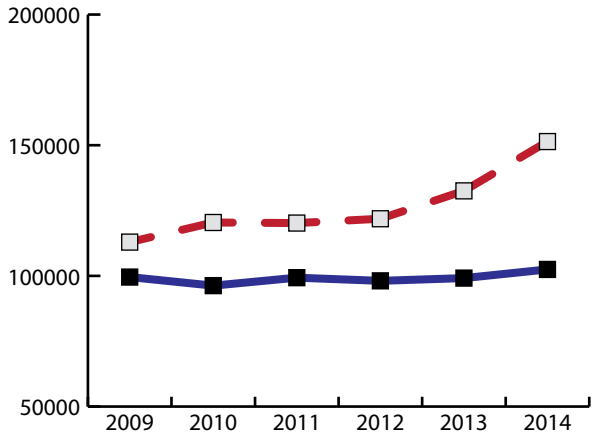
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	12 Class 400, 4 Class 500
Service type	Route deviation, dial-a-ride
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	7:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$1.50

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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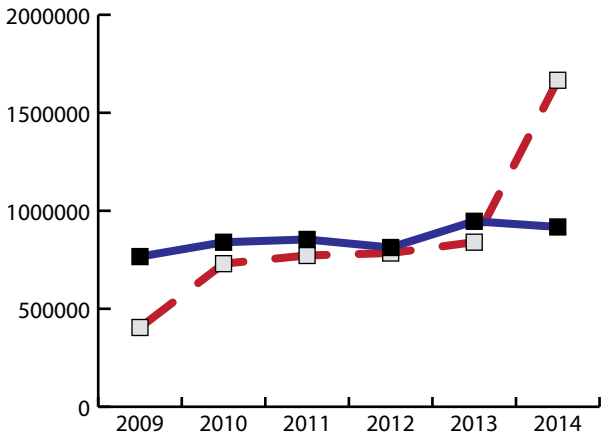

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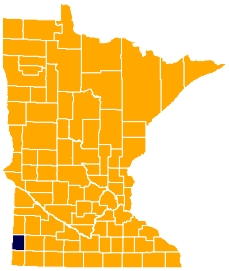

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2014 Highlights

- Worked with Nobels, Rock and Murray counties to implement RouteMatch software
- Worked with Southwest Health and Human Services to improve availability of transportation during no-transit hours

System snapshot

Legal Name	Pipestone County
Governance	County
Area Served	Pipestone County
Legislative District	22A
Congressional District	7

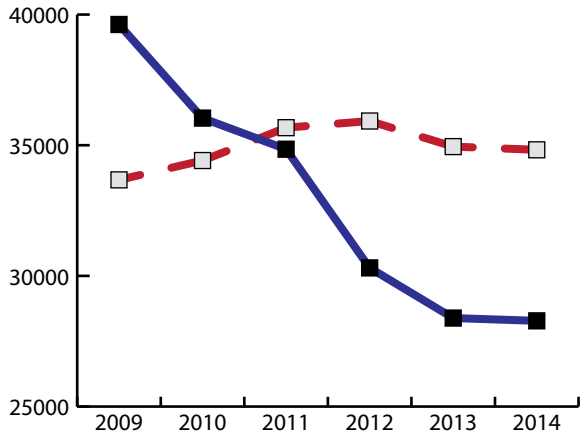
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	5 Class 400
Service type	Dial-a-ride
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	7:00 am - 4:45 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Base fare	$2.00 - $5.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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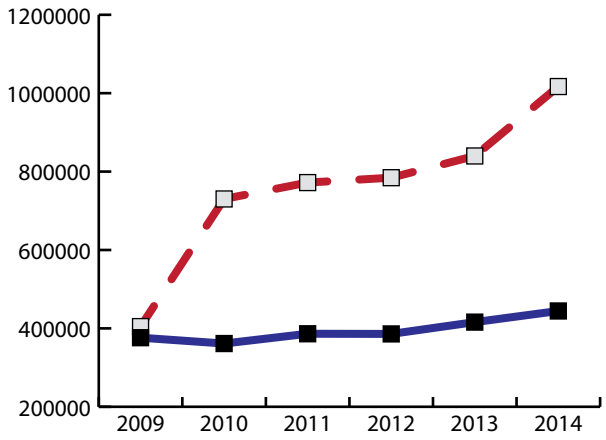

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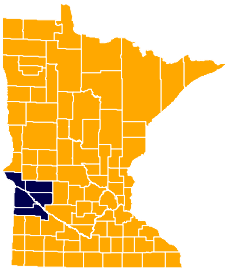
PRAIRIE FIVE RIDES



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2014 Highlights

- Expanded the use of software system to all 16 buses and 4 vans, software can also pull reports, which allows for an almost paperless bus system
- Expanded service hours to cover for rides to and from work
- Updated website for a better user experience

System snapshot

Legal Name	Prairie Five CAC, Inc.
Governance	CAP
Area Served	Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac Qui Parle, Swift, Yellow Medicine Counties
Legislative District	12A, 16A, 17A
Congressional District	7

System characteristics

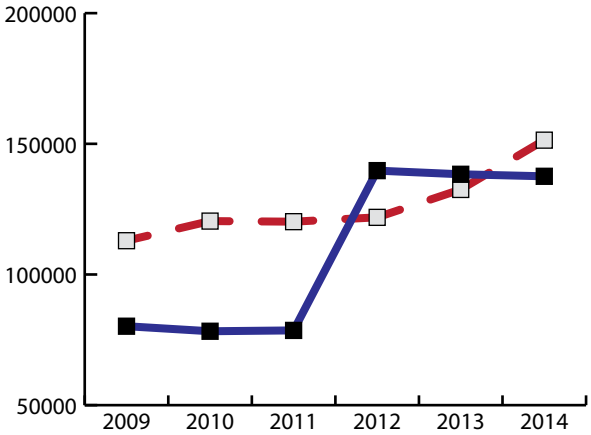
Vehicle fleet	16 Class 400
Service type	Dial-a-ride, volunteer
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	6:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$1.50

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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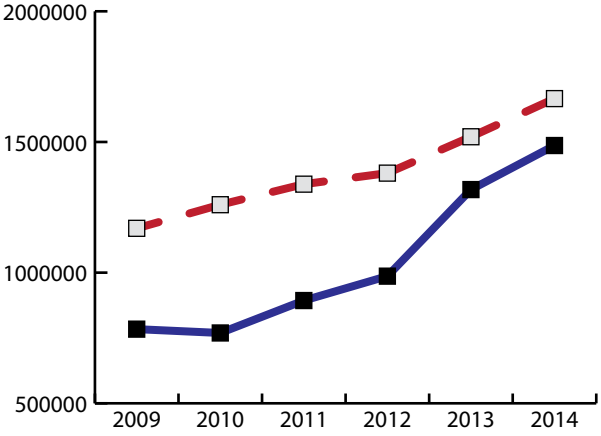

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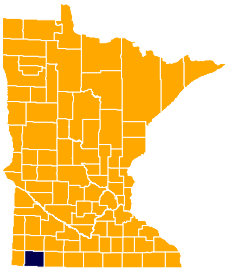
PRAIRIELAND TRANSIT



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2014 Highlights

- Provided cross-county transportation to Murray, Pipestone and Rock counties
- Outreach was made to each church, medical clinic, social service agency and city office about the availability of cross-county transportation
- No driver turnover, which resulted in consistent passenger transportation services

System snapshot

Legal Name	Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council, Inc.
Governance	Non-profit
Area Served	Nobles County
Legislative District	22A, 22B
Congressional District	1

System characteristics

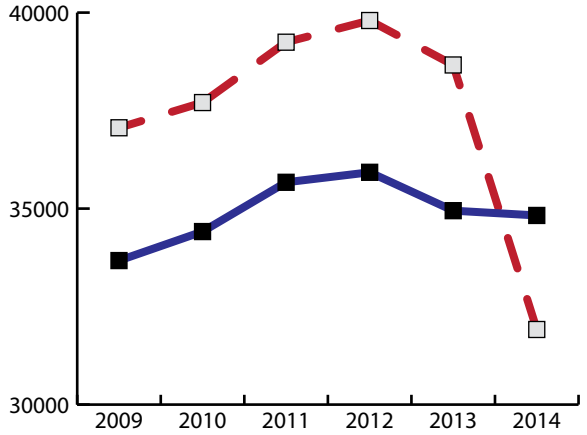
Vehicle fleet	2 Class 400
Service type	Route deviation, dial-a-ride
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	7:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$2.50

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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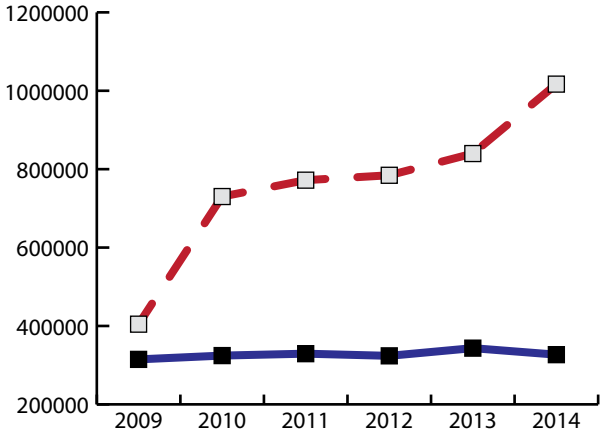

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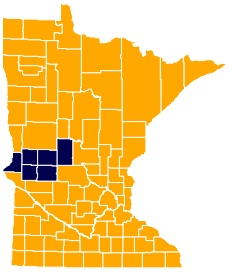
RAINBOW RIDER TRANSIT



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2014 Highlights

- Started a flex route in the city of Alexandria making stops at the most popular destinations
- Did a remodel and addition to dispatch center in Lowry

System snapshot

Legal Name	Rainbow Rider Transit Board
Governance	Joint Powers Board
Area Served	Douglas, Grant, Pope, Stevens, Todd, Traverse counties
Legislative District	08B, 09A, 09B, 12A, 12B
Congressional District	7

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	32 Class 400, 1 Class 500, 2 Class 200
Service type	Demand response, fixed deviated route
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	6:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$2.00

System performance

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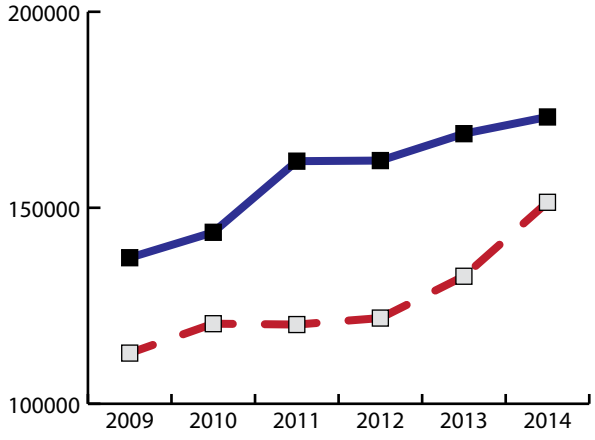

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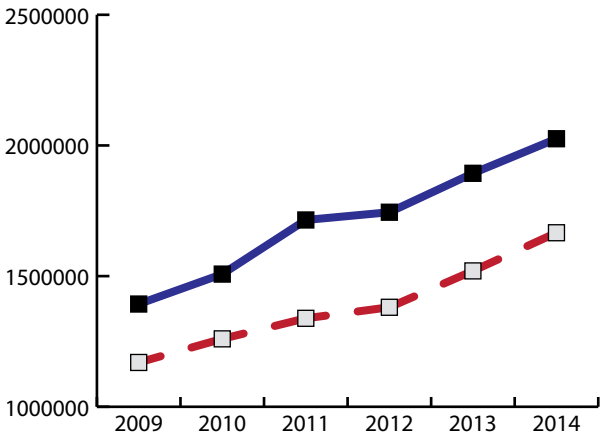

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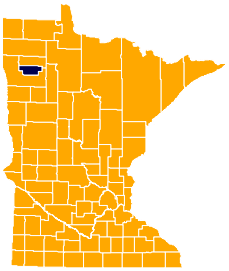

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2014 Highlights

- Erected 17 passenger shelters in anticipation of our fixed route expansion
- Ordered two new Class 400 buses and three Class 300 vans
- Red Lake Transit was awarded $1.1 million in grants from the FTA for operations and capital improvements

System snapshot

Legal Name	Red Lake Band of the Chippewa
Governance	Tribal
Area Served	Red Lake Indian Reservation
Legislative District	02A
Congressional District	7

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	4 Class 400m 1 Ckass 399
Service type	Deviated fixed route, dial-a-ride
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	6:00 am - 6:00 pm
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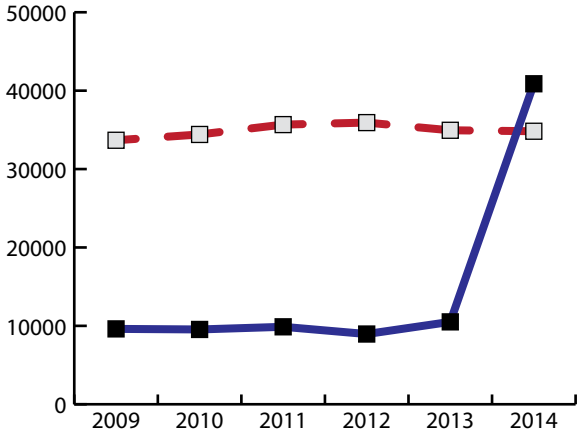
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$1.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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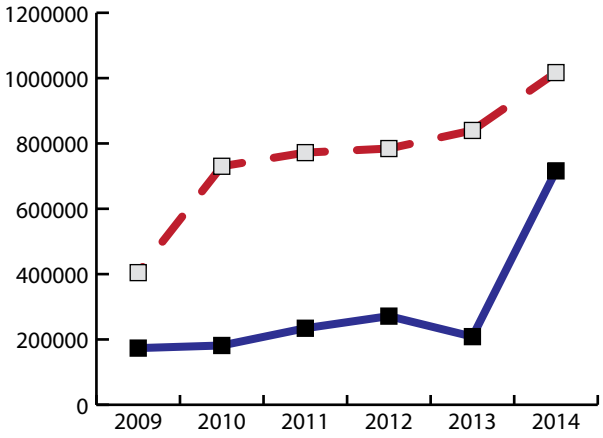

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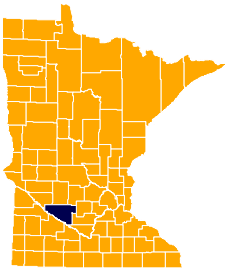
RENVILLE COUNTY HEARTLAND EXPRESS



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2014 Highlights

- Prepared for 2015 merger with Kandiyohi Area Transit
- Installed interior cameras in fleet of buses
- Purchased and installed Armer radios in buses and dispatch center
- Two dispatchers attended the 2014 Route Match User Conference in Atlanta, GA, and trained with Route Match specialists

System snapshot

Legal Name	Renville County
Governance	County
Area Served	Renville County
Legislative District	16B, 17A
Congressional District	7

System characteristics

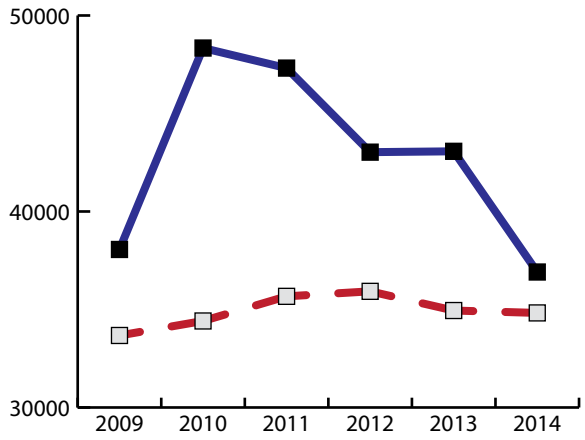
Vehicle fleet	7 Class 400
Service type	Dial-a-ride
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	6:30 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$2.00 - $5.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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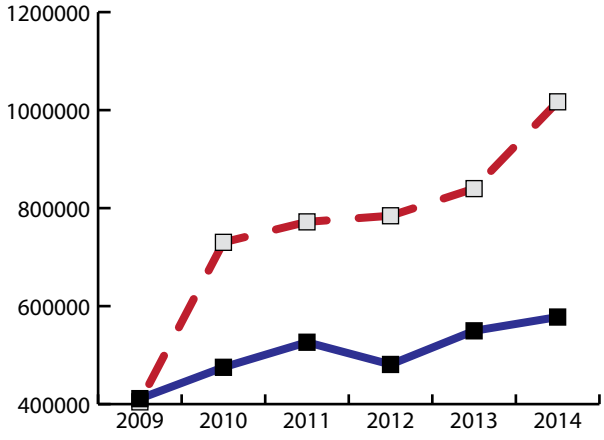

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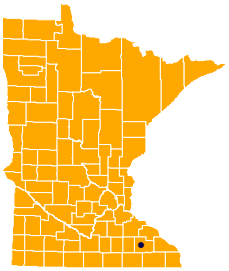
ROCHESTER PUBLIC TRANSIT: REGULAR ROUTE



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2014 Highlights

- Public transit will play a huge role in the development of Destination Medical Center. Plan calls for a mode shift to public transit for travelers into the downtown from the current 10% to 30%
- Capital projects were initiated for electronic fare boxes, automatic vehicle location and CNG fueling

System snapshot

Legal Name	City of Rochester
Governance	City
Area Served	Rochester
Legislative District	25A, 25B, 26A, 26B
Congressional District	1

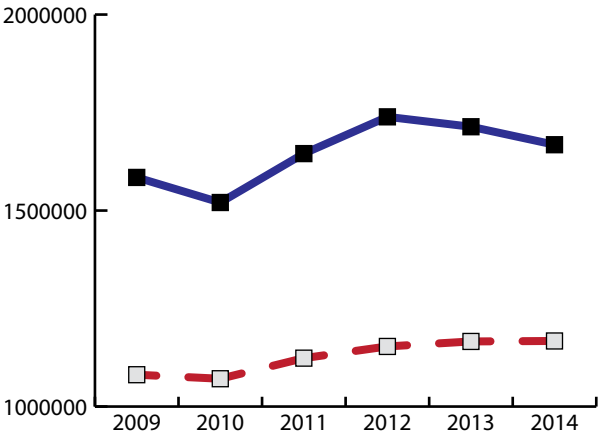
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	41 Class 700
Service type	Regular route
Funding class	Urban

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	5:30 am - 10:30 pm
Saturday	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$2.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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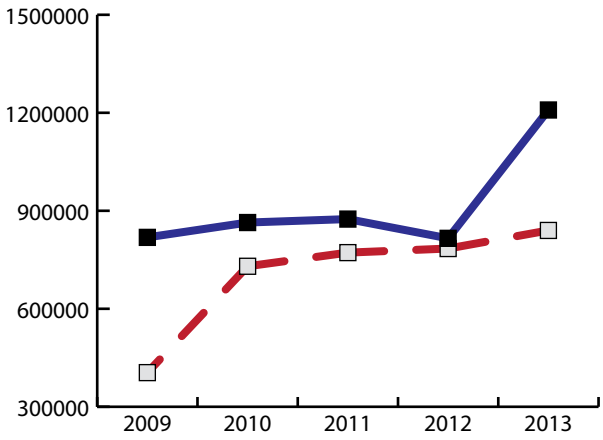

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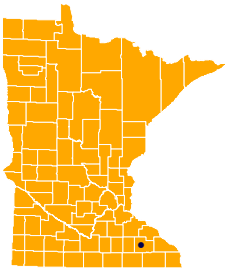

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2014 Highlights

- Two new replacement buses were placed into service in 2014
- Ridership increased by 7% from 2013

System snapshot

Legal Name	City of Rochester
Governance	City
Area Served	Rochester
Legislative District	25A, 25B, 26A, 26B
Congressional District	1

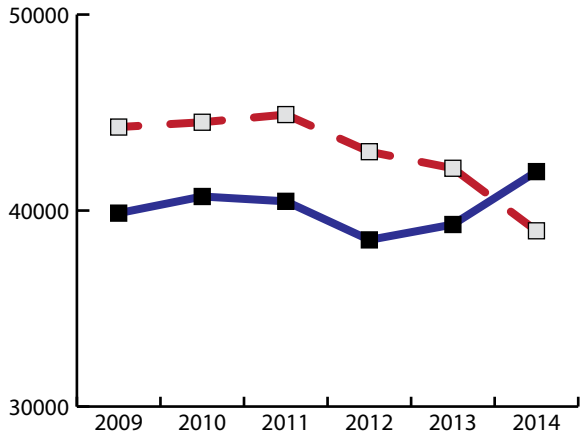
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	4 Class 600
Service type	Dial-a-ride
Funding class	Urban

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	5:30 am - 10:00 pm
Saturday	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$3.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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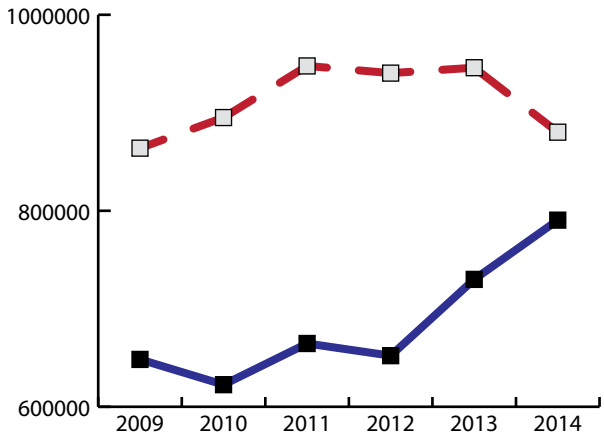

