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Executive Summary

The 2017 Local Human Service Transit Coordination Plan for Region 4 is an update of the 2011 Local Human Service Transit Coordination Plan. The goal of the 2017 planning process was to identify gaps in transit service in west central Minnesota (Region 4) and develop strategies that would fill those service gaps.

This was accomplished through a planning process that involved a number of stakeholders throughout the region. The first step in the development of this plan was to bring together a steering committee comprised of a cross-section of individuals from public transit and human service sectors, which would help facilitate the planning process.

An inventory of transportation providers in the region was then conducted. The inventory was intended to provide information that would lead to identification of gaps in transportation services. The inventory included information such as a vehicle inventory, days/hours of service, service areas, etc. This was followed by a stakeholder workshop, where strengths and weaknesses of transportation coordination were identified, strategies were discussed, and potential projects were brainstormed.

Using information from both the transportation provider inventory and the stakeholder workshop, along with a review of the 2011 plan, the steering committee reviewed and ranked strategies and potential project ideas for inclusion in this document.

Strategies were sorted into three categories: Coordinate and Consolidate Transportation Services and Resources; Mobility Strategies; and Communication, Training and Organizational Support. The top three strategies (one from each category) included:

- Region 4 Schedule Access Hub
- Public Education Campaign
- Taxi-Subsidy Program

Project ideas were ranked by both their difficulty to implement, and their potential for impact. The projects that were both easy to implement and had major impacts were the ones that were ranked highest. Those that would be difficult to implement and had minimal impacts, were ranked at the bottom. Some of the top-ranked strategies included:

- Region 4 Schedule Access Hub
- Educate public about transportation available
- Brokerage Center

Introduction

The goal of transit coordination is to enhance transportation access by minimizing duplication of services and facilitating the most appropriate and cost-effective transportation possible with available resources. The purpose of coordination between human services and public transit is to improve transportation services for all, but with special focus on persons with disabilities, older adults, and individuals with low incomes. By coordinating communities, we can maximize the use of transportation resources funded through public and private sources.

This document is an update of the 2011 Local Human Service Transit Coordination Plan and will assist stakeholders, such as Regional Transportation Coordinating Councils, as they determine ways to coordinate human service transportation and transit services in Region 4. The 2017 Local Human Service Transit Coordination Plan documents technical analysis that evaluates existing transportation services in Region 4. It assesses needs and gaps of transportation service provision among public transit agencies, social service agencies, and other providers. The plan also records public participation efforts and stakeholders' preferred strategies and projects to improve transportation coordination in Region 4.

A Local Human Services Transit Coordination plan is a federal requirement under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act). Federal regulations state that projects eligible for funding under the Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities (Section 5310) program must advance strategies identified in a Local Human Service Transit Coordination Plan. This planning process fulfills federal requirements by engaging transportation providers, social services agencies, and members of the public in identifying strategies for regional transportation coordination.

Beyond fulfilling federal requirements, this planning process encouraged representatives of diverse organizations to join together in articulating specific projects that could advance transportation services in Region 4. Through public participation activities, stakeholders brainstormed project ideas and refined these ideas in a collaborative setting. The final project list reflects input from a broad range of regional stakeholders and provides a 5-year blueprint for future coordination efforts in Region 4.

Existing Conditions Geography

Region 4 is located in west central Minnesota and consists of Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse and Wilkin Counties. The region contains one Metropolitan Statistical Area; Fargo-Moorhead, ND-MN and three Micropolitan Statistical Areas: Fergus Falls, Alexandria, and Wahpeton- Breckenridge, ND-MN. The regional trade centers are Moorhead, Fergus Falls, Detroit Lakes, Morris and Alexandria. The estimated population in 2016 was 228,562 for the entire region.

