

## MCOTA Meeting Agenda

September 27, 2023 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

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### MCOTA members: **New Member**

- Chair: Tim Sexton – Assistant Commissioner for Sustainability, Planning, and Program Management, Minnesota Department of Transportation
- Vice-Chair: Diogo Reis – Benefit Policy Manager, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- Peter Brickwedde – Assistant Commissioner of Government and External Affairs, Minnesota Department of Commerce
- Jeff Burth – Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs
- **Brandon Kasprick** – Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan
- David Fenley – ADA Director, Minnesota Council on Disability
- Kelly Garvey – Transportation Specialist, Minnesota Department of Education
- Nick Lardinois – Executive Budget Officer, Minnesota Management and Budget
- Maureen Melgaard Schneider – Interim Chair, Minnesota Board on Aging
- Brandon Nurmi – Director, Minnesota Public Transit Association
- Shirley Schoening Scheuler – Active Living Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Health
- Gerri Sutton – Director, Metropolitan Council
- Jodi Yanda – Disability Services Integration Manager, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

1:00 **Call to Order and Member Roll Call** (via chat) – Tim Sexton, MCOTA Chair  
*Ask if anyone has public comment.*

1:05 **Review and Approve Agenda** – Tim Sexton  
*Action: Approval (vote, via chat)*

1:10 **May Meeting Minutes** – Tom Gottfried, MCOTA Executive Director and Program Director, Department of Transportation

*Action: Approval (vote, via chat)*

1:15 **Annual Election of Officers (chair and vice-chair)** – Tim Sexton

*Action: Review By-Laws and specifically the roles and duties of the Chair and Vice Chair*

1:25 **Legislative and Policy Update** – Tom Gottfried

- **Round robin** – All members

- John Dukich, Minnesota Department of Transportation
- Diogo Reis, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- Peter Brickwedde, Minnesota Department of Commerce
- Jeff Burth, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs
- **Brandon Kasprick**, Office of the Governor
- Maureen Melgaard Schneider, Minnesota Board on Aging
- David Fenley, Minnesota Council on Disability
- Kelly Garvey, Minnesota Department of Education
- Nick Lardinois, Minnesota Management and Budget
- Brandon Nurmi, Minnesota Public Transit Association
- Shirley Schoening Scheuler, Minnesota Department of Health
- Gerri Sutton, Metropolitan Council
- Jodi Yanda, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

*Action: Information and Discussion*

- Provide legislative updates that may have impact on Transportation Access and/or Mobility. Also include the statutory reference.

1:50 **Senior Leadership meeting follow-up** – Tim Sexton

*Action: Information and discussion*

- Review the minutes and action items from the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

2:00 **Update on CCAM Activities/Roundtable** - Tom Gottfried

- **Prep for the CY 2024 MCOTA 2025/29 Strategic Plan** – Judy Shanley, Asst VP Education & Youth Transition and Director Transportation & Mobility, Easterseals, Inc. and Steven Workman, Consultant for NCMM at Easterseals, Inc. and Director, Transport New Hampshire
  - Agency Interviews (October – December 2023)
  - Roundtable (January 2024)

*Action: Information and discussion*

- 2:30 **Greater MN Regional Transportation Coordinating Councils (RTCCs) & Transit Coordination Assistance Projects (TCAPs)** - Tom Gottfried
- **Program/Grants Update** – Michelle Lichtig, MCOTA Program Manager and Project Manager, Department of Transportation  
*Action: Information*
- 2:40 **MCOTA Work Teams** - Tom Gottfried
- **Removing Barriers** – Brandon Nurmi
  - **Accessibility** – David Fenley
  - **Volunteer Driver** – Beverly Sidlo-Tolliver, Mobility Manager, Arrowhead RTCC
  - **Communications** – Michelle Lichtig (in place of Jodi Yanda)
- 2:50 **Agency Updates** - Tim Sexton
- **Olmstead Plan** – Kristie Billiar, Planning Director, ADA Program, Department of Transportation
  - **Member Round Robin** – All  
*Action: Members are invited to share relevant updates or information relative to transportation coordination for 1-2 min. each*
- 2:55 **Public Comment** – Tim Sexton  
*Members of the public are each allowed up to three minutes for comment.*
- 2:58 **Administrative Changes** – Tom Gottfried and Arlene Mathison  
*Transition of CTS*
- 3:00 **Adjourn** – Tim Sexton
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**Future MCOTA Meetings (1:00-3:00 p.m.):**

- November 15, 2023
- January 24, 2024
- March 27, 2024
- May 22, 2024