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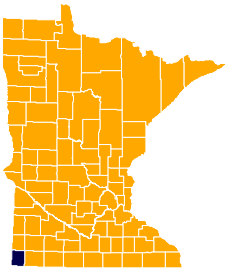
ROCK COUNTY HEARTLAND EXPRESS



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2014 Highlights

- Maintained ridership
- Had an accident free year
- Maintained on schedule pickups

System snapshot

Legal Name	Rock County
Governance	County
Area Served	Rock County
Legislative District	22A
Congressional District	1

System characteristics

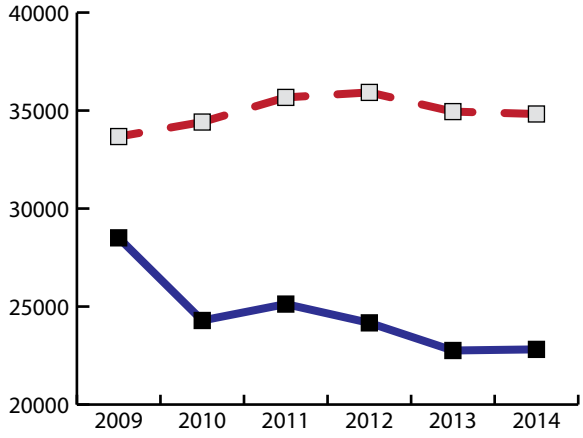
Vehicle fleet	3 Class 400
Service type	Dial-a-ride
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	No Service
Sunday	8:00 am - noon
Base fare	$2.50 - $6.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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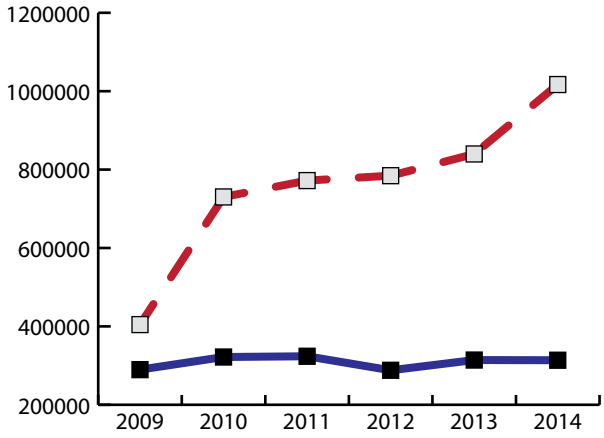

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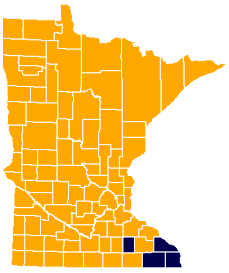
ROLLING HILLS TRANSIT



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2014 Highlights

- Stewartville Heartland Express merged into SEMCAC Transportation on Jan. 1, 2014
- Opened a new dispatch center in Kasson
- Increased ridership by 9.5%

System snapshot

Legal Name	SEMCAC
Governance	CAP
Area Served	Dodge, Fillmore, Houston, Olmsted and Winona counties
Legislative District	21B, 24A, 25A, 27A, 27B, 28A, 28B
Congressional District	1

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	10 Class 400
Service type	Demand response, subscription
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	7:30 am - 4:30 pm
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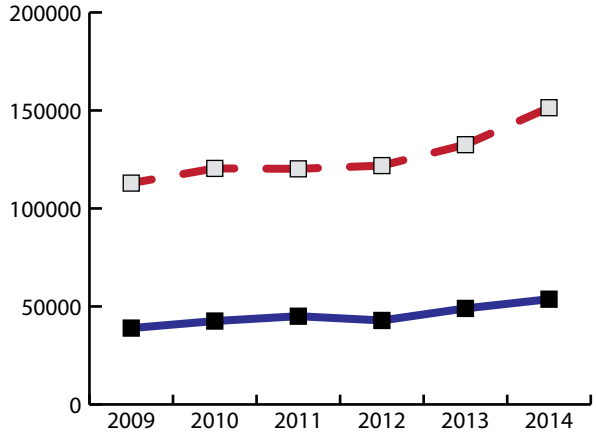
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$1.50 - $8.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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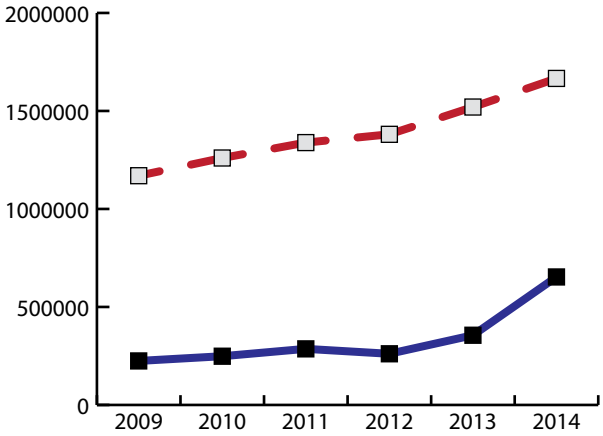

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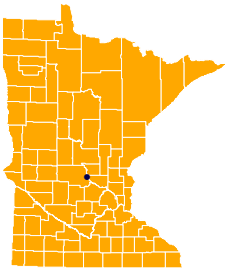
ST. CLOUD METRO BUS: REGULAR ROUTE BUS



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2014 Highlights

- Became the first transit system in MN to use CNG as primary fuel source for bus fleet
- Recognized nationally by the Community Transportation Association of America as 2014 Urban Community Transportation System of the Year
- Implemented a Rider Advisory Committee to help engage the public about Metro Bus

System snapshot

Legal Name	St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission
Governance	Transit Authority
Area Served	St. Cloud, Sartell, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park
Legislative District	13B, 14A, 14B
Congressional District	6

System characteristics

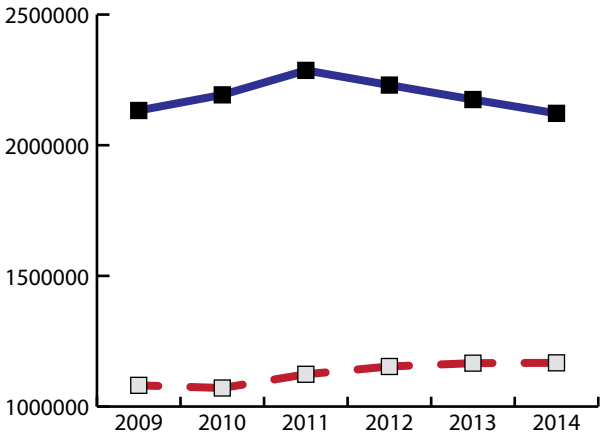
Vehicle fleet	5 Class 400, 38 Class 700, 1 trolley bus
Service type	Fixed route, route guarantee
Funding class	Urban

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	5:30 am - 10:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am - 6:30 pm
Sunday	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Base fare	$1.25

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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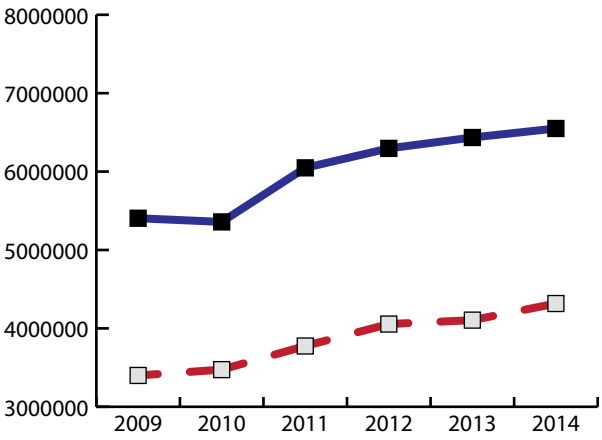

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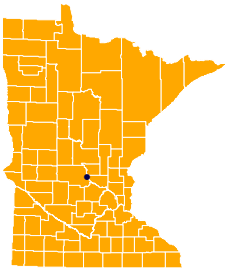

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2014 Highlights

- Dial-A-Ride driver named MN Bus Operator of the Year by the Minnesota Public Transit Association
- Opened the state's first Mobility Training Center, which combines the elements of paratransit eligibility screening/ability assessments, travel training and community outreach into a single customer friendly location

System snapshot

Legal Name	St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission
Governance	Transit Authority
Area Served	St. Cloud, Sartell, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park
Legislative District	13B, 14A, 14B
Congressional District	6

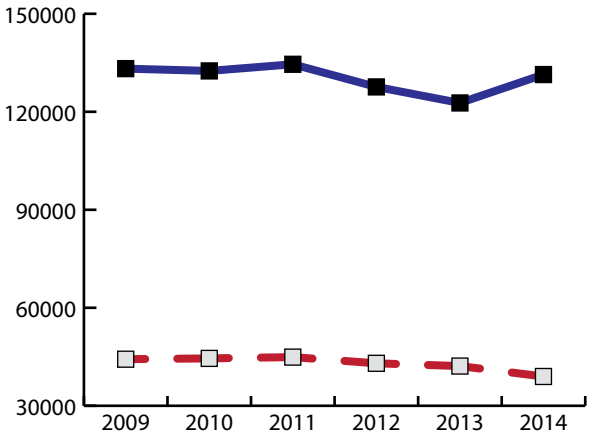
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	23 Class 400
Service type	Dial-a-ride
Funding class	Urban complementary paratransit

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	5:30 am - 10:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am - 6:30 pm
Sunday	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Base fare	$2.50

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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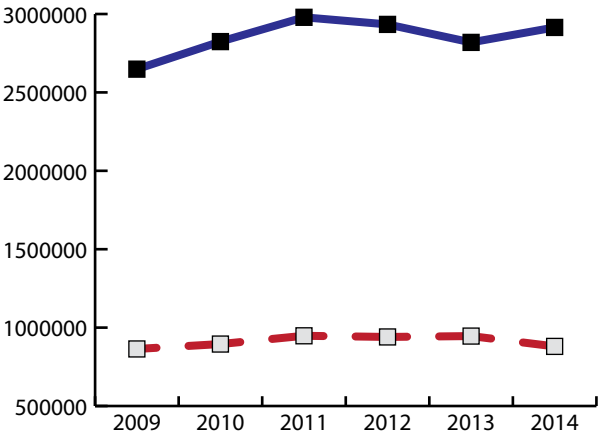

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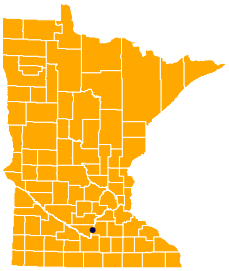

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2014 Highlights

- Placed two new replacement buses into service
- Increased service hours to Gustavus Adolphus College by 15%
- Began discussions to provide service into rural Nicollet County and corridor service to Mankato

System snapshot

Legal Name	City of St. Peter
Governance	City
Area Served	Kasota, St. Peter
Legislative District	19A
Congressional District	1

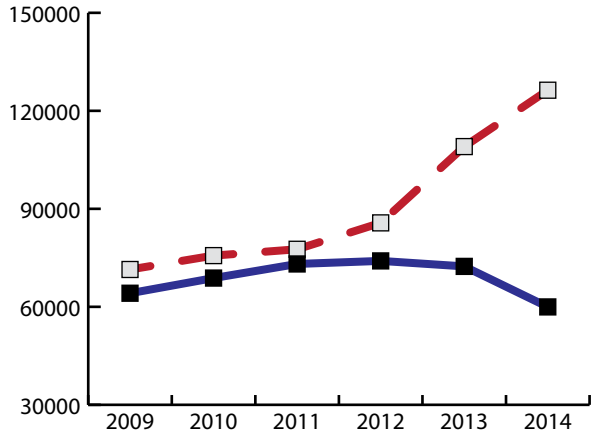
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	3 Class 400
Service type	Dial-a-ride, deviated route
Funding class	Small urban

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	7:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$1.75 - $3.50

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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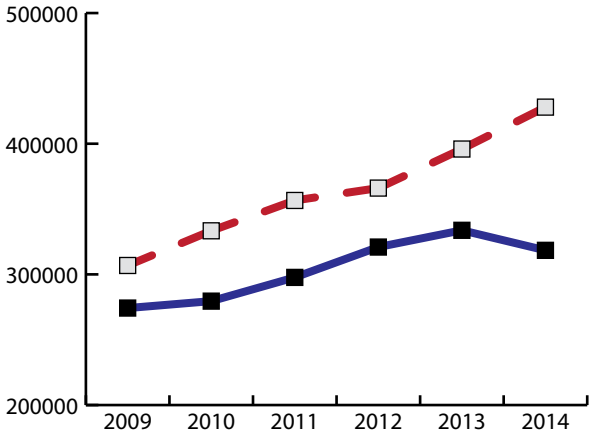

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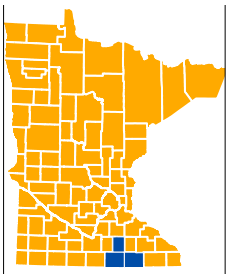

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2014 Highlights

- Albert Lea Transit, Austin-Mower County Area Transit and Steele County Area Transit merged on Jan. 2, 2014, to form SMART Transit
- Incorporated routing technology agency-wide and installed cameras in entire vehicle fleet
- Created partnership with local agencies to explore and define future growth opportunities

System snapshot

Legal Name	Cedar Valley Services, Inc.
Governance	Non-Profit
Area Served	Freeborn, Mower, Steele and Waseca counties
Legislative District	24A, 24B, 27A, 27B
Congressional District	1

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	22 Class 400
Service type	Route deviation, demand response; subscription
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	6:00 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
Base fare	$1.00 - $2.50

System performance

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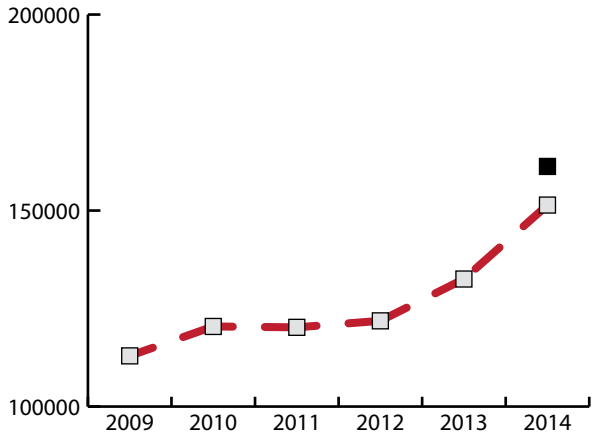

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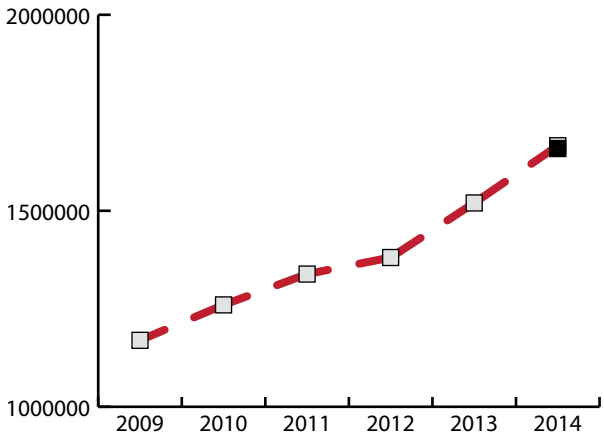

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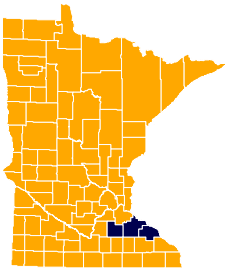

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2014 Highlights

- Added route that extends from Wabasha to Red Wing
- Added a second deviated route in Faribault
- Completed and opened transit transfer hub in Red Wing in Jan., 2014

System snapshot

Legal Name	Three Rivers Community Action, Inc.
Governance	CAP
Area Served	Goodhue, Rice, Wabasha counties
Legislative District	20B. 21A, 21B, 24B, 58B
Congressional District	1, 2

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	1 Class 300, 15 Class 400, 3 Class 500
Service type	Route deviation, demand response
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	6:00 am - 11:00 pm
Saturday	7:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$1.25

System performance

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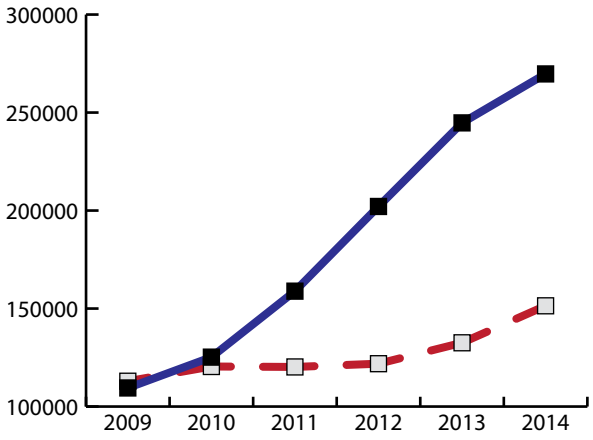

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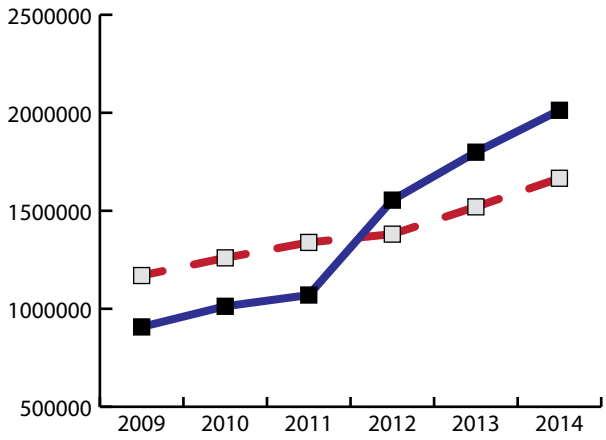

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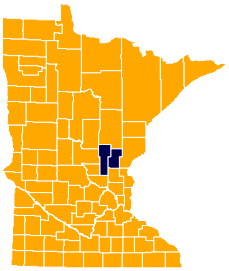

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2014 Highlights

- Timber Trails and Isanti County Heartland Express cooperatively applied for and received Transit for Our Future funding for a Compliance Manager
- Installed new VOIP phone system

System snapshot

Legal Name	Kanabec County
Governance	County
Area Served	Kanabec, Mille Lacs counties
Legislative District	11B, 15A
Congressional District	8

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	7 Class 400
Service type	Dial-a-ride, route deviation
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	6:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$1.50 - $2.50

System performance

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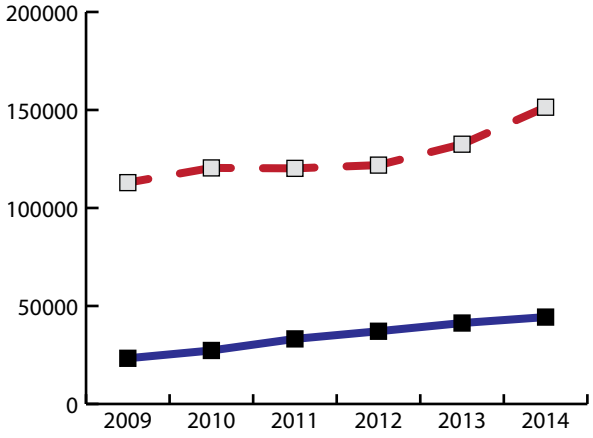

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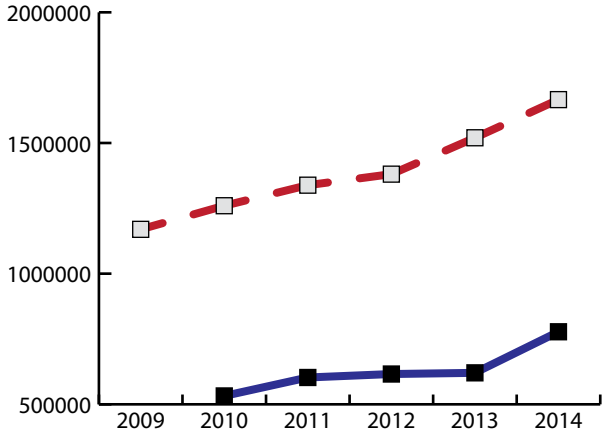

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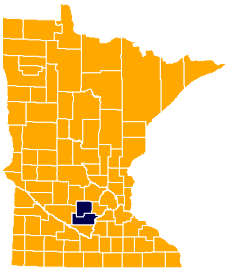

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2014 Highlights

- Expanded service into Wright County
- Developed partnership with Wright County Area Transportation to participate in the administration and funding of the transit system along with Sibley and McLeod counties
- Increased ridership by 47,209 rides from 2013 total

System snapshot

Legal Name	Trailblazer Joint Powers Board
Governance	Joint Powers Board
Area Served	McLeod, Sibley, Wright counties
Legislative District	18A, 18B
Congressional District	7

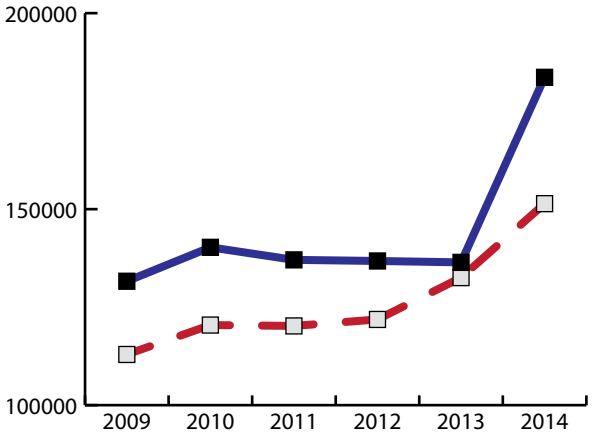
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	41 Class 400
Service type	Dial-a-ride, volunteer
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	6:30 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$4.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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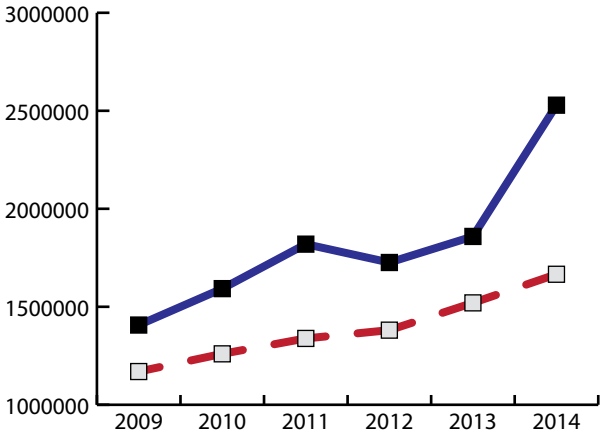

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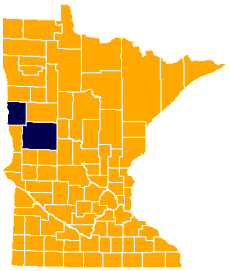

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2014 Highlights

- Started a commuter route from Fergus Falls to Fargo/Moorhead
- Added a second dispatcher and a maintenance position
- Increased ridership by 6%

System snapshot

Legal Name	Productive Alternatives, Inc.
Governance	Non-profit
Area Served	Clay, Otter Tail, Wilkin counties
Legislative District	02B, 04A, 04B, 08A, 08B, 12A
Congressional District	7

System characteristics

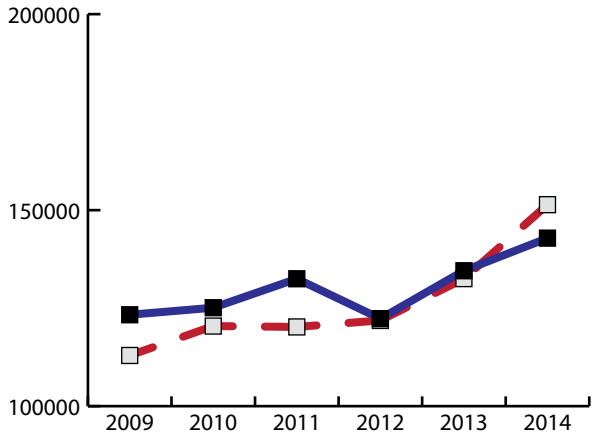
Vehicle fleet	17 Class 400, 7 Class 500
Service type	Route deviation, dial-a-ride, subscription
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	6:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	8:45 am - 3:45 pm
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$1.00 - $5.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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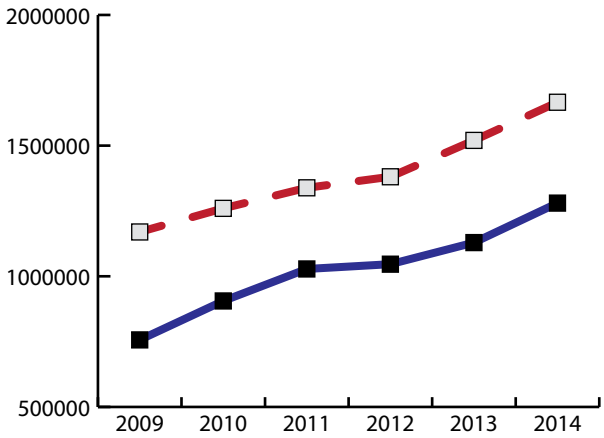

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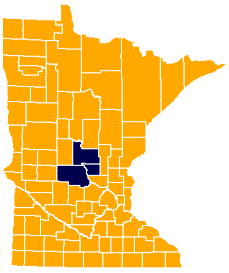

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2014 Highlights

- Entered into a collaboration with another entity with a vehicle and route, which increased ridership by 10%
- Increased service area to include the cities of Becker, Big Lake, Elk River, Princeton and Zimmerman in Sherburne County.
- Offered city transportation to a rural Stearns County Community

System snapshot

Legal Name	Tri-County Action Program, Inc.
Governance	CAP
Area Served	Benton, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns counties
Legislative District	09B, 12B, 13A, 13B, 14A, 14B, 15A, 15B, 30A, 31A
Congressional District	6, 7, 8

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	11 Class 400, 9 Class 500
Service type	Dial-a-ride, demand response
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	7:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$1.25 - $3.00

System performance

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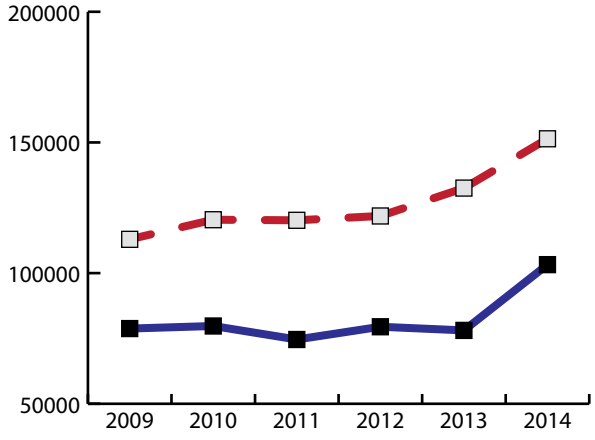

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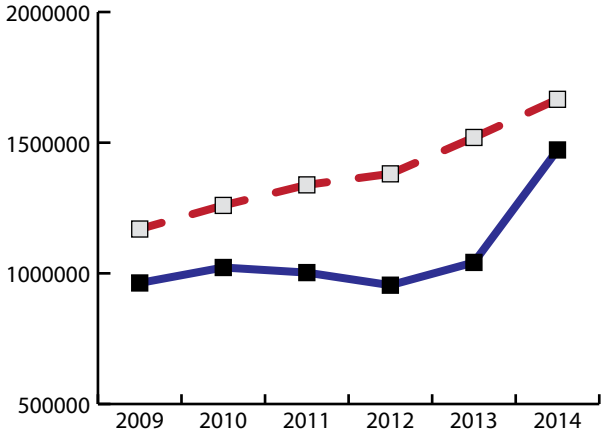

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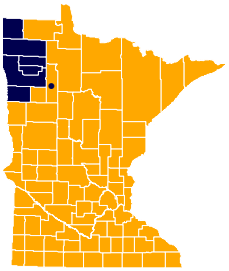

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2014 Highlights

- Successfully merged Mahnomen County Transportation into system in August 2014
- Received an Intercity grant that provides feeder routes from Thief River Falls to East Grand Forks and to Crookston. This grant also funded a shelter at the Crookston Transit building for Jefferson customers
- New Saturday service in Crookston and Thief River Falls, six hours per day

System snapshot

Legal Name	Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.
Governance	Non-profit
Area Served	Clearwater, Kittson, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake counties
Legislative District	01A, 01B, 02A, 02B, 04B
Congressional District	7

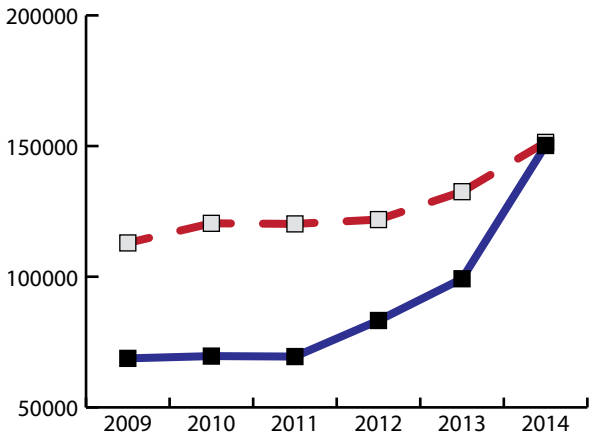
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	1 Class 300, 21 Class 400, 5 Class 500
Service type	Route deviation, demand response
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	6:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	10:00am-4:00pm
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$2.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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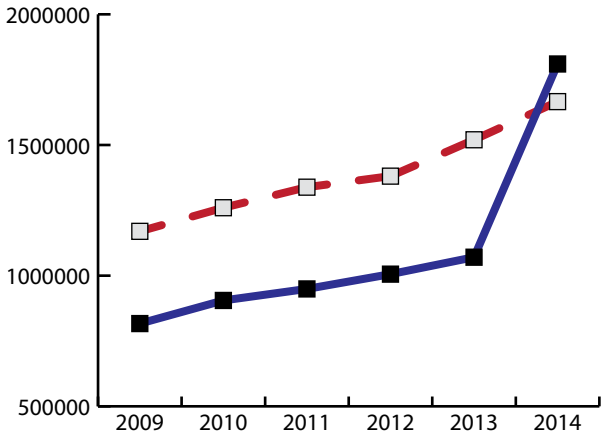

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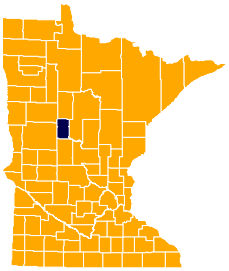
WADENA COUNTY FRIENDLY RIDER TRANSIT



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2014 Highlights

- Moved to new transit facility in April, which houses buses, dispatch and office space
- Began merger process with Becker County Transit
- Increased passenger safety by installing surveillance system on all buses

System snapshot

Legal Name	Wadena County Highway Department
Governance	County
Area Served	Wadena, northern Todd counties
Legislative District	02B, 09A
Congressional District	8

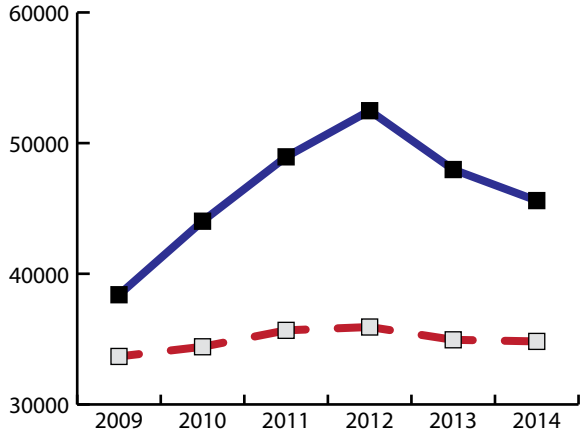
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	5 Class 400
Service type	Route deviation, dial-a-ride
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	7:15 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am - 12:30 pm
Base fare	$1.25

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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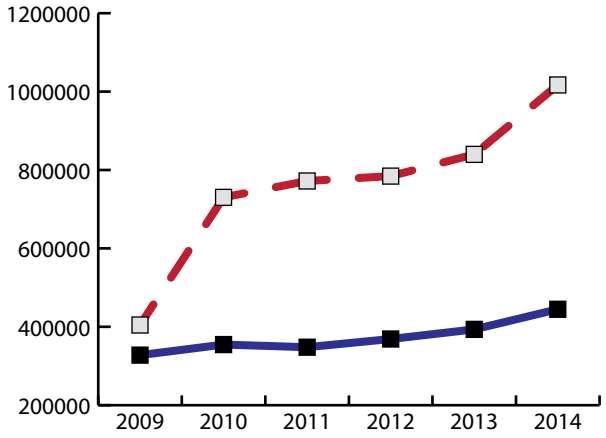

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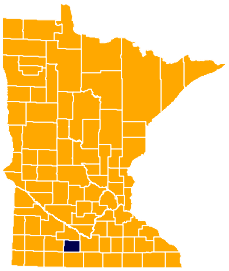

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2014 Highlights

- Ridership increase of 4.5% from 2013
- Continue to provide great service to the residents of Watonwan County
- Able to retain the "cream of the crop" drivers that make the system what it is today

System snapshot

Legal Name	Watonwan County
Governance	County
Area Served	Watonwan County; surrounding communities in Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Martin counties
Legislative District	16B, 19A, 19B, 22B, 23A, 23B
Congressional District	1

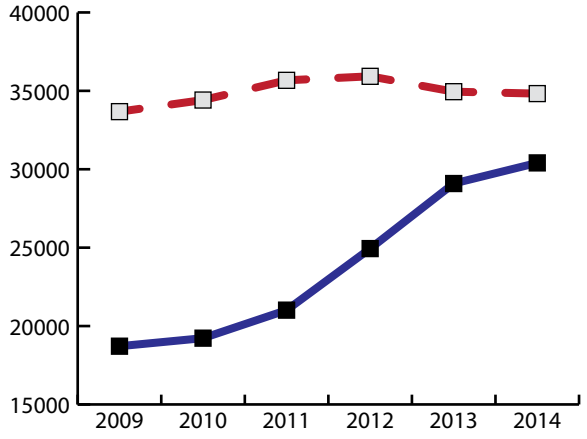
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	4 Class 400
Service type	Dial-a-ride, subscription
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	6:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$1.50 - $3.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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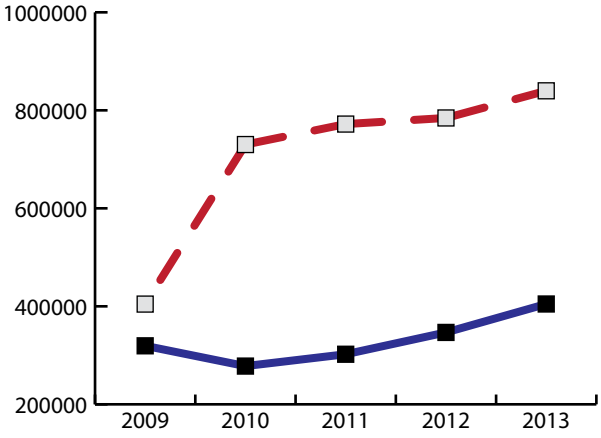

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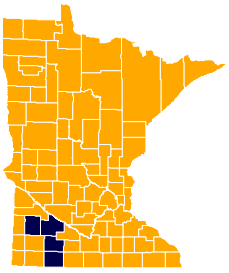

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2014 Highlights

- Increased ridership by 4% in areas where there is a declining population
- Established a daily demand response route between the cities of Tracy and Marshall with increased ridership
- Remodeled dispatch and bus center in Marshall

System snapshot

Legal Name	Western Community Action Community Transit
Governance	Community Action Program
Area Served	Cottonwood, Jackson, Lyon, Redwood counties
Legislative District	16A, 16B, 22A, 22B, 23A
Congressional District	1, 7

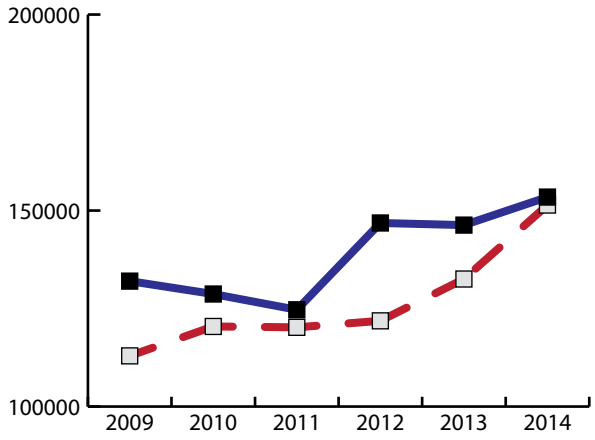
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	20 Class 400, 1 Class 300
Service type	Route deviation, demand response
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	6:00 am - 6:30 pm
Saturday	8:30 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Base fare	$1.00 - $12.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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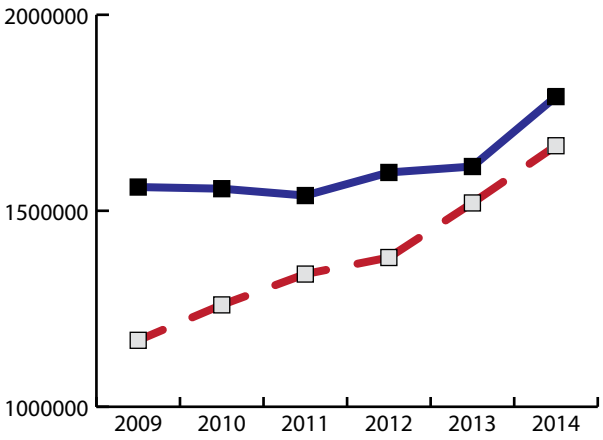

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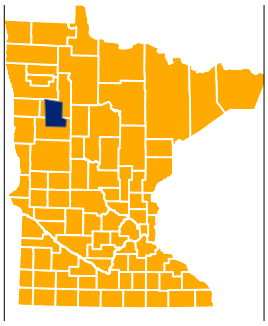

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2014 Highlights

- Ordered six new buses to replace aging fleet
- Had an accident free year
- Implemented GPS transit system on fleet

System snapshot

Legal Name	White Earth Reservation Tribal Council
Governance	Tribal
Area Served	Becker, Clearwater, Mahnomen counties
Legislative District	02A, 02B, 04B
Congressional District	7

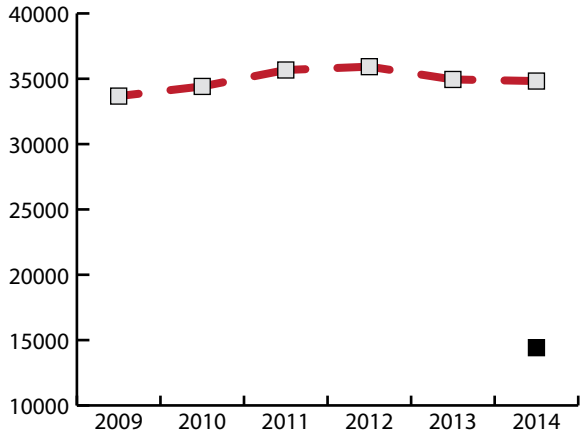
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	9 Class 400, 2 Class 500
Service type	Fixed route
Funding class	Rural

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	5:30 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$2.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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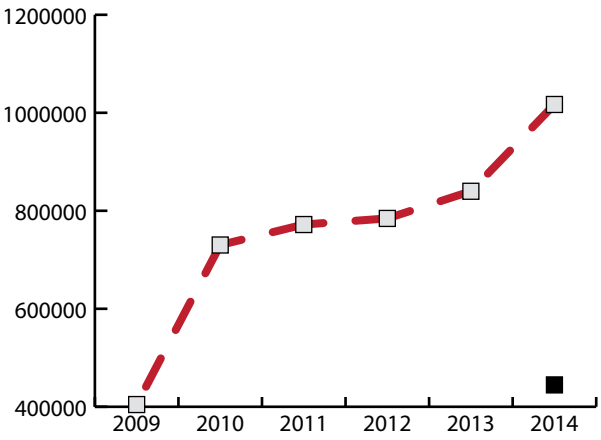

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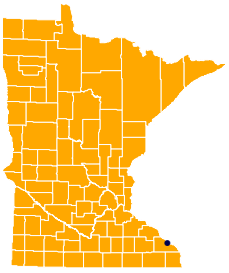

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2014 Highlights

- Added Saturday service and increased ridership on regular route by almost 10%
- Completed addition and renovation to city's bus garage
- Replaced all bus benches throughout the city
- Purchased two new buses

System snapshot

Legal Name	City of Winona
Governance	City
Area Served	Goodview, Winona
Legislative District	21B, 28A
Congressional District	1

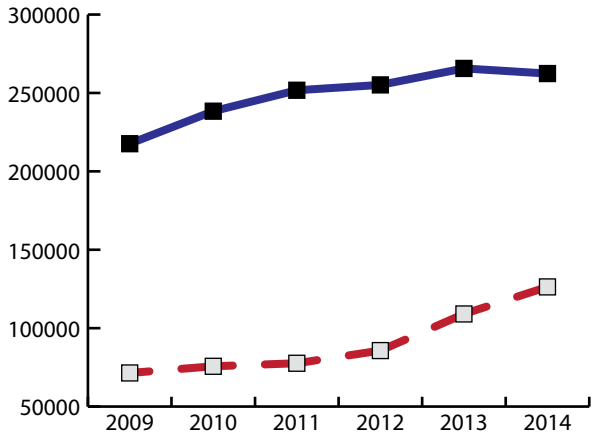
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	9 Class 600
Service type	Route deviation, subscription
Funding class	Small urban

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	6:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday	No Service
Base fare	$1.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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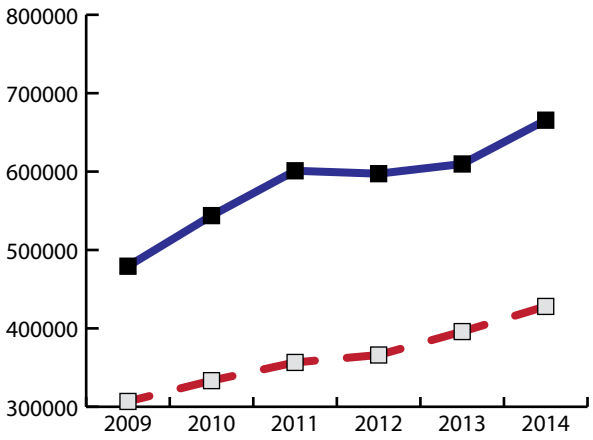

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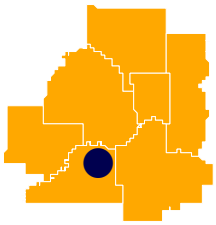

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2014 Highlights

- Opened the new Marschall Road Transit Station in Shakopee
- Laker Lines/BlueXpress completed the merger with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority on Jan. 1, 2015

System snapshot

Legal Name	City of Prior Lake
Governance	Municipal
Area Served	Prior Lake, Savage, Shakopee, Scott County
Legislative District	20A, 55A, 55B, 56A,
Congressional District	2

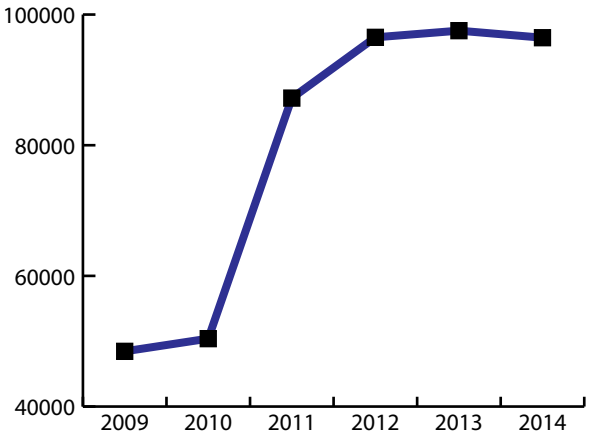
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	5 Class 700
Service type	Commuter

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	5:30 am - 7:30 pm
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$2.25 - $3.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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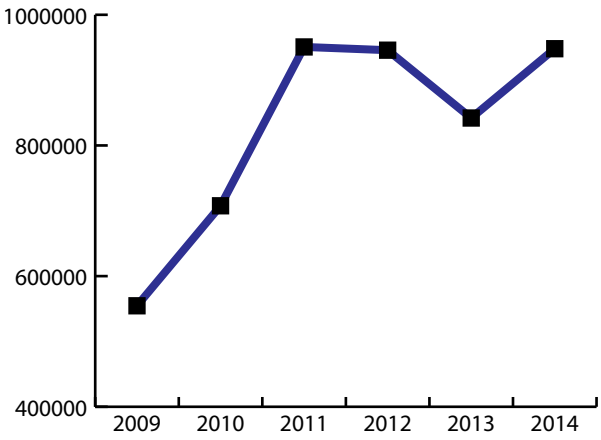

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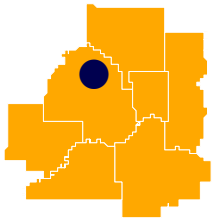

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2014 Highlights

- Completed Phase 2 of Parkway Station that added 300 stalls of structured parking
- Took delivery of four articulated transit buses for expanded service at Parkway Station
- Operated the system to achieve one of the most cost-effective and productive express route systems in the Twin Cities Metro Area

System snapshot

Legal Name	City of Maple Grove
Governance	Municipal
Area Served	Maple Grove
Legislative District	34A, 34B
Congressional District	3

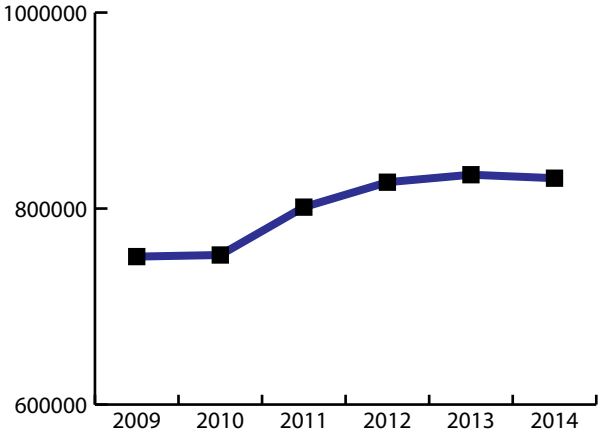
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	5 Class 400, 35 Class 700
Service type	Commuter, dial-a-ride

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	5:50 am - 7:07 pm
Saturday	8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$1.75 - $3.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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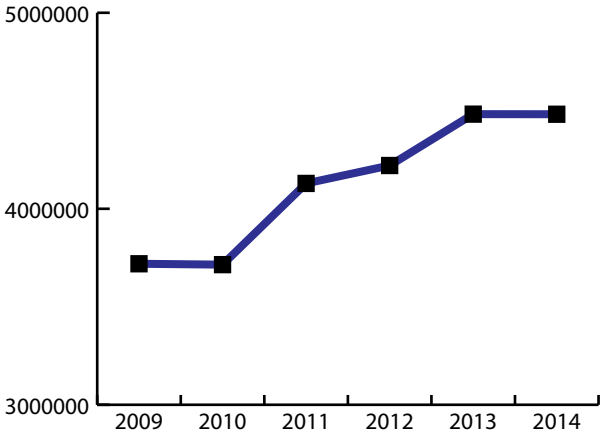

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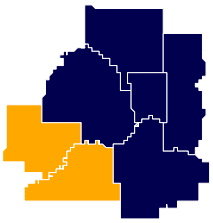

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2014 Highlights

- Named 2014 MPTA Transit System of the Year
- Expanded fleet by nearly 14% to meet rising ridership
- Implemented Interactive Voice Response system for customers
- Increased ridership by 157,000 passenger trips while improving on time performance

System snapshot

Legal Name	Metropolitan Council, Metro Mobility
Governance	Regional
Area Served	Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington counties
Legislative District	Metro
Congressional District	2, 3, 4, 5, 6

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	450 Class 300, 25 sedans
Service type	Dial-a-ride

Hours of Operation	*Hour of operation based on local regular route service.
Monday - Friday	24/7*
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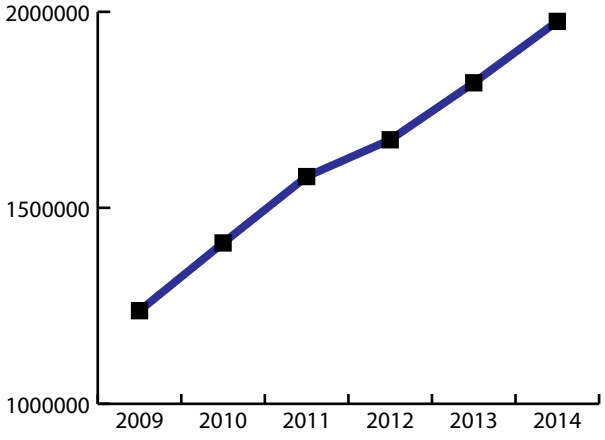
Base fare	$1.00 - $4.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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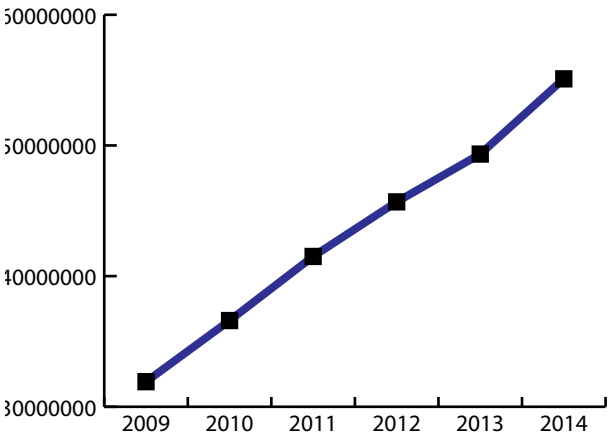

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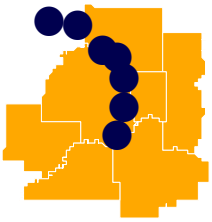

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2014 Highlights

- Continued to be a popular option for riders looking for a safe ride into Minneapolis for special events
- A record number of commuter rail tickets sold in advance of the Paul McCartney concert at Target Field

System snapshot

Legal Name	Metro Transit
Governance	Regional
Area Served	Anoka, Big Lake, Coon Rapids, Elk River, Fridley, Minneapolis, Ramsey
Legislative District	30A, 35A, 35B, 36B, 36A, 37A, 41A, 59B
Congressional District	3, 5, 6

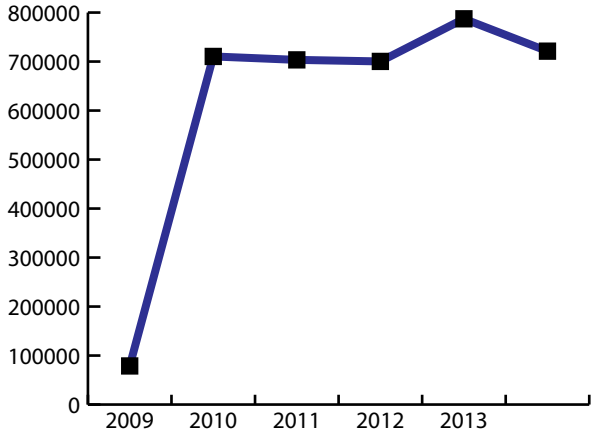
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	18 commuter rail cars, 6 commuter rail locomotives
Service type	Fixed route

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	5:01 am - 7:04 pm
Saturday	10:23 am - 7:49 pm
Sunday	9:33 am - 5:44 pm
Base fare	$3.00 - $6.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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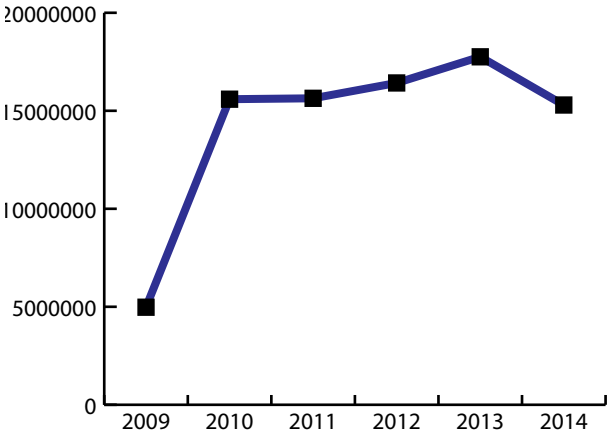

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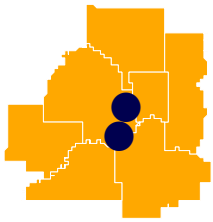

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2014 Highlights

- Hosted President Obama in February where he encouraged additional transportation funding in a speech at the Union Depot
- Metro Transit earned the Gold Level certification from the American Public Transportation Association for its ongoing efforts to reduce its environmental impact
- Ridership surpassed 84.5 million

System snapshot

Legal Name	Metro Transit
Governance	Regional
Area Served	Bloomington, Minneapolis, St. Paul
Legislative District	50B, 59B, 60B, 62A, 63A, 63B, 64B, 65B, 66B, 67B
Congressional District	3, 4, 5, 6

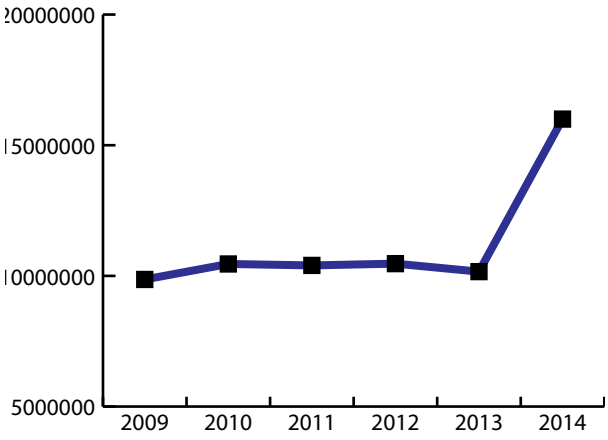
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	59 Siemens light rail cars, 27 Bombardier light rail cars
Service type	Fixed route

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	3:30 am - 2:00 am
Saturday	3:30 am - 3:30 am
Sunday	3:30 am - 2:00 am
Base fare	$1.75 - $2.25

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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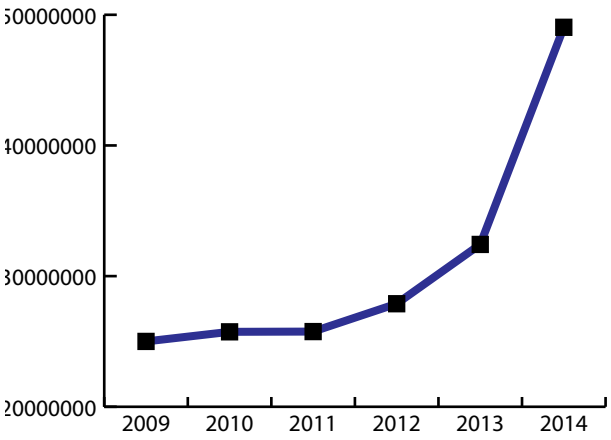

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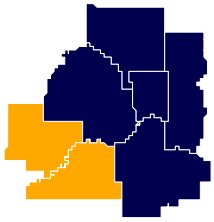

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2014 Highlights

- Bus ridership continued to shoulder the lion's share of the customers with nearly 68 million rides given throughout 2014 and an average weekday ridership of just more than 224,000

System snapshot

Legal Name	Metro Transit
Governance	Regional
Area Served	Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington counties
Legislative District	Metro
Congressional District	2, 3, 4, 5, 6

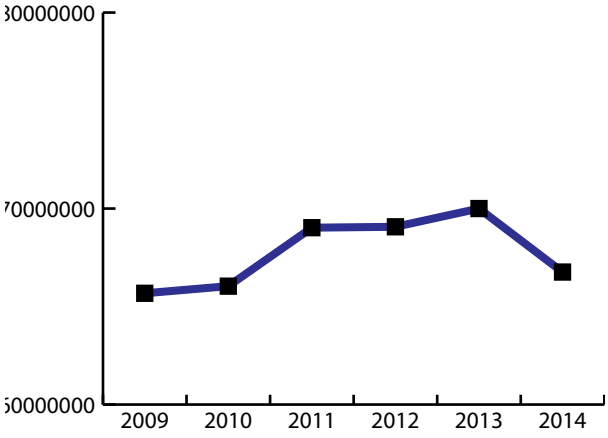
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	547 40-ft. buses, 132 hybrid-electric buses, 169 60 ft. articulated buses, 57 coach buses
Service type	Fixed route

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	12:00 am - 11:59 pm
Saturday	12:00 am - 11:59 pm
Sunday	12:00 am - 11:59 pm
Base fare	$1.75 - $3.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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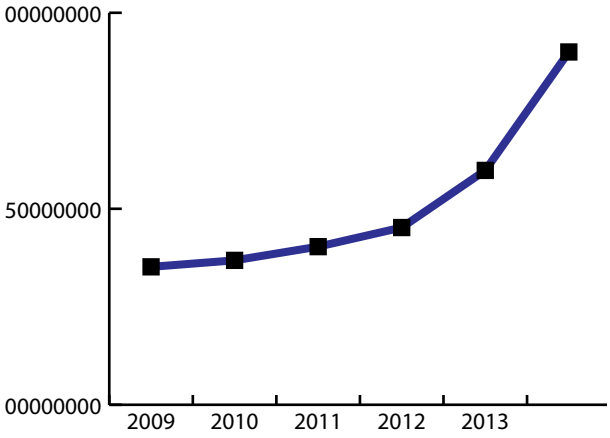

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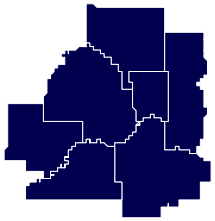

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2014 Highlights

- Procured and implemented new small bus service contract, which includes seven routes throughout the metro area
- Implemented significant service restructuring in conjunction with METRO Green Line opening, which included one new route and an increased span of service and frequency on several others

System snapshot

Legal Name	Metropolitan Council, Metropolitan Transportation Services
Governance	Regional
Area Served	Seven county metro area
Legislative District	Metro
Congressional District	2, 3, 4, 5 , 6

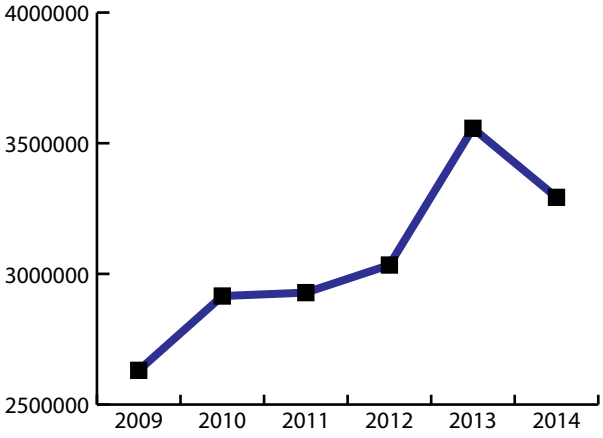
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	22 Class 400, 42 Class 700
Service type	Fixed route

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	5:00 am - 12:00 am
Saturday	6:00 am - 1:00 am
Sunday	6:00 am - 1:00 am
Base fare	$1.75

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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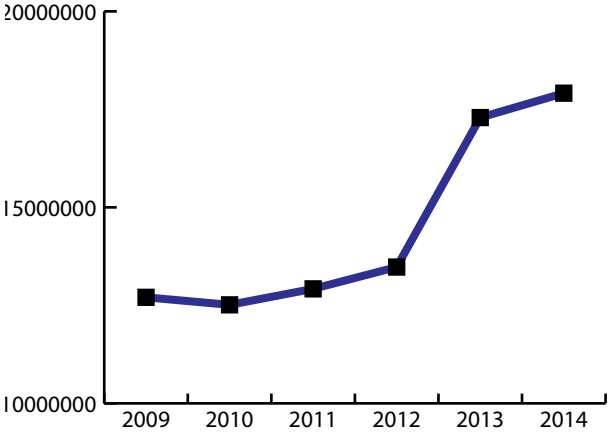

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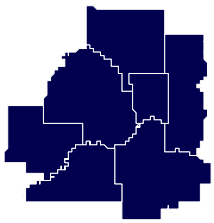

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2014 Highlights

- Implemented mobile data computers on all vehicles, which resulted in increased efficiency and reduced paper usage
- Increased resource availability to underserved populations by providing rider guide in braille and offering Language Line for non-English speakers.

System snapshot

Legal Name	Metropolitan Council, Metropolitan Transportation Services
Governance	Regional
Area Served	Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties
Legislative District	Metro districts
Congressional District	2, 3, 4, 5, 6

System characteristics

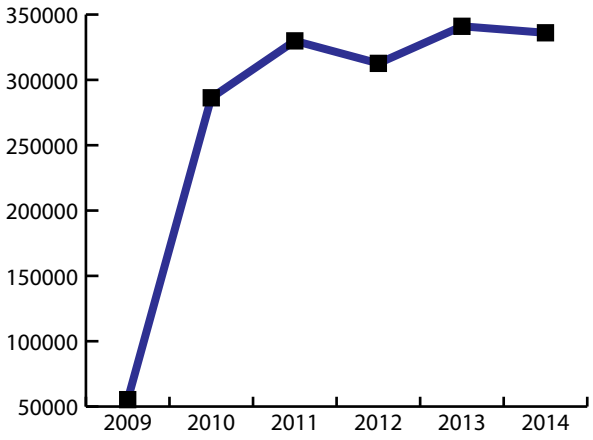
Vehicle fleet	65 Class 400
Service type	Dial-A-Ride

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	6:00 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday	Varies by community
Sunday	Varies by community
Base fare	Distance-based - $2.25, $4.50, $6.75

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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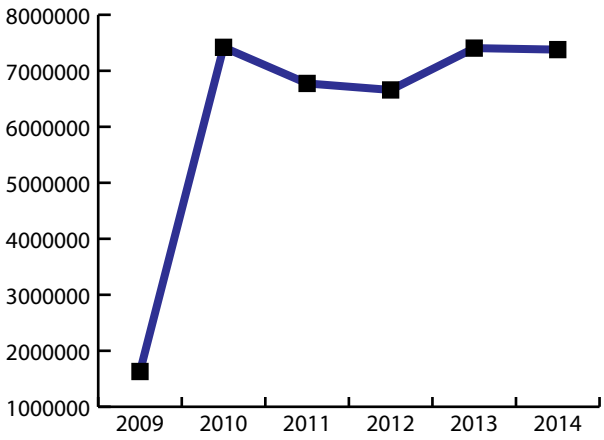

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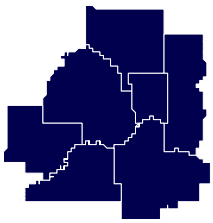

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2014 Highlights

- Operated 80 commuter vanpools, a record number for the program
- Began vanpools to Hezelden Betty Ford Foundation and Target Corp. suburban work locations

System snapshot

Legal Name	Metropolitan Council, Metropolitan Transportation Services
Governance	Regional
Area Served	7 County Metro Area
Legislative District	Metro
Congressional District	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

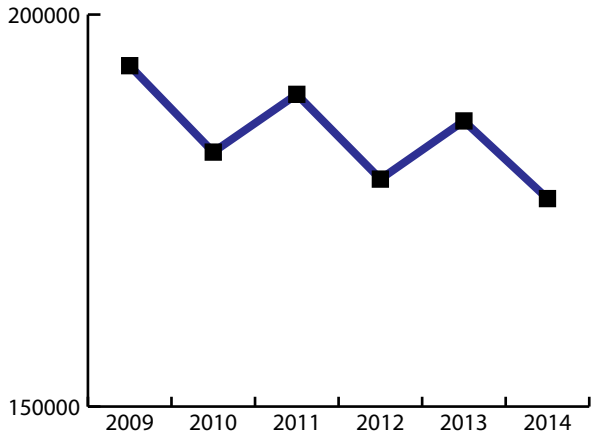
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	78 Vans
Service type	Dial-a-ride

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	varies by requests
Saturday	varies by requests
Sunday	varies by requests
Base fare	45-50% contribution toward van lease cost

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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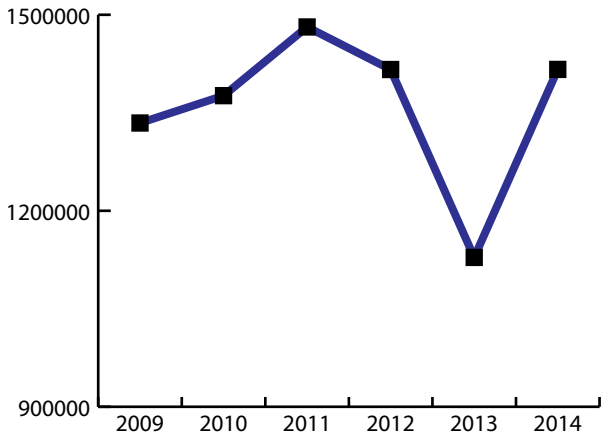

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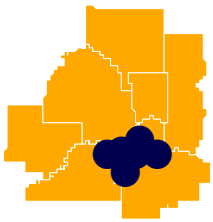

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2014 Highlights

- Completed merger with Prior Lake and Shakopee bringing MTVA to a transit agency of seven cities
- Received APTA Gold Award for Safety Program regarding Twin Cities Premium Outlet Mall opening
- Completed 2014 with record ridership of 2,812,265

System snapshot

Legal Name	Minnesota Valley Transit Authority
Governance	Joint Powers Agreement
Area Served	Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Prior Lake, Rosemount, Savage, Shakopee
Legislative District	35B, 36A. 36B. 37A, 37B, 38A 38B, 39A 40A, 55A, 55B
Congressional District	2

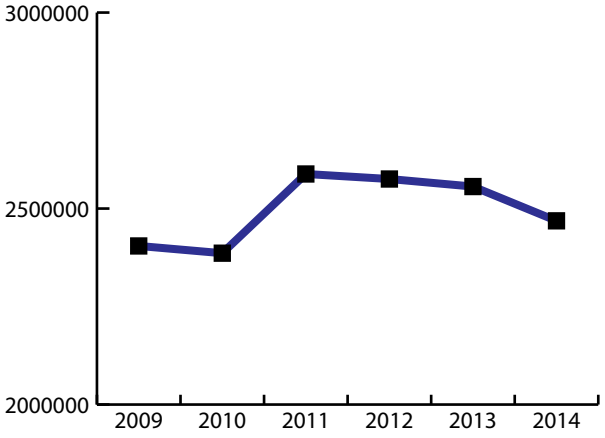
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	9 Class 400, 91 Class 600, 50 Class 700
Service type	Fixed route, deviated route, bus rapid transit

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	4:45 am - 11:59 pm
Saturday	7:30 am - 11:59 pm
Sunday	7:30 am - 11:59 pm
Base fare	$1.75 - $3.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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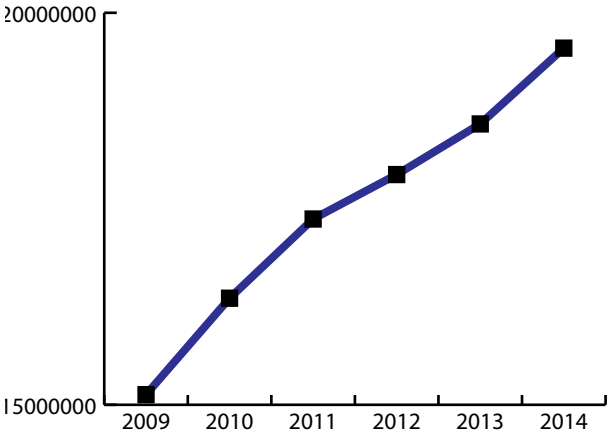

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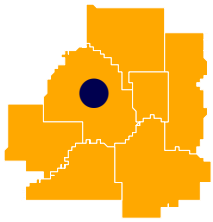

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2014 Highlights

- Added Wi-Fi to express bus fleet
- Implemented a phone app where riders can get real time stop/arrival information, see where the bus is, search schedules by stop and route and save their favorite searches

System snapshot

Legal Name	City of Plymouth
Governance	Municipal
Area Served	Plymouth
Legislative District	44A, 44B, 45A, 46A
Congressional District	3

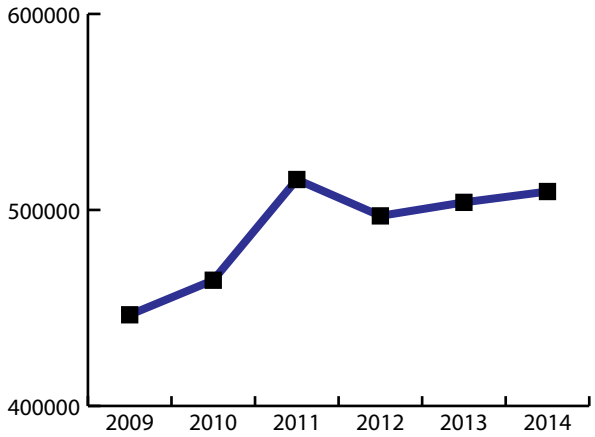
System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	30 Class 400, 13 Class 700
Service type	Dial-a-ride, fixed route

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	5:30 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$3.00

System performance

RIDERSHIP



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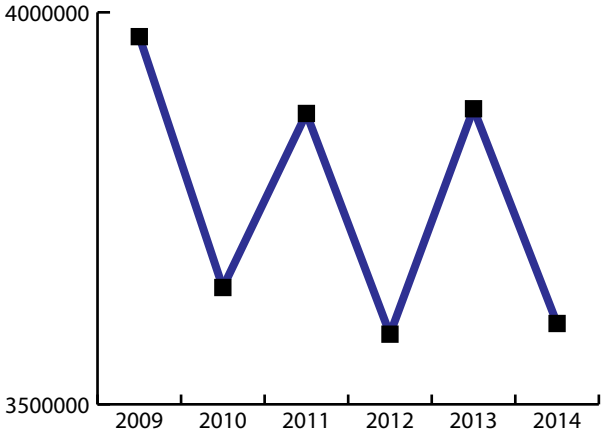

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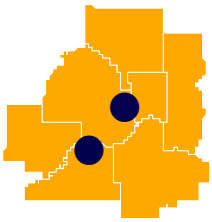

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2014 Highlights

- Express bus service to Minneapolis began from Marschall Road Transit Station
- On January 1, 2015, Shakopee Transit and Prior Lake officially merged with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority

System snapshot

Legal Name	Shakopee Transit
Governance	Municipal
Area Served	Shakopee, Minneapolis
Legislative District	55A, 55B
Congressional District	2

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	5 Class 200, 5 Class 700
Service type	Local circulator, express bus, shuttle

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	5:40 am - 7:45 pm
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$1.00 - $3.00

System performance

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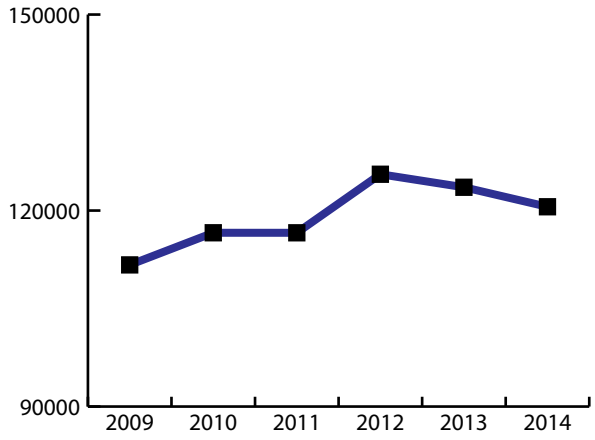

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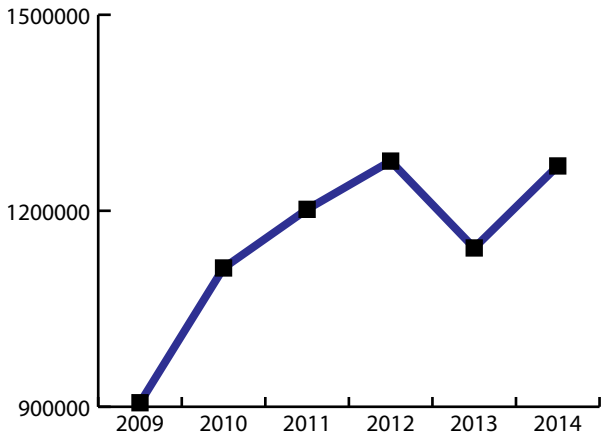

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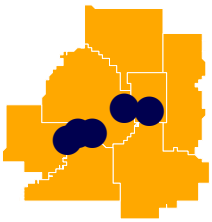

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2014 Highlights

- Upgraded WiFi system in entire fleet
- Overall system ridership increased 7.3% in 2014
- Became the first transit system in Minnesota to operate a double decker bus for its regular service

System snapshot

Legal Name	SouthWest Transit
Governance	Joint Powers Agreement
Area Served	Chanhassen, Chaska, Eden Prairie
Legislative District	33B, 47B, 48A, 48B, 49B
Congressional District	3

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	1 Class 400, 1 Class 600, 63 Class 700
Service type	Fixed route

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	5:00 am - 9:30 pm
Saturday	No service
Sunday	No service
Base fare	$2.25 - $3.00

System performance

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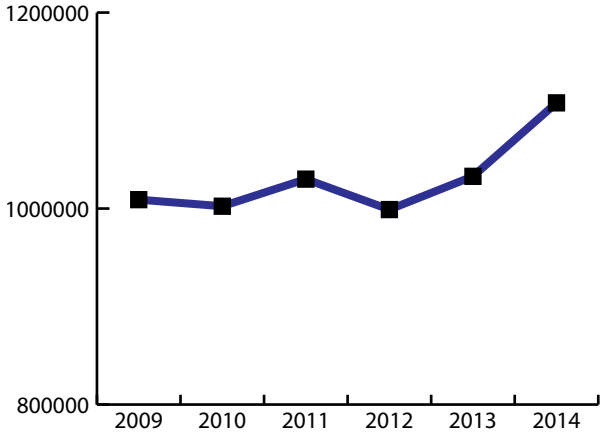

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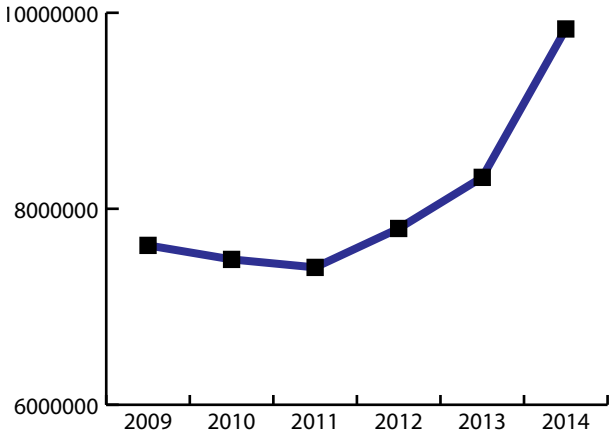

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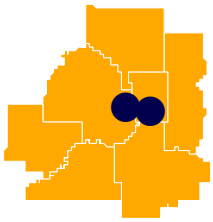

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2014 Highlights

- Introduced late night service on University Avenue on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights to provide security to the community
- Redesigned bus stops to make them all look the same to ease with bus tracking with GPS
- Installed two electronic message signs to inform riders of when the bus is coming

System snapshot

Legal Name	University of Minnesota Parking and Transportation Services
Governance	University of Minnesota
Area Served	U of MN Twin Cities Campus
Legislative District	60B, 66A
Congressional District	2, 3, 4 , 5, 6

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet	3 Class 400, 1 Class 600, 18 Class 700
Service type	Fixed route, dial-a-ride
Funding class	

Hours of Operation	
Monday - Friday	7:00 am - 2:00 am
Saturday	9:30 am - 2:00 am
Sunday	9:30 am - 2:00 am
Base fare	Free

System performance

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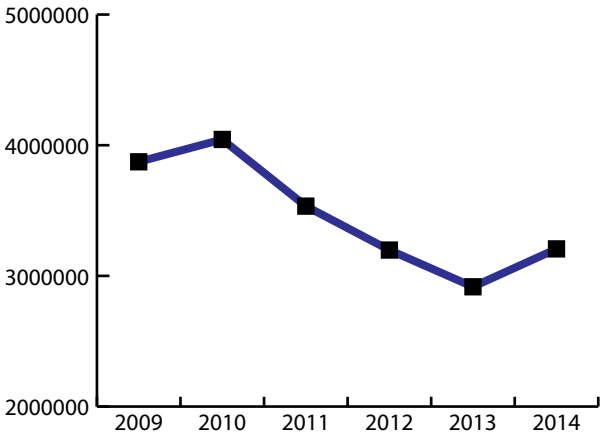

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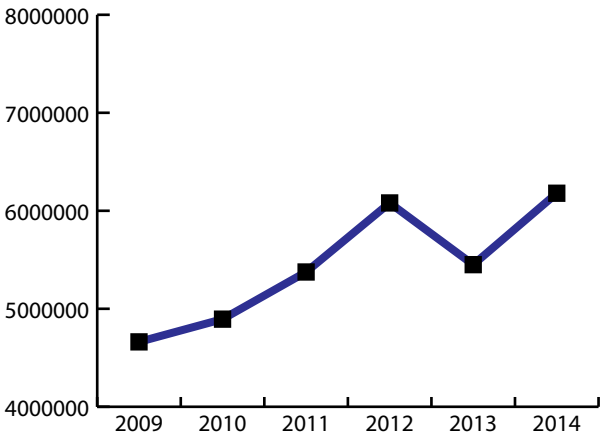

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2014 Highlights

- Officially launced Bus Tracker, a first of its kind tool that provides real time bus status information to passengers
- Upgraded online booking system to be more user-friendly and intuitive

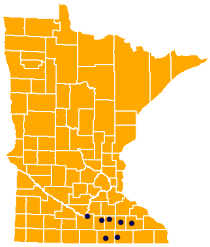
System Characteristics

Service Type	Intercity bus
Funding Class	Section 5311(f)
Service Hours	24 hours daily, 7 days weekly

Jefferson Lines is a private intercity bus operator that has been connecting people to their favorite destinations for nearly a century. Based in Minneapolis, MN, Jefferson provides direct service to more than 50 Minnesota communities and more than 160 locations throughout their entire 13 state network from Minnesota to Texas and Wisconsin to Montana. Through transportation alliances, Jefferson is able to offer connections to more than 4,000 destinations in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. MnDOT administers federal Section 5311(f) funding to support and develop intercity bus transportation in Minnesota. Minnesota's intercity bus program seeks to connect non-urbanized communities with the larger system of intercity bus service; to meet the intercity travel needs of residents in non-urbanized areas; to support the infrastructure of the intercity bus network through planning, marketing and capital investments; and to promote the coordination of intercity bus service with local public transit and other modes. The routes listed below are those portions of Jefferson routes operating in Minnesota and subsidized through this program. The program subsidizes 50% or 100% of a given route's operating deficit (operating cost minus revenues).

Route	Vehicle Miles	Ridership	Revenue
Duluth to Grand Rapids	44,252	1,042	$18,074
Grand Rapids to Duluth	44,615	1,157	$19,451
Minneapolis to Sioux Falls	103,488	3,078	$129,933
Sioux Falls to Minneapolis	103,488	3,884	$165,231
Duluth to Fargo	65,018	3,604	$80,878
Fargo to Duluth	66,362	3,660	$80,690
Brainerd to Grand Forks	109,650	5,976	$137,855
Grand Forks to Brainerd	105,650	5,180	$116,024
Duluth to Minneapolis	65,095	6,258	$174,027
Minneapolis to Duluth	65,741	4,215	$115,240
Minneapolis to LaCrosse	61,152	3,688	$86,332
Milwaukee to Minneapolis	61,178	4,656	$82,333

LAND TO AIR EXPRESS



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2014 Highlights

- Maintained three trips per day each direction between Mankato and Rochester on Highway 14 as well as 190 connections to Jefferson Lines in Albert Lea, Owatonna and Rochester
- Was able to grow the "opt in" marketing campaign from 75 subscribers to more than 2,000
- The average number of passengers carried on the Southern MN connection is 500/month

System snapshot

Legal Name	Blue Earth Blue Sky, LCC dba Land to Air Express
Service type	Intercity Bus
Funding class	Section 5311(f)

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	7:00 am - 9:00 pm
Base fare	$5.00 - $35.00

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Route Name	Vehicle Miles	Ridership	Revenue
Mankato-Rochester	169,561	2,848	$38,334

Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program

Each year, the Federal Transit Administration provides funds to MnDOT to administer the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310). This federal grant program funds projects that improve the mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Program Purpose

The purpose is to provide funding for the operation of vans and buses that meet the transportation needs of seniors and persons with disabilities. The project categories include the following:

- Transportation services when public transit is not available or cannot meet the special needs of seniors and persons with disabilities
- Transportation services that exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- Transportation services that improve use of regular bus service and lessen dependence on dial-a-ride service
- Alternative services that assist seniors and persons with disabilities with transportation

Project Funding

Federal funds are available to fund up to 80 percent of a capital project and 50 percent of operating projects. Successful applicants are required to provide the remaining 20 percent local match for their capital project and/ or 50 percent local match for their operating project, and demonstrate their ability to sustain the project. A detailed description of requirements can be found in the Section 5310 Application: http://www.dot.state.mn.us/transit/grants/index.html.

Eligible Applicants

Organizations eligible to apply for Section 5310 funding include:

- Private non-profit organizations
- Local governmental authorities
- Tribal governments and
- Operators of public transportation

Please refer to Section 5310 State Management Plan for eligible applicant/project information or look at the State Mangement Plan.

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Financial Statistics

Minnesota Public Transit Systems – 2014 Operating Expenditures

	Total Operating Expenditures
Greater Minnesota	**$74,751,238**
Urbanized	$30,219,815
Elderly and Disabled	$5,281,240
Small Urban	$2,238,184
Rural	$35,761,854
Transit for Our Future	$784,613
Other Transit Service	$465,532
Twin Cities Metropolitan Area	**$482,010,284**
Metro Transit – Regular Route Bus	$290,002,492
Metro Transit – Light Rail Transit	$49,042,981
Metro Transit – Commuter Rail	$15,294,213
Metro Mobility	$55,097,903
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services – Regular Route Bus	$17,912,802
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services – Transit Link	$7,378,243
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services – Metro Vanpool	$1,416,387
Suburban Transit Providers	$39,686,251
Other Transit Providers	$6,179,012

Greater Minnesota Transit Systems – 2014 Operating Expenditures

Greater Minnesota public transit systems are displayed according to categories within state statute: urbanized, elderly and disabled, small urban and rural systems. Figures presented are unaudited.

	Total Expenditures	Federal Share (5307/5311)	State General Fund	State MVST	Local Share	% Local Share
Urbanized	$30,219,815	$4,132,000	$6,152,440	$10,390,343	$9,545,032	31.6%
Elderly & Disabled	$5,281,240	$0	$1,362,550	$2,527,607	$1,391,083	26.3%
Small Urban	$2,238,184	$641,138	$391,300	$696,493	$509,253	22.8%
Rural	$35,761,854	$9,895,296	$6,349,331	$11,973,003	$7,544,224	22.1
Transit For Our Future	$784,613	$0	$0	$719,421	$65,192	8.3%
Other Transit Services	$465,532	$0	$0	$255,200	$210,332	45.2%
Total	**$74,751,238**	**$14,668,434**	**$14,255,621**	**$26,562,068**	**$19,265,116**	**25.8**
Intercity Bus	**Total Expenditures**	**Federal Share**	**State General Fund**	**State MVST**	**Local Share**	**% Local Share**
Intercity Bus Total	**$4,162,220**	**$2,310,990**	**$0**	**$842,310**	**$1,008,920**	**24.2%**
Other GM Funded Services	**Total Expenditures**	**Federal Share**	**State General Fund**	**State MVST**	**Local Share**	**% Local Share**
Metropolitan Council Northstar Commuter Rail[1]	*$12,725,309*	*$0*	*$0*	*$820,602*	*NA*	*NA*
Metropolitan Council Transit Link[2]	*$1,743,548*	*$633,978*	*$0*	*$0*	*NA*	*NA*
Total	**18,631,077**	**$2,944,968**	**$0**	**$1,662,912**	**$1,008,920**	**24.2%**
Grand Total	**$93,382,316**	**$17,613,402**	**$14,255,621**	**$28,224,980**	**$20,274,036**	**21.7%**

Urbanized systems	Total Expenditures	Federal Share	State General Fund	State MVST	Local Share	% Local Share
Duluth Transit Authority	$13,293,653	$976,000	$2,820,160	$5,237,440	$4,260,053	32.0%
East Grand Forks Transit	$302,569	$74,000	$45,780	$85,020	$97,769	32.3%
La Crescent Apple Express	$294,538	$52,000	$44,800	$83,200	$114,538	38.9%
Mankato Transit System	$1,490,318	$436,000	$344,960	$411,294	$298,064	20.0%
Moorhead MAT	$1,941,411	$354,000	$443,940	$755,189	$388,282	20.0%
Rochester Public Transit	$6,347,657	$1,049,000	$1,047,130	$1,207,670	$3,043,857	48.0%
St. Cloud Metro Bus	$6,549,670	$1,191,000	$1,405,670	$2,610,530	$1,342,470	20.5%
Total	**$30,219,816**	**$4,132,000**	**$6,152,440**	**$10,390,343**	**$9,545,035**	**31.6%**

Elderly & Disabled Systems	Total Expenditures	Federal Share	State General Fund	State MVST	Local Share	% Local Share
Duluth Transit Authority-STRIDE	$808,071	$0	$234,728	$435,923	$137,421	17.0%
East Grand Forks Transit Dial-A-Ride	$50,655	$0	$16,065	$26,992	$7,598	15.0%
Mankato Dial-A-Ride	$356,423	$0	$55,038	$102,213	$199,173	55.9%

Elderly & Disabled Systems	Total Expenditures	Federal Share	State General Fund	State MVST	Local Share	% Local Share
Moorhead MAT Paratransit	$361,316	$0	$89,250	$165,750	$106,316	29.4%
Rochester Dial-A-Ride	$790,450	$0	$193,970	$360,230	$236,250	29.9%
St. Cloud Metro Bus Dial-A-Ride	$2,914,325	$0	$773,500	$1,436,500	$704,325	24.2%
Total	**$5,281,240**	**$0**	**$1,362,551**	**$2,527,608**	**$1,391,083**	**26.3%**

Small Urban Systems	Total Expenditures	Federal Share	State General Fund	State MVST	Local Share	% Local Share
Benson Heartland Express	$181,164	$55,200	$29,680	$55,120	$41,164	22.7%
Granite Falls Heartland Express	$140,300	$35,600	$20,300	$37,700	$46,700	33.3%
Hibbing	$300,054	$96,798	$54,880	$88,366	$60,011	20.0%
Le Sueur Heartland Express	$227,446	$73,299	$39,760	$68,898	$45,489	20.0%
Morris Transit	$405,254	$128,062	$69,720	$126,421	$81,051	20.0%
St. Peter Transit	$318,410	$92,179	$59,920	$102,629	$63,682	20.0%
Winona Transit Service	$665,555	$160,000	$117,040	$217,360	$171,155	25.7%
Total	**$2,238,183**	**$641,138**	**$391,300**	**$696,494**	**$509,252**	**22.8%**

Rural Systems	Total Expenditures	Federal Share	State General Fund	State MVST	Local Share	% Local Share
Arrowhead Transit	$6,211,274	$1,603,600	$1,112,475	$2,217,750	$1,277,449	20.6%
Becker County Transit	$437,473	$110,400	$63,700	$118,300	$145,073	33.2%
Brainerd and Crow Wing Public Transit[3]	$909,864	$334,800	$175,560	$263,025	$136,480	15.0%
Brown County Heartland Express	$708,976	$235,963	$126,630	$235,170	$111,213	15.7%
Chisago-Isanti County Heartland Express	$1,174,780	$371,200	$195,248	$339,228	$269,105	22.9%
FAR North Public Transit	$326,346	$103,145	$64,243	$110,007	$48,952	15.0%
Faribault County Prairie Express	$175,688	$60,128	$32,410	$56,796	$26,353	15.0%
Fond-du-Lac Band Transit	$125,919	$59,000	$0	$0	$66,919	53.1%
Fosston Transit	$75,208	$25,446	$15,330	$23,151	$11,281	15.0%
Hubbard County Heartland Express	$374,735	$109,200	$67,393	$141,933	$56,210	15.0%
Kandiyohi Area Transit	$1,295,175	$406,610	$266,998	$427,291	$194,276	15.0%
Lincoln County Heartland Express	$244,647	$63,200	$33,215	$61,685	$86,547	35.4%
Mahnomen County Heartland Express	$128,072	$43,307	$35,333	$30,221	$19,211	15.0%
Martin County Express	$657,519	$209,515	$134,855	$214,521	$98,628	15.0%

Rural Systems	Total Expenditures	Federal Share	State General Fund	State MVST	Local Share	% Local Share
Meeker County Public Transit	$807,422	$190,000	$132,528	$246,123	$238,772	29.6%
Murray County Heartland Express	$135,510	$35,600	$20,860	$38,740	$40,310	29.7%
Paul Bunyan Transit	$917,480	$276,597	$179,830	$323,432	$137,622	15.0%
Pipestone County Transit	$444,406	$120,400	$72,100	$133,900	$118,006	26.6%
Prairie Five Rides	$1,486,418	$424,968	$286,685	$532,415	$242,350	16.3%
Prairieland Transit	$326,787	$98,159	$68,303	$111,308	$49,018	15.0%
Rainbow Rider Transit	$2,025,686	$497,600	$331,590	$615,810	$580,686	28.7%
Red Lake Transit	$200,646	$83,500	$0	$0	$117,146	58.4%
Renville County Heartland Express	$577,698	$127,200	$89,355	$165,945	$195,198	33.8%
RiverRider Public Transit System[4]	$529,429	$0	$221,226	$0	$308,203	58.2%
Rock County Heartland Express	$313,656	$90,442	$58,485	$108,615	$56,114	17.9%
SEMCAC Transportation	$653,023	$219,648	$113,890	$211,510	$107,975	16.5%
Southern Minnesota Area Regional Transit[5]	$1,658,718	$526,275	$311,780	$579,020.00	$241,643	14.6%
Three Rivers Hiawathaland Transit	$2,012,764	$574,800	$362,583	$673,368	$402,014	20.0%
Timber Trails Public Transit	$777,624	$194,400	$145,565	$270,335	$167,324	21.5%
Trailblazer Transit	$2,528,551	$592,400	$357,910	$1,089,690	$488,551	19.3%
Transit Alternatives	$1,279,994	$435,144	$229,513	$423,339	$191,999	15.0%
Tri-CAP Transit Connection	$1,472,146	$386,800	$213,290	$651,110	$220,946	15.0%
Tri-Valley Heartland Express Bus	$1,809,974	$506,449	$360,805	$670,066	$272,655	15.1%
Wadena County Friendly Rider Transit	$444,661	$136,400	$72,748	$152,103	$83,411	18.8%
Watonwan Take Me There	$406,486	$72,000	$52,150	$96,850	$185,486	45.6%
Western Community Action	$1,791,276	$460,000	$344,750	$640,250	$346,276	19.3%
White Earth Reservation Tribal Council	$315,822	$111,000	$0	$0	$204,822	64.9%
Total	**$35,761,853**	**$9,895,296**	**$6,349,331**	**$11,973,003**	**$7,544,224**	**22.1**

Transit for Our Future: Transit System	Total Expenditures	Federal Share	State General Fund	State MVST	Local Share	% Local Share
Kandiyohi Area Transit Joint Powers Board	$150,000	$0	$0	$127,500	$22,500	15.0%
Timbertrails	$117,613	$0	$0	$99,971	$17,642	15.0%
Tri CAP	$125,000	$0	$0	$106,250	$18,750	15.0%
Tri Valley	$42,000	$0	$0	$35,700	$6,300	15.0%
Trailblazer	$350,000	$0	$0	$350,000	$0	0.0%
Total	**$784,613**	**$0**	**$0**	**$719,421**	**$65,192**	**8.3%**

Other Transit Service	Total Expenditures	Federal Share	State General Fund	State MVST	Local Share	% Local Share
St. Cloud Northstar Link	$465,532	$0	$0	$255,200	$210,332	45.2%
Total	**$465,532**	**$0**	**$0**	**$255,200**	**$210,332**	**45.2%**

[1] State MVST total is 8.05% of the deficit
[2] Rural portion of the service in seven county metro area. Balance recovered by Met Council.
[3] Brainerd/Crow Wing Transit merger with PineRiver Transit
[4] RiverRider Transit System (Wright county) merger with Trailblazer, RiverRider (Sherburne county) merger with TriCAP.
[5] Austin-Mower County and Steel County transit merger with Southern Minnesota Area Regional Transit (SMART)

Greater Minnesota Transit Systems – 2014 Capital Expenditures

Capital expenditures are categorized according to National Transit Database categories. Figures presented are unaudited.

Transit System	Total Expenditures	Federal Share	State Share	Local Share
Urbanized	$8,376,479	$0	$6,687,307	$1,689,172
Small Urban	$386,299	$0	$309,039	$77,260
Rural	$5,482,239	$715,000	$3,647,828	$1,119,412
Total	**$14,245,017**	**$715,000**	**$10,644,174**	**$2,885,844**

Urbanized Systems	Asset Category	Total Expenditures	Federal Share	State Share	Local Share
Duluth Transit Authority	Buses	$2,991,040	$0	$2,380,000	$611,040
East Grand Forks Transit	Buses	$126,833	$0	$101,467	$25,367
La Crescent Apple Express	Buses	$157,000	$0	$125,600	$31,400
Mankato Transit	Buses	$143,305	$0	$113,600	$29,705
Moorhead MAT	Buses	$581,348	$0	$465,078	$116,270
Rochester Public Transit	Farebox System	$1,181,000	$0	$944,800	$236,200
	Buses	$3,195,953	$0	$2,556,762	$639,191
Total Urban		**$8,376,479**	**$0**	**$6,687,307**	**$1,689,172**

* ITS - Information Technology Systems

Small Urban Systems	Asset Category	Total Expenditures	Federal Share	State Share	Local Share
City of Le Sueur	Buses	$66,232	$0	$52,986	$13,246
City of St. Peter	Buses	$135,128	$0	$108,102	$27,026
Winona Transit Service	Buses	$184,940	$0	$147,952	$36,988
Total Small urban		**$386,299**	**$0**	**$309,039**	**$77,260**

Rural Systems	Asset Category	Total Expenditures	Federal Share	State Share	Local Share
Arrowhead Transit	ITS	$32,563	$0	$26,051	$6,513
	Buses	$1,117,150	$715,000	$172,800	$229,350
Becker County Transit	ITS	$13,744	$0	$10,995	$2,749
	Buses	$69,126	$0	$55,301	$13,825
Brainerd and Crow Wing Public Transit	Buses	$148,704	$0	$118,963	$29,741
Brown County Heartland Express	Buses	$65,512	$0	$52,409	$13,102
Chisago-Isanti Heartland Express	Buses	$139,112	$0	$111,289	$27,822
FAR North	Buses	$70,683	$0	$56,000	$14,683
Hubbard County Transit	Buses	$68,953	$0	$55,163	$13,791
Kandiyohi Area Transit	Buses	$67,626	$0	$54,101	$13,525
Lincoln County Transit	Buses	$67,709	$0	$54,167	$13,542
Martin County Express	Buses	$59,002	$0	$47,202	$11,800
Meeker County Public Transit	Buses	$147,019	$0	$112,000	$35,019
Paul Bunyan Transit	Buses	$73,638	$0	$56,000	$17,638
Pipestone County Transit	Buses	$69,174	$0	$55,339	$13,835
Prairie Five Rides	Buses	$73,294	$0	$56,000	$17,294
Rainbow Rider	Buses	$206,875	$0	$165,500	$41,375
	ITS	$32,645	$0	$26,116	$6,529
Renville Co. Heartland Express	ITS	$12,646	$0	$10,117	$2,529
	Buses	$69,884	$0	$55,907	$13,977
Rock County Transit	Buses	$76,268	$0	$60,800	$15,468
SEMCAC	Buses	$350,500	$0	$280,000	$70,500
	ITS	$32,379	$0	$25,903	$6,476
SMART	Buses	$211,051	$0	$168,000	$43,051
	ITS	$57,521	$0	$46,017	$11,504
Three Rivers Hiawathaland Transit	Buses	$224,711	$0	$179,200	$45,511
	ITS	$36,986	$0	$29,589	$7,397
Timeber Trails	Buses	$72,966	$0	$56,000	$16,966
Trailblazer Transit	Buses	$980,952	$0	$784,762	$196,190
Transit Alternatives	Buses	$209,843	$0	$167,874	$41,969
Tri-CAP Transit Connection	Buses	$211,662	$0	$169,330	$42,332
Tri-Valley Heartland Express	Buses	$211,084	$0	$168,000	$43,084
Watonwan County	Buses	$61,166	$0	$48,933	$12,233
Western Community Action, Inc.	Buses	$140,092	$0	$112,000	$28,092
Total		**$5,482,239**	**$715,000**	**$3,647,828**	**$1,119,412**

Greater Minnesota Transit Systems – 2015 Operating Budget

Figures represent contracted amounts.

Transit Systems	Total Budget	5307/5311	State Share	State MVST	Local Share
Urbanized	$28,829,000	$4,132,000	$10,434,400	$8,512,400	$5,750,200
Elderly & Disabled	$5,785,000	$0	$2,458,625	$2,458,625	$867,750
Small Urban	$2,269,000	$857,500	$478,850	$478,850	$453,800
Rural	$40,726,000	$14,380,430	$6,627,880	$13,364,740	$6,352,950
Transit for Our Future	$633,000	$0	$0	$538,050	$94,950
Other Transit Services	$375,000	$0	$0	$300,000	$75,000
Total	**$78,617,000**	**$19,369,930**	**$19,999,755**	**$25,652,665**	**$13,594,650**
Intercity Bus					
Intercity Bus total	*$5,080,600*	*$3,289,190*	*$0*	*$1,241,320*	*$550,090*
Other GM Funded Service[1]					
Metropolitan Council Northstar Commuter Rail	*$17,610,000*	*$0*	*$0*	*$1,208,305*	*$16,401,695*
Metropolitan Council Transit Link	*$1,883,000*	*$846,000*	*$0*	*$0*	*$1,037,000.00*
Grand Total	**$103,190,600**	**$23,505,120**	**$19,999,755**	**$28,102,290**	**$31,583,435**

Urbanized Systems	Total Budget	Federal	State Share	State MVST	Local Share
Duluth Transit Authority	$11,983,000	$976,000	$4,305,200	$4,305,200	$2,396,600
East Grand Forks Transit	$328,000	$74,000	$94,200	$94,200	$65,600
La Crescent Apple Express	$303,000	$52,000	$95,200	$95,200	$60,600
Mankato Transit System	$2,065,000	$436,000	$608,000	$608,000	$413,000
Moorhead MAT	$2,058,000	$354,000	$646,200	$646,200	$411,600
Rochester Public Transit	$4,587,000	$1,049,000	$1,310,300	$1,310,300	$917,400
St. Cloud Metro Bus	$7,505,000	$1,191,000	$3,375,300	$1,453,300	$1,485,400
Total	**$28,829,000**	**$4,132,000**	**$10,434,400**	**$8,512,400**	**$5,750,200**

Elderly & Disabled Systems	Total Budget	Federal	State Share	State MVST	Local Share
Duluth Transit Authority STRIDE	$882,000	$0	$374,850	$374,850	$132,300
East Grand Forks Transit Dial-A-Ride	$62,000	$0	$26,350	$26,350	$9,300
Mankato Dial-A-Ride	$471,000	$0	$200,175	$200,175	$70,650
Moorhead MAT Paratransit	$289,000.00	$0	$122,825	$122,825	$43,350
Rochester Dial-A-Ride	$789,000	$0	$335,325	$335,325	$118,350
St. Cloud Metro Bus Dial-A-Ride	$3,292,000	$0	$1,399,100	$1,399,100	$493,800
Total	**$5,785,000**	**$0**	**$2,458,625**	**$2,458,625**	**$867,750**

Small Urban Systems	Total Budget	Federal	State Share	State MVST	Local Share
Benson Heartland Express	$182,000	$72,500	$36,550	$36,550	$36,400
Granite Falls Heartland Express	$121,000	$46,500	$25,150	$25,150	$24,200
Hibbing Area Transit	$329,000	$135,000	$64,100	$64,100	$65,800

Small Urban Systems	Total Budget	Federal	State Share	State MVST	Local Share
Le Sueur Heartland Express	$230,000	$95,000	$44,500	$44,500	$46,000
Morris Transit	$430,000	$172,500	$85,750	$85,750	$86,000
St. Peter Transit	$340,000	$131,000	$70,500	$70,500	$68,000
Winona Transit Services	$637,000	$205,000	$152,300	$152,300	$127,400
Total	**$2,269,000**	**$857,500**	**$478,850**	**$478,850**	**$453,800**

Rural Systems	Total Budget	Federal	State Share	State MVST	Local Share
Arrowhead Transit	$7,564,000	$2,451,500	$1,574,150	$2,403,750	$1,134,600
Becker County Transit	$370,000	$153,500	$80,500	$80,500	$55,500.00
Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council	$80,000	$38,750	$0	$0	$41,250.00
Brainerd and Crow Wing County Transit[2]	$937,000	$239,700	$278,375	$278,375	$140,550.00
Brown County Heartland Express	$689,000	$292,500	$146,575	$146,575	$103,350.00
Central Community Transit Joint Powers[3]	$2,175,000	$928,500	$460,125	$460,125	$326,250.00
Chisago-Isanti Heartland Express	$1,098,000	$461,000	$236,150	$236,150	$164,700.00
Faribault County Prairie Express	$180,000	$75,500	$38,750	$38,750	$27,000.00
Fond-du-Lac Band Transit	$130,000	$61,500	$0	$0	$68,500.00
Fosston Transit	$82,000	$34,500	$17,600	$17,600	$12,300.00
Hubbard County Heartland Express	$426,000	$123,200	$119,450	$119,450	$63,900.00
Lincoln County Heartland Express	$185,000	$82,500	$18,688	$56,063	$27,750.00
Martin County Express	$720,000	$293,000	$79,750	$239,250	$108,000.00
Meeker County Public Transit	$795,000	$307,000	$184,375	$184,375	$119,250.00
Murray County Heartland Express	$110,000	$43,000	$12,625	$37,875	$16,500.00
Paul Bunyan Transit[4]	$1,397,000	$560,000	$156,863	$470,588	$209,550.00
Pipestone County Transit	$394,000	$157,000	$44,475	$133,425	$59,100.00
Prairie Five Rides	$1,750,000	$703,000	$196,125	$588,375	$262,500.00
Prairieland Transit	$340,000	$85,680	$50,830	$152,490	$51,000.00
Rainbow Rider Transit	$2,307,000	$919,000	$260,488	$781,463	$346,050.00
Red Lake Transit	$158,000	$76,000	$0	$0	$82,000.00
Rock County Heartland Express	$300,000	$111,000	$36,000	$108,000	$45,000.00
SEMCAC Transportation[5]	$1,231,000	$545,500	$125,213	$375,638	$184,650.00
Southern Minnesota Area Rural Transit[6]	$2,042,000	$856,000	$439,850	$439,850	$306,300.00
Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council	$340,000	$85,680	$50,830	$152,490	$51,000.00
Three Rivers Hiawathaland Transit	$2,228,000	$926,500	$241,825	$725,475	$334,200.00
Timber Trails Public Transit	$812,000	$323,500	$183,350	$183,350	$121,800.00
Trailblazer Transit[7]	$3,549,000	$875,400	$535,313	$1,605,938	$532,350.00
Transit Alternatives	$1,420,000	$598,500	$152,125	$456,375	$213,000.00
Tri-CAP Transit Connection[8]	$1,829,000	$450,600	$276,013	$828,038	$274,350.00
Tri-Valley Heartland Express[9]	$2,424,000	$897,000	$290,850	$872,550	$363,600.00
VINE Faith in Action, Inc.[10]	$200,000	$0	$0	$170,000	$30,000.00
Wadena County Friendly Rider Transit	$425,000	$108,300	$63,238	$189,713	$63,750.00
Watonwan Take Me There	$268,000	$89,000	$34,700	$104,100	$40,200.00

Rural Systems	Total Budget	Federal	State Share	State MVST	Local Share
Western Community Action	$1,851,000	$399,300	$293,513	$880,538	$277,650.00
White Earth Reservation Tribal Council	$260,000	$113,500	$0	$0	$146,500.00
Total	**$40,726,000**	**$14,380,430**	**$6,627,880**	**$13,364,740**	**$6,352,950**

Transit for Our Future	Total Budget	Federal	State Share	State MVST	Local Share
Kandiyohi Area Transit Joint Powers Board	$100,000	$0	$0	$85,000	$15,000
Fairbault-Martin Joint Powers Board	$202,000	$0	$0	$171,700	$30,300
Southern Minnesota Regional Transit	$90,000	$0	$0	$76,500	$13,500
Wadena	$91,000	$0	$0	$77,350	$13,650
Western Community Action	$150,000	$0	$0	$127,500	$22,500
Total	**$633,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$538,050**	**$94,950**

Other Transit Services	Total Budget	Federal	State Share	State MVST	Local Share
St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission - Northstar Link	$375,000	$0	$0	$300,000	$75,000
Total	$375,000	$0	$0	$300,000	$75,000

[1] MnDOT provides a portion of the state share (8.05% of deficit) for North Star Commuter Rail and the federal share for Metro Transit Link
[2] PineRiver Transit merged with Brainerd/Crow Wing Transit 10/01/2013
[3] Kandiyohi County and Renville County merged into Central Community Transit Joint Power Board (01/01/2015)
[4] FarNorth Transit merged with Paul Bunyan Transit
[5] Stewartville merged with SEMCAC (01/01/2014)
[6] Southern Minnesota Area Regional Transit (SMART) merger of Austin-Mower Transit and Steele County (01/01/2014)
[7] RiverRider (Wright County) merged with Trailblazer
[8] RiverRider (Sherburne County) merged with TriCAP
[9] Mahnomen County merged into TriValley Transit (08/04/2014)
[10] VINE Faith In Action opted to be a direct FTA Recipient

Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Transit Systems – 2014 Operating Expenditures

Metropolitan Area Transit Systems	Total	Federal Share	State Share	Local Share
Metropolitan Council transit systems	$436,145,021	$8,809,401	$262,597,935	$164,737,685
Suburban transit providers	$39,686,251	$0	$27,476,666	$12,208,585
Other transit providers	$6,179,012	$0	$8,914	$6,170,098
Total	**$482,010,284**	**$8,809,401**	**$290,083,515**	**$183,116,368**

Metropolitan Council Transit Systems	Total	Federal Share	State Share	Local Share
Metro Transit – Regular Route Bus	$290,002,492	$2,774,636	$177,571,520	$109,656,336
Metro Transit – Light Rail Transit	$49,042,981	$1,200,000	$18,245,988	$29,596,993
Metro Transit – Commuter Rail*	$15,294,213	$0	$7,106,557	$8,187,656
Metro Mobility	$55,097,903	$0	$45,312,872	$9,785,031
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services – Regular Route Bus	$17,912,802	$3,880,816	$9,317,916	$4,714,070
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services – Transit Link	$7,378,243	$953,949	$4,537,859	$1,886,435
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services – Metro Vanpool	$1,416,387	$0	$505,223	$911,164
Total	**$436,145,021**	**$8,809,401**	**$262,597,935**	**$164,737,685**

*Greater Minnesota Transit funding through MnDOT provides a portion of the state share for Northstar Commuter Rail. State funds dedicated to Greater Minnesota Transit comprise 8.05% of Northstar's operating subsidy.

Suburban Transit Providers	Total	Federal Share	State Share	Local Share
Laker Lines	$948,064	$0	$723,115	$224,949
Maple Grove Transit	$4,482,356	$0	$2,960,752	$1,521,604
Minnesota Valley Transit Authority	$19,549,205	$0	$12,946,954	$6,602,251
Plymouth Metrolink	$3,603,115	$0	$2,666,904	$936,211
Shakopee Transit	$1,268,625	$0	$1,002,615	$265,010
Southwest Transit	$9,834,886	$0	$7,176,326	$2,658,560
Total	**$39,686,251**	**$0**	**$27,476,666**	**$12,208,585**

Other Transit Providers	Total	Federal Share	State Share	Local Share
University of Minnesota Transit	$6,179,012	$0	$8,914	$6,170,098
Total	**$6,179,012**	**$0**	**$8,914**	**$6,170,098**

Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Transit Systems – 2014 Capital Expenditures

Capital expenditures are categorized according to National Transit Database categories.

Transit System	Asset Category	Total Expenditures	Federal Share	State Share	Local Share
Metro Transit – Regular Route Bus	Guideway	$1,847,905	$1,401,081	$153,746	$293,078
	Passenger stations & facilities	$13,172,959	$9,987,738	$1,095,990	$2,089,231
	Support facilities & garages	$8,497,916	$6,443,120	$707,027	$1,347,770
	Vehicles	$39,450,263	$29,911,189	$3,282,262	$6,256,812
	Technology, maintenance & improvements	$6,626,903	$5,024,518	$551,358	$1,051,027
	Other	$1,075,401	$815,369	$89,473	$170,559
	TOTAL	**$70,671,347**	**$53,583,016**	**$5,879,856**	**$11,208,476**
Metro Transit – Light Rail	Guideway	$104,559,255	$79,276,827	$8,699,330	$16,583,098
	Passenger stations & facilities	$1,633,169	$1,238,269	$135,880	$259,021
	Support facilities & garages	$1,159,104	$878,833	$96,437	$183,834
	Vehicles	$47,686,936	$36,156,235	$3,967,553	$7,563,148
	Technology, maintenance & improvements	$1,918,690	$1,454,751	$159,635	$304,304
	Other	$1,674,503	$1,269,608	$139,319	$265,576
	TOTAL	**$158,631,657**	**$120,274,523**	**$13,198,154**	**$25,158,981**
Metro Transit – Commuter Rail	Guideway	$7,206,489	$5,463,960	$599,580	$1,142,949
	Passenger stations & facilities	$176,469	133799	14682	$27,988
	Support facilities & garages	$51,214	$38,831	$4,261	$8,123
	TOTAL	**$7,434,172**	**$5,636,590**	**$618,523**	**$1,179,060**
Met Council Contracted Services – Regular Route Bus	Vehicles	$8,511,890	$6,201,485	$0	$2,310,405
	TOTAL	**$8,511,890**	**$6,201,485**	**$0**	**$2,310,405**
Met Council Contracted Services – Transit Link	Vehicles	$1,882,696	$85,568	$0	$1,797,128
	TOTAL	**$1,882,696**	**$85,568**	**$0**	**$1,797,128**
Metro Mobility	Vehicles	$6,034,953	$2,978,663	$0	$3,056,290
	Technology, maintenance & improvements	$2,206,879	$0	$0	$2,206,879
	TOTAL	**$8,241,832**	**$2,978,663**	**$0**	**$5,263,169**

Transit System	Asset Category	Total Expenditures	Federal Share	State Share	Local Share
	Passenger stations & facilities	$156,054	$0	$142,208	$13,846
	Support facilities & garages	$70,339	$0	$0	$70,339
	Vehicles	$2,051,242	$1,225,759	$0	$825,483
	Technology, maintenance & improvements	$542,612	$38,973	$0	$503,639
	TOTAL	$2,820,247	$1,264,732	$142,208	$1,413,307
Other Providers	Passenger stations & Facilities	$475,000	$2,250,000	$0	$0
	TOTAL	$475,000	$2,250,000	$0	$0
Grand Total		**$258,668,843**	**$192,274,576**	**$19,838,741**	**$48,330,525**

Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Transit Systems – 2015 Operating Budget

	Total Budget	Federal Share	State Share	Local Share
Metropolitan Council transit systems	$476,215,089	$13,947,700	$290,329,419	$171,937,970
Suburban transit providers	$46,783,000	$0	$31,833,000	$14,950,000
Other transit providers	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total	**$522,998,089**	**$13,947,700**	**$322,162,419**	**$186,887,970**

Metropolitan Council Transit Systems	Total Budget	Federal Share	State Share	Local Share
Metro Transit – Regular Route Bus	$302,389,883	$12,179,700	$190,524,000	$99,686,183
Metro Transit – Light Rail Transit	$67,413,728	$0	$23,355,000	$44,058,728
Metro Transit – Commuter Rail*	$17,609,478	$0	$4,483,419	$13,126,059
Metro Mobility	$62,232,000	$0	$52,119,000	$10,113,000
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services – Regular Route Bus	$18,329,000	$1,663,000	$13,398,000	$3,268,000
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services – Transit Link	$6,652,000	$0	$5,670,000	$982,000
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services – Metro Vanpool	$1,589,000	$105,000	$780,000	$704,000
Total	**$476,215,089**	**$13,947,700**	**$290,329,419**	**$171,937,970**

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Suburban Transit Providers	Total Budget	Federal Share	State Share	Local Share
Maple Grove Transit	$4,929,000	$0	$2,604,000	$2,325,000
Minnesota Valley Transit Authority	$26,510,000	$0	$17,372,000	$9,138,000
Plymouth Metrolink	$4,219,000	$0	$3,859,000	$360,000
Southwest Transit	$11,125,000	$0	$7,998,000	$3,127,000
Total	**$46,783,000**	**$0**	**$31,833,000**	**$14,950,000**

Other Transit Providers	Total Budget	Federal Share	State Share	Local Share
University of Minnesota Transit	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

2014 Recipients: Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom Programs

Job Access Reverse Commute Recipients

	System and Project	Contact	Federal Award*
Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Recipients	Anoka County: Job Training Program (Anoka Access)	Nicole Swanson, 763.783.4866 nicole.swanson@co.anoka.mn.us	$246,435
	Dakota County: MFIP Transportation Services	Mark Jacobs, 651.544.5622 mark.jacobs@co.dakota.mn.us	$166,900
	Emerge Community: Job Transportation Program	Mike Wynne, 612.529.8267 wynnem@emerge-mn.org	$603,800
	PRISM: Ways to Work	Michelle Ness, 763.529.1350 mness@prismmpls.org	$435,307
	Metro Transit: Route 14	John Harper, 651.602.1744 john.harper@metc.state.mn.us	$$977,255
	MTS: Route 810	John Harper, 651.602.1744 john.harper@metc.state.mn.us	$44,283
Greater Minnesota Recipients	Arrowhead Transit: Rural Rides	Jack Larson, 218.741.0724 jlarson@aeoa.org	$384,000
	Kandiyohi Area Transit: Vehicle	Tiffany Collins, 320.214.7433 tcollins@katbus.org	$56,000
	Trailblazer Transit: Rural Work Routes	Gary Ludwig, 507.237.3500 gludwig@trailblazertransit.com	$56,000
	Vine Faith in Action: People to Jobs	Pam Determan, 507.387.1666 pamdeterman@vinevolunteers.com	$54,026

*Award may be spent over multiple fiscal years.

New Freedom Recipients

	System and Project	Contact	Federal Award*
Greater Minnesota Recipients	Community Transit of Western Community Action: Mobility Management	Cathleen Amick, 507.537.7628 cathleen.amick@wcainc.org	$48,000
	Vine Faith in Action: Mobility Management/Ride Coordination	Pam Determan, 507.387.1666 pamdeterman@vinevolunteers.com	$155,600
	St. Cloud Metro Bus: Travel Training	Ryan Daniel, 320.529.4482 rdaniel@stcloudmtc.com	$152,000
	City of Moorhead: Mobility Management Project	Lori Van Beek, 701.476.6686 lvanbeek@matbus.com	$24,000
	Tri-CAP Transit Connection: Mobility Management/ Ride Coordination	Travis Gergen, 320.257.4445 Travis.gergen@tricap.org	$95,000

	System and Project	Contact	Federal Award*
Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Recipients	Scott and Carver Counties- SmartLink Transit	Alan Hermann, 951.946.8277 ahermann@co.scott.mn.us	$685,081
	City of Saint Paul- Pedestrian Signal Installation	Brian Vitek, 651.266.6214 Brian.vitek@ci.stpaul.mn.us	$438,886
	DARTS- Mobility Management Research and Planning Project	Ann Bailey, 651.455.1560 ann.bailey@darts1.org	$352,000
	MVTA- Enhance Amenities at Eagan Transit for Persons with Disabilities	Lois Spear, 952.882.7503 lspear@mvta.com	$82,299
	iTNTwincities- Provide Dial-A-Ride Services	Patricia Halko, 612.419.0114 thalko@prismmpls.org	$102,203
	Metropolitan Council- Administration	Heather Johnson, 651.602.1764 Heather.Johnson@metc.state.mn.us	$120,000

*Award may be spent over multiple fiscal years.

Intercity Bus – 2014 Expenditures

Intercity Bus - Total	Total Costs	Federal Share	State Share	Local/Private Funds
Jefferson Bus Lines	$3,205,000	$2,031,980	$682,500	$490,520
Land to Air Express	$406,800	$245,220	$133,700	$27,880
Rainbow Rider Transit	$550,420	$33,790	$26,110	$490,520
Total	**$4,162,220**	**$2,310,990**	**$842,310**	**$1,008,920**

*Figures presented are unaudited.

Intercity Bus – Expenditures by Provider and Category

Transit System	Asset Category	Total Costs	Federal Share	State Share	Local/Private Funds
Jefferson Bus Lines	Marketing	$587,300	$469,840	$0	$117,460
	Capital	$844,300	$675,440	$0	$168,860
	Operating*	$1,431,600	$1,145,280	$682,500	$286,320
	Total	**$3,205,000**	**$2,031,980**	**$682,500**	**$490,520**
Land to Air Express	Marketing	$139,400	$111,520	$0	$27,880
	Capital	$0	$0	$0	$0
	Operating*	$267,400	$133,700	$133,700	$0
	Total	**$406,800**	**$245,220**	**$133,700**	**$27,880**
Rainbow Rider Transit	Marketing	$12,800	$10,240	$2,560	$0
	Capital	$0	$0	$0	$0
	Operating	$537,620	$23,550	$23,550	$490,520
	Total	**$550,420**	**$33,790**	**$26,110**	**$490,520**

* Includes farebox revenue and operators' private funds or local funds.

Intercity Bus – 2015 Budget

Intercity Bus – Total

	Total Costs	Federal Share	State Share	Local/Private Funds
Jefferson Bus Lines	$6,125,600	$2,908,240	$953,650	$515,810
Land to Air Express	$627,200	$317,620	$180,500	$34,280
Paul Bunyan Transit	$15,900	$0	$15,900	$0
Tri-Valley Opportunity Council	$164,900	$63,330	$91,270	$0
Total	**$6,933,600**	**$3,289,190**	**$1,241,320**	**$550,090**

*Includes farebox revenue and operators' private funds or local funds.

Intercity Bus – Budget by Provider and Category

		Total Costs	Federal Share	State Funds	Local/Private Funds
Jefferson Bus Lines	Marketing	$992,100	$793,680	$0	$198,420
	Capital	$1,009,700	$807,760	$0	$201,940
	Operating*	$4,123,800	$1,306,800	$953,650	$115,450
	Total	**$6,125,600**	**$2,908,240**	**$953,650**	**$515,810**
Land to Aire Express	Marketing	$171,400	$137,120	$0	$34,280
	Capital	$0	$0	$0	$0
	Operating*	$455,800	$180,500	$180,500	$0
	Total	**$627,200**	**$317,620**	**$180,500**	**$34,280**
Paul Bunyan Transit	Marketing	$0	$0	$0	$0
	Capital	$15,900	$0	$15,900	$0
	Operating*	$0	$0	$0	$0
	Total	**$15,900**	**$0**	**$15,900**	**$0**
Tri-Valley Copp. Council	Marketing	$11,600	$9,280	$2,320	$0
	Capital	$34,900	$0	$34,900	$0
	Operating*	$118,400	$54,050	$54,050	$0
	Total	**$164,900**	**$63,330**	**$91,270**	**$0**

Operating Statistics

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2014 Ridership and Revenue Hours Summary – Minnesota Public Transit Systems

	Total Riders	Total Revenue Hours
Greater Minnesota		
Elderly and Disabled	233,800	91,994
Rural	3,066,680	658,731
Small Urban	535,794	56,527
Urbanized	8,171,122	346,724
Other Service Providers	60,086	5,385
Total Greater Minnesota	**12,067,482**	**1,159,361**
Twin Cities Metropolitan Area	**97,602,885**	**4,027,307**
Metro Transit – Regular Route Bus	66,760,055	2,024,993
Metro Transit - Light Rail Transit	15,999,993	329,077
Metro Transit - Commuter Rail	721,214	16,077
Metro Mobility	1,975,625	964,065
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services – Regular Route Bus	3,292,923	225,528
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services – Transit Link	336,039	124,399
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services – Metro Vanpool	176,527	38,062
Suburban Transit Providers	5,133,927	256,944
Other Transit Services	3,206,582	48,162

Greater Minnesota Transit Ridership

	Ridership 2013	Ridership 2014	% Change	% of Total Ridership
Elderly and Disabled (ADA Complementary Paratransit)				
Duluth Transit Authority STRIDE	25,790	28,027	8.7%	0.2%
East Grand Forks Transit Dial-A-Ride	4,195	4,047	-3.5%	0.0%
Mankato-Greater Mankato Transit System	NA	10,004	NA	0.1%
Moorhead Metropolitan Area Transit Paratransit	18,813	18,339	-2.5%	0.2%
Rochester Dial-A-Ride	39,288	41,987	6.9%	0.4%
St. Cloud Metro Bus Dial-A-Ride	122,703	131,396	7.1%	1.1%
Total – Elderly and Disabled	**210,789**	**233,800**	**-73.6%**	**2.0%**
Rural				
Arrowhead Transit	511,350	567,525	11.0%	4.8%
Austin-Mower County Area Transit[1]	83,726	NA	NA	NA
Becker County Transit	37,175	38,936	4.7%	0.3%
Brainerd & Crow Wing County Transit	76,242	80,867[2]	6.1%	0.7%
Brown County Heartland Express	52,764	53,888	2.1%	0.5%
Chisago-Isanti County Heartland Express	61,615	65,646	6.5%	0.6%
FAR North Public Transit[3]	30,455	32,796	7.7%	0.3%
Faribault County Prairie Express	9,575	8,155	-14.8%	0.1%
Fond du Lac Band Transit	7,293	10,599	45.3%	0.1%
Fosston Transit	17,379	16,620	-4.4%	0.1%
Hubbard County Heartland Express	31,664	31,972	1.0%	0.3%
Kandiyohi Area Transit	103,267	115,260	11.6%	1.0%
Lincoln County Heartland Express	10,120	9,446	-6.7%	0.1%
Mahnomen County Heartland Express[4]	15,301	8,597	-43.8%	0.1%
Martin County Transit	56,476	55,043	-2.5%	0.5%
Meeker County Public Transit	70,536	65,638	-6.9%	0.6%
Murray County Heartland Express	9,958	10,718	7.6%	0.1%
Paul Bunyan Transit[3]	99,151	102,469	3.3%	0.9%
Pine River Ride With Us Bus[2]	4,465	NA	NA	NA
Pipestone County Transit System	28,386	28,280	-0.4%	0.2%
Prairie Five RIDES	138,345	137,574	-0.6%	1.2%
Prairieland Transit System	32,443	31,916	-1.6%	0.3%
Rainbow Rider Transit	168,904	173,165	2.5%	1.5%
Red Lake Transit	10,509	9,048	13.9%	0.1%
Renville County Heartland Express[5]	43,070	36,912	-14.3%	0.3%

	Ridership 2013	Ridership 2014	% Change	% of Total Ridership
RiverRider Public Transit[6]	104,927	NA	NA	NA
Rock County Heartland Express	22,758	22,815	0.3%	0.2%
SEMCAC Transportation[7]	49,000	53,700	9.6%	0.5%
Southern Minnesota Area Regional Transit (new service 2014)[1]	NA	161,255[1]	NA	1.4%
Steele County Area Transit[1]	42,471	NA	NA	NA
Three Rivers Hiawathaland Transit	244,730	269,707	10.2%	2.3%
Timber Trails Public Transit	41,292	44,327	7.4%	0.4%
Trailblazer Transit	136,423	183,632[6]	34.6%	1.5%
Transit Alternatives	134,544	142,860	6.2%	1.2%
Tri-CAP Transit Connection	78,079	103,240[6]	32.2%	0.9%
Tri-Valley Heartland Express Bus	99,221	150,209[4]	51.4%	1.3%
Wadena County Friendly Rider	47,977	45,601	-5.0%	0.4%
Watonwan Take Me There	29,089	30,405	4.5%	0.3%
Western Community Action	146,288	153,438	4.9%	1.3%
White Earth Reservation Tribal Council[8]	1,362	14,421	NA	0.1%
Total Rural	**2,888,330**	**3,066,680**	**6.9%**	**24.6%**
Small Urban				
Albert Lea Transit[1]	46,322	NA	NA	NA
Benson Heartland Express	47,496	46,479	-2.1%	0.4%
Granite Falls Heartland Express	20,430	22,142	8.4%	0.2%
Hibbing Area Transit	51,871	56,588	9.1%	0.5%
LeSueur Heartland Express	25,685	27,963	8.9%	0.2%
Morris Transit	59,327	60,279	1.6%	0.5%
St. Peter Transit	72,377	59,970	-17.1%	0.5%
Stewartville Heartland Express[7]	12,298	NA	NA	NA
Winona Transit Service	265,641	262,373	-1.2%	2.2%
Total Small Urban	**601,447**	**535,794**	**-10.9%**	**4.5%**
Urbanized (Regular Route)				
Duluth Transit Authority	3,088,802	3,107,305	0.6%	26.0%
East Grand Forks Transit	36,447	37,126	1.9%	0.3%
La Crescent Apple Express	22,252	20,763	-6.7%	0.2%
Mankato-Greater Mankato Transit System	*673,980*	734,851	9.0%	6.2%
Moorhead Metropolitan Area Transit	452,618	481,177	6.3%	4.0%
Rochester Public Transit	1,713,801	1,667,927	-2.7%	14.0%
St. Cloud Metro Bus	2,174,758	2,121,973	-2.4%	17.8%
Total Urban	**8,162,658**	**8,171,122**	**0.1%**	**68.5%**

	Ridership 2013	Ridership 2014	% Change	% of Total Ridership
Other Transit Services				
Northstar Link	55,213	60,086	8.8%	0.5%
Total All Groups	**11,917,075**	**12,067,482**	**1.3%**	**100.0%**

[1]Albert Lea Transit, Austin-Mower Transit and Steele County merger into Southern Minnesota Area Regional Transit (SMART). Service began in 2014

[2]Pine River Ride with Us merger with Brainerd & Crow Wing Transit 2013
[3]FAR North merger with Paul Bunyan 1/1/2015

[4]Mahnomen County Heartland Express merger with TriValley Heartland Express 8/4/2014

[5]Renville County Heartland Express merger with Kandiyohi Transit 1/1/2015

[6]River Rider (Wright County) merger with Trailblazer, (Sherburne County) merger with TriCAP

[7]Stewartville merger with SEMCAC 1/1/2014
[8] White Earth Reservation Tribal Council began service 11/18/2013

Greater Minnesota Transit Revenue Hours

	Hours 2013	Hours 2014	% Change	% of Total Hours
Elderly and Disabled (ADA Complementary Paratransit)				
Duluth Transit Authority STRIDE	17,974	19,165	6.6%	2.3%
East Grand Forks Transit Dial-A-Ride	4,792	4,776	-0.3%	0.6%
Mankato-Greater Mankato Transit	NA	4,444	NA	NA
Moorhead Metropolitan Area Transit Paratransit	9,446	9,176	-2.9%	1.1%
Rochester Dial-A-Ride	14,551	12,243	-15.9%	1.4%
St. Cloud Metro Bus Dial-A-Ride	42,671	42,190	-1.1%	5.0%
Total – Elderly and Disabled	**89,434**	**91,994**	**2.9%**	**10.9%**
Rural				
Arrowhead Transit	84,734	99,096	16.9%	11.7%
Austin-Mower County Area Transit[1]	17,886	NA	NA	NA
Becker County Transit	7,015	7,544	7.5%	0.9%
Brainerd & Crow Wing Public Transit	17,255	19,451	12.7%	2.3%
Brown County Heartland Express	10,996	11,618	5.7%	1.4%
Chisago-Isanti County Heartland Express	21,317	20,325	-4.7%	2.4%
FAR North Public Transit	7,208	7,540	4.6%	0.9%
Faribault County Prairie Express	4,097	3,948	-3.6%	0.5%
Fond du Lac Band Transit	2,385	2,841	19.1%	0.3%
Fosston Transit	2,316	2,270	-2.0%	0.3%
Hubbard County Heartland Express	5,424	6,433	18.6%	0.8%
Kandiyohi Area Transit	23,358	19,385	-17.0%	2.3%
Lincoln County Heartland Express	3,774	3,906	3.5%	0.5%
Mahnomen County Heartland Express	3,851	2,186	-43.2%	0.3%
Martin County Express	15,829	16,952	7.1%	2.0%
Meeker County Public Transit	13,967	14,362	2.8%	1.7%
Murray County Heartland Express	2,014	1,948	-3.3%	0.2%
Paul Bunyan Transit	17,986	18,672	3.8%	2.2%
Pine River Ride With Us Bus[2]	847	NA	NA	NA
Pipestone County Transit	7,899	8,071	2.2%	1.0%
Prairie Five Rides	25,316	24,491	-3.3%	2.9%
Prairieland Transit	11,352	11,160	-1.7%	1.3%
Rainbow Rider Transit	56,122	47,584	-15.2%	5.6%
Red Lake Transit	2,700	2,772	2.7%	0.3%
Renville County Heartland Express	8,314	9,007	8.3%	1.1%
RiverRider Public Transit System[3]	21,944	NA	NA	NA
Rock County Heartland Express	5,316	6,098	14.7%	0.7%
SEMCAC Transportation	10,324	13,947	35.1%	1.6%

	Hours 2013	Hours 2014	% Change	% of Total Hours
Southern Minnesota Area Regional Transit (New 2014)	NA	36,815	NA	4.3%
Steele County Area Transit[1]	9,747	NA	NA	NA
Three Rivers Hiawathaland Transit	38,645	43,386	12.3%	5.1%
Timber Trails Public Transit	10,278	11,822	15.0%	1.4%
Trailblazer Transit	22,966	31,961	39.2%	3.8%
Transit Alternatives	28,085	29,080	3.5%	3.4%
Tri-CAP Transit Connection	18,248	37,302	104.4%	4.4%
Tri-Valley Heartland Express Bus	22,900	28,728	25.4%	3.4%
Wadena County Friendly Rider Transit	8,818	10,669	21.0%	1.3%
Watonwan Take Me There	10,558	9,651	-8.6%	1.1%
Western Community Action	28,862	33,065	14.6%	3.9%
White Earth Reservation Tribal Council	390	4,645	1091.1%	0.5%
Total – Rural	**611,043**	**658,731**	**7.8%**	**77.7%**
Small Urban				
Albert Lea Transit[1]	7,656	NA	NA	NA
Benson Heartland Express	4,915	4,852	-1.3%	0.6%
Granite Falls Heartland Express	3,202	3,183	-0.6%	0.4%
Hibbing Area Transit	8,771	9,083	3.6%	1.1%
Le Sueur Heartland Express	3,844	3,896	1.3%	0.5%
Morris Transit	11,010	11,362	3.2%	1.3%
St. Peter Transit	6,934	6,997	0.9%	0.8%
Stewartville Heartland Express[4]	2,369	NA	NA	NA
Winona Transit Service	15,607	17,156	9.9%	2.0%
Total – Small Urban	**64,308**	**56,529**	**-12.1%**	**6.7%**
Urbanized (Regular Route)				
Duluth Transit Authority	138,575	139,187	0.4%	16.4%
East Grand Forks Transit	3,325	3,303	-0.7%	0.4%
La Crescent Apple Express	3,423	3,310	-3.3%	0.4%
Mankato - Greater Mankato Transit System	21,629	18,861	-12.8%	2.2%
Moorhead Metropolitan Area Transit	24,256	27,643	14.0%	3.3%
Rochester Public Transit	64,302	67,991	5.7%	8.0%
St. Cloud Metro Bus	88,167	86,429	-2.0%	10.2%
Total – Urbanized Regular Route	**343,677**	**346,724**	**0.9%**	**40.9%**
Other Transit Service				
Northstar Link	5,514	5,385	-2.3%	0.6%
Total All Groups	**1,113,976**	**1,166,460**	**4.7%**	**100.0%**

2014 Greater Minnesota Transit Indicators

	Cost/ride	Cost/hour	Passengers/hour
Elderly and Disabled (ADA Complementary Paratransit)			
Duluth Transit Authority STRIDE	$28.8	$42	1.5
East Grand Forks Transit Dial-A-Ride	$12.5	$11	0.8
Mankato-Greater Mankato Transit	$35.6	$80	2.3
Moorhead Metropolitan Area Transit Paratransit	$19.7	$39	2.0
Rochester Dial-A-Ride	$18.8	$65	3.4
St. Cloud Metro Bus Dial-A-Ride	$22.2	$69	3.1
Average – Elderly and Disabled	**$22.9**	**$51**	**$2**
Rural			
Arrowhead Transit	$10.9	$62.68	5.7
Becker County Transit	$11.2	$57.99	5.2
Brainerd & Crow Wing County Transit	$11.3	$46.78	4.2
Brown County Heartland Express	$13.2	$61.02	4.6
Chisago-Isanti County Heartland Express	$17.9	$57.80	3.2
FAR North Public Transit	$10.0	$43.28	4.3
Faribault County Prairie Express	$21.5	$44.50	2.1
Fond du Lac Band Transit	$11.9	$44.32	3.7
Fosston Transit	$4.5	$33.14	7.3
Hubbard County Heartland Express	$11.7	$58.25	5.0
Kandiyohi Area Transit	$11.2	$66.81	5.9
Lincoln County Heartland Express	$25.9	$62.64	2.4
Mahnomen County Heartland Express	$14.9	$58.60	3.9
Martin County Transit	$11.9	$38.79	3.2
Meeker County Public Transit	$12.3	$56.22	4.6
Murray County Heartland Express	$12.6	$69.55	5.5
Paul Bunyan Transit	$9.0	$49.14	5.5
Pipestone County Transit System	$15.7	$55.06	3.5
Prairie Five RIDES	$10.8	$60.69	5.6
Prairieland Transit System	$10.2	$29.28	2.9
Rainbow Rider Transit	$11.7	$42.57	3.6
Red Lake Transit	$22.2	$20.33	0.9
Renville County Heartland Express	$15.7	$64.14	4.1
Rock County Heartland Express	$13.7	$51.44	3.7
SEMCAC Transportation	$12.2	$46.82	3.9
Southern Minnesota Area Regional Transit	$10.3	$45.06	4.4
Three Rivers Hiawathaland Transit	$7.5	$46.39	6.2

	Cost/ride	Cost/hour	Passengers/hour
Timber Trails Public Transit	$17.5	$65.78	3.7
Trailblazer Transit	$13.8	$79.11	5.7
Transit Alternatives	$9.0	$44.02	4.9
Tri-CAP Transit Connection	$14.3	$39.47	2.8
Tri-Valley Heartland Express Bus	$12.0	$63.00	5.2
Wadena County Friendly Rider	$9.8	$41.68	4.3
Watonwan Take Me There (TMT)	$13.4	$42.12	3.2
Western Community Action	$11.7	$54.17	4.6
White Earth Reservation Tribal Council	$21.9	$67.99	3.1
Average Rural	**$13.2**	**$51.9**	**$4.2**
Small Urban			
Benson Heartland Express	$3.9	$37.34	9.6
Granite Falls Heartland Express	$6.3	$44.08	7.0
Hibbing Area Transit	$5.3	$33.03	6.2
Le Sueur Heartland Express	$8.1	$58.39	7.2
Morris Transit	$6.7	$35.67	5.3
St. Peter Transit	$5.3	$45.51	8.6
Winona Transit Service	$2.5	$38.80	15.3
Average – Small Urban	**$4.2**	**$42**	**$8**
Urbanized (Regular Route)			
Duluth Transit Authority - Regular Route	$4.3	$95.51	22.3
East Grand Forks Transit - Regular Route	$8.1	$91.60	11.2
La Crescent Apple Express	$14.2	$88.98	6.3
Mankato Heartland Express	$2.0	$79.02	39.0
Moorhead Metropolitan Area Transit – Fixed Route	$4.0	$70.23	17.4
Rochester Public Transit – Regular Route	$3.8	$93.36	24.5
St. Cloud Metro Bus Fixed Route	$3.1	$75.78	24.6
Average – Urbanized Regular Route	**$3.7**	**$85**	**$21**
Other Transit Services			
Northstar Link	$1.5	$16.33	11.2
Average - Other Transit Services	**$1.5**	**$16.33**	**11.2**

Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Ridership

	Ridership 2013	Ridership 2014	% Change*	% of Total Ridership
Metropolitan Council Transit Systems				
Metro Transit – Regular Route Bus	70,168,986	66,760,055	-4.9%	68.4%
Metro Transit – Light Rail Transit	10,162,919	15,999,993	57.4%	16.4%
Metro Transit – Commuter Rail	787,241	721,214	-8.4%	0.7%
Metro Mobility	1,818,964	1,975,625	8.6%	2.0%
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services – Regular Route Bus	3,557,104	3,292,923	-7.4%	3.4%
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services – Transit Link	341,018	336,039	-1.5%	0.3%
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services – Metro Vanpool	186,433	176,527	-5.3%	0.2%
Total	**87,022,665**	**89,262,376**	**2.6%**	**91.5%**
Suburban Transit Providers				
Laker Lines	97,553	96,456	-1.1%	0.1%
Maple Grove Transit	834,521	830,980	-0.4%	0.9%
Minnesota Valley Transit Authority	2,556,113	2,468,665	-3.4%	2.5%
Plymouth Metrolink	503,870	509,396	1.1%	0.5%
Shakopee Transit	123,565	120,580	-2.4%	0.1%
Southwest Transit	1,032,889	1,107,850	7.3%	1.1%
Total	**5,148,511**	**5,133,927**	**-0.3%**	**5.3%**
Other Transit Providers				
University of Minnesota Transit	2,916,535	3,206,582	9.9%	3.3%
Total	**2,915,535**	**3,206,582**	**9.9%**	**3.3%**
Total All Groups	**95,087,712**	**97,602,885**	**2.6%**	**100%**

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Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Revenue Hours

	Hours 2013	Hours 2014	% Change*	% of Total Hours
Metropolitan Council Transit Systems				
Metro Transit – Regular Route Bus	1,984,300	2,024,993	2.1%	50.3%
Metro Transit – Light Rail Transit	163,889	329,077	100.8%	8.2%
Metro Transit – Commuter Rail	15,064	16,077	6.7%	0.4%
Metro Mobility	879,234	964,065	9.6%	23.9%
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services – Regular Route Bus	203,164	225,528	11.0%	5.6%
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services – Transit Link	129,804	124,399	-4.2%	3.1%
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services – Metro Vanpool	38,202	38,062	-0.4%	0.9%
Total	**3,413,657**	**3,722,201**	**9.0%**	**92.4%**
Suburban Transit Providers				
Laker Lines	5,062	5,196	2.6%	0.1%
Maple Grove Transit	36,080	29,803	-17.4%	0.7%
Minnesota Valley Transit Authority	124,982	127,976	2.4%	3.2%
Plymouth Metrolink	35,089	35,023	-0.2%	0.9%
Shakopee Transit	9,005	8,990	-0.2%	0.2%
Southwest Transit	39,656	49,956	26.0%	1.2%
Total	**249,874**	**256,944**	**2.8%**	**6.4%**
Other Transit Providers				
University of Minnesota Transit	50,915	48,162	-5.4%	1.2%
Total	**50,915**	**48,162**	**-5.4%**	**1.2%**
Total All Groups	**3,714,446**	**4,027,307**	**8.4%**	**100.0%**

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2014 Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Indicators

	Cost/ride	Cost/hour	Passengers/hour
Metropolitan Council Transit Systems			
Metro Transit – Regular Route Bus	$4.34	$143.21	33.0
Metro Transit – Light Rail Transit	$3.07	$149.03	48.6
Metro Transit – Commuter Rail	$21.21	$951.31	44.9
Metro Mobility	$27.89	$57.15	2.0
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services – Regular Route Bus	$5.44	$79.43	14.6
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services – Transit Link	$21.96	$59.31	2.7
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services – Metro Vanpool	$8.02	$37.21	4.6
Total	**$4.89**	**$117.17**	**24.0**
Suburban Transit Providers			
Laker Lines	$9.83	$182.46	18.6
Maple Grove Transit	$5.39	$150.40	27.9
Minnesota Valley Transit Authority	$7.92	$152.76	19.3
Plymouth Metrolink	$7.07	$102.88	14.5
Shakopee Transit	$10.52	$141.12	13.4
Southwest Transit	$8.88	$196.87	22.2
Total	**$7.73**	**$154.45**	**20.0**
Other Transit Providers			
University of Minnesota Transit	$1.93	$128.30	66.6
Total	**$4.94**	**$119.69**	**24.2**

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Glossary

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This glossary contains technical terms that may appear in the 2014 Minnesota Transit Report. Many of these terms have multiple definitions; therefore, terms are defined as they are used in the context of this report.

Accessible vehicle
A public transportation vehicle that does not restrict access, is usable and provides allocated space and/or priority seating for individuals who use wheelchairs.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
The Americans with Disabilities Act passed in July 1991 and gave direction to local transit agencies to ensure full access to transportation for persons with disabilities.

Base fare
The price charged to one adult for one transit ride. It excludes transfer charges, zone charges, express service charges, peak period surcharges and reduced fares.

Bus roadeo
An annual competition in which transit bus drivers demonstrate skills such as emergency stops and maneuvers.

Capital cost
The cost of equipment and facilities required to support transportation systems: vehicles, radios, shelters, etc.

Commuter service
Express transit service generally connecting residential areas and activity centers via a high speed, non-stop connection.

Coordination
A cooperative arrangement among transportation providers and/or purchasers which is aimed at realizing increased benefits through the shared management and/or operation of one or more transportation-related functions.

Dedicated funding source
A funding source which by law, is available for use only to support a specific purpose and cannot be diverted to other uses; e.g., the federal gasoline tax can only be used for highway investments and, since 1983, for transit capital projects.

Demand response/dial-a-ride service
A transportation service characterized by flexible routing and scheduling of relatively small vehicles to provide door-to-door or point-to-point transportation at the user's demand.

Fare
The payment for a ride on a passenger vehicle, whether cash, tokens, transfer or pass.

Fare box
A device that accepts coins, bills, tickets and tokens given by passengers as payment for rides.

Fare box recovery ratio
Total fare revenue divided by the total operating cost.

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
An operating administration within the United States Department of Transportation that administers federal programs and provides financial assistance to public transit.

Fixed route
Transportation service operated over a set route or network of routes on a regular time schedule.

Flexible fixed route
See route deviation.

Funding classification
Greater Minnesota public transit services are categorized according to the following classifications in Minn. Stat. 174.22:

- Rural – A county or multi-county transit system serving a geographic area primarily with populations under 2,500 or a stand-alone transit system within a city of less than 2,500 people.
- Small Urban – A stand-alone transit system within a city of between 2,500 and 50,000 people.

- Urbanized – A transit system within a metropolitan area with populations greater than 50,000.
- ADA complementary paratransit – Demand response service for persons with disabilities in geographic areas where fixed route services are provided; provision of this service is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. This is also described in Minnesota State Statutes as "Elderly and Disabled Service."

Intercity bus service
Transportation between metropolitan areas and rural areas, traveling over long distances, via an over-the-road coach with luggage space.

Light rail transit (LRT)
An electric railway system characterized by its ability to operate single cars or short trains along exclusive right-of-way at ground level, on aerial structures or in subways.

MAP-21
Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, signed into law in July 2012. MAP-21 established surface transportation funding programs for federal fiscal years 2013 and 2014.

Motor vehicle sales tax (MVST)
A source of revenue for Minnesota public transit. The percentages of this revenue source designated for metropolitan area and Greater Minnesota transit are defined in Minn. Stat. 297B.09.

Operating expenditures
The recurring costs of providing transit service; e.g., wages, salaries, fuel, oil, taxes, maintenance, depreciation, insurance, marketing, etc.

Operating deficit
Total operating expenditures minus total operating revenue.

Operating revenue
The total revenue earned by a transit agency through its transit operations. It includes passenger fares, advertising and other revenues.

Total operating cost
The total of all operating costs incurred during the transit system calendar year, excluding expenses associated with capital grants.

Paratransit
A flexible form of public transportation service that is not provided over a fixed-route; it is a demand responsive service typically for the disabled community.

Park and ride facility
A common location; e.g., parking lot, for individuals to park their personal vehicle and board a high occupancy travel mode such as a commuter train or bus.

Pass
A means of transit payment, usually a pre-paid card that is displayed to a bus driver in lieu of cash for the fare.

Peak period
The hours when traffic or transit passenger demand is the greatest, typically during morning and afternoon commuting hours.

Public transportation
Transportation service that is available to any person upon payment of the fare either directly, subsidized by public policy, or through some contractual arrangement, and which cannot be reserved for the private or exclusive use of one individual or group. "Public" in this sense refers to the access to the service, not to the ownership of the system that provides the service.

Ridership
The total of all revenue passengers, transfer passengers on second/successive rides and free ride passengers.

Passenger trip
A measure for one person making a one-way trip from origin to destination. One round trip equals two passenger trips.

Ridesharing
A form of transportation, other than public transit, in which more than one person shares the use of a vehicle, such as a van or car, to make a trip. Variations include carpooling or vanpooling.

Revenue hours
The number of transit vehicle hours when passengers are being transported. Calculated by taking the total time when a vehicle is available to the general public and there is an expectation of carrying passengers. Excludes deadhead hours, when buses are moving but not carrying passengers, but includes recovery/layover time.

Route deviation
Transportation service operating on a standard route along a public right of way, from which it may deviate from time to time, in response to a demand for its service or to take a passenger to a destination, after which it returns to its standard route.

Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP)
The section of the Federal Transit Act of 1991, as amended, that provides funds for training, technical assistance, research and other support services for rural transit providers.

Section 5303 (Metropolitan Planning Program)
The section of the Federal Transit Act of 1991, as amended, that provides financial assistance to metropolitan planning organizations that are responsible for conducting planning activities and technical assistance for public transit services. The program is expected to support the basic transportation planning process underway in urbanized areas, including capital planning, financial planning and operations-related planning essential to the provision of transit services.

Section 5304 (State Transportation and Planning Program)
The section of the Federal Transit Act of 1991, as amended, that provides financial assistance to the states for purposes of planning, technical studies and assistance, demonstrations, management training and cooperative research activities.

Section 5307 (Urbanized Area Formula Program)
The section of the Federal Transit Act of 1991, as amended, that authorizes grants to public transit systems in urban areas with populations of more than 50,000 for both capital and operating projects. Based on population and density figures, these funds are distributed directly to the transit agency from the FTA.

Section 5309 (Capital Program)
The section of the Federal Transit Act of 1991, as amended, that authorizes discretionary capital assistance for major capital needs, such as fleet replacement and construction of transit facilities.

Section 5310 (Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Capital Program)
The section of the Federal Transit Act of 1991, as amended, that provides grant funds for the purchase of accessible vehicles and related support equipment for private non-profit organizations to serve elderly and/or disabled people, public bodies that coordinate services for elderly and disabled, or any public body that certifies to the state that non-profits in the area are not readily available to carry out the services.

Section 5311 (Non-urbanized Area Formula Program)
The section of the Federal Transit Act of 1991, as amended, that authorizes grants to public transit systems in non-urbanized areas (fewer than 50,000 population). The funds initially go to the governor of each state. In Minnesota, MnDOT administers these funds.

Section 5316 (Job Access and Reverse Commute - JARC)
A formula-based federally-funded program established under SAFETEA-LU. The goal of the JARC grant program is to improve access to transportation services to employment and employment-related activities for welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals to transport residents of urbanized areas and non-urbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities.

Section 5317 (New Freedom - NF)
A formula-based federally-funded program established under SAFETEA-LU. The goal of the New Freedom grant program is to provide additional tools to overcome existing barriers facing Americans with disabilities seeking integration into the workforce and full participation in society.

Service area
The geographic area that coincides with a transit system's legal operating limits; e.g., city limits, county boundary, etc.

Service hours
See revenue hours.

Service span
The duration of time that service is made available or operated during the course of the service day; e.g., 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Subscription service
Transportation service in which routes and schedules are prearranged to meet the needs of riders who sign up for the service in advance.

Transit
Transportation by bus, rail or other conveyance, either publicly or privately owned, that provides general or special service on a regular and continuing basis. The term includes fixed-route and paratransit services as well as ridesharing. Also known as mass transportation, mass transit, or public transit.

Transit dependent
A description for a population or person who does not have immediate access to a private vehicle, or because of age or health reasons cannot drive and must rely on others for transportation.

Vanpool
See ridesharing.

Vehicle Classification
MnDOT classifies transit vehicles according to the following categories:

- Class 300 – A small-size light-duty transit bus approximately 16-22 feet long with a raised roof and single or dual rear wheels (up to 12,500 gross vehicle weight rating).
- Class 400 – A medium-size light-duty transit bus approximately 20-30 feet long with a raised roof and dual rear wheels (12,300-16,000 gross vehicle weight rating).
- Class 500 – A medium-size medium-duty transit bus approximately 25-40 feet long (17,000-24,000 gross vehicle weight rating).
- Class 600 – A medium-size heavy-duty transit bus approximately 25-40 feet long (21,000-32,000 gross vehicle weight rating).
- Class 700 – A large-size heavy-duty transit bus/over-the-road bus approximately 30 feet and longer with a rear-mounted engine.

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