The vast majority of key destinations in Region 4 are located within four primary communities. The cities of Moorhead, Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls and Alexandria act as the regional service centers for west central Minnesota. Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls and Alexandria all have the majority of major medical service providers with specialized care. The city of Moorhead is a key destination for educational institutions: Concordia College, Minnesota State University Moorhead, and in addition, multiple technical and business colleges. The University of Minnesota Morris, M-State Fergus Falls, M-State Detroit Lakes, and Alexandria Technical & Community College are also key destinations in the region.

As expected, the major retail destinations, including the big box stores, and social service providers, are located in the major communities. The typical distance that people have to travel to access services and shopping in the major population areas is under an hour. All cities with a population of 5,000 or more are located no more than one hour from another similar-sized city.

Transit availability within the communities to the above-mentioned destinations is generally accessible during weekdays. However, transit services are offered on a limited basis in outlying communities and there are very few fixed routes that offer multiple community pick up. Weekend and evening service is also limited in most areas in the region, with the exception of Moorhead.

Demographics

The information in this section is from the 2017 Regional Profile for Economic Development Region 4: West Central. This report is available in its entirety at:

https://mn.gov/deed/assets/rp_edr4_2017_tcm1045-133254.pdf

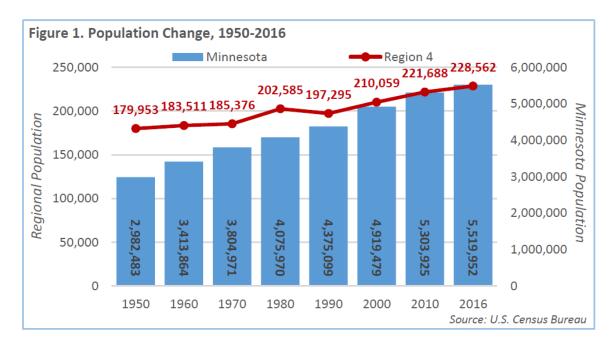
POPULATION CHANGE, 2000-2016

Economic Development Region 4 – West central Minnesota includes a total of 9 counties located in the northwest Minnesota planning area. Region 4 was home to 228,562 people in 2016, comprising 4.1 percent of the State's total population. The region saw an 8.8 percent population increase since 2000, making it the sixth largest and sixth fastest growing of the 13 economic development regions (EDRs) in the State. In comparison, Minnesota had a 12.2 percent gain from 2000 to 2016 (see Table 1).

Table 1. Population Change 2000-2016				
	2000	2016	2000-2016 Change	
	Population	Estimates	Number	Percent
Region 4	210,059	228,562	+18,503	+8.8%
Becker Co.	30,000	33,734	+3,734	+12.4%
Clay Co.	51,229	62,875	+11,646	+22.7%
Douglas Co.	32,821	37,456	+4,635	+14.1%
Grant Co.	<mark>6,289</mark>	5,956	-333	-5.3%
Otter Tail Co.	57,159	58,085	+926	+1.6%
Pope Co.	11,236	11,049	-187	-1.7%
Stevens Co.	10,053	9 <mark>,69</mark> 3	-360	-3.6%
Traverse Co.	4,134	3,356	-778	-18.8%
Wilkin Co.	7,138	6,358	-780	-10.9%
Minnesota	4,919,479	5,519,952	+600,473	+12.2%
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates				

Interestingly, only 4 of the 9 counties in the region saw population gains since 2000. As part of the fast growing Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area, Clay County added 11,646 new residents, a 22.7 percent increase, making it the ninth fastest growing county (of 87) in the State and the largest in the region. Becker and Douglas Counties gained over 3,700 and 4,600 residents, respectively, from 2000 to 2016, placing them among the top 25 fastest growing counties in the State. Otter Tail County, which is the second largest county in the region, also gained over 900 people. In contrast, Traverse County was the smallest in the region, and had the second fastest decline of the 87 counties in the State. Wilkin County's population dropped 10.9 percent, Grant County declined by 5.3 percent, and Pope and Stevens County both declined by less than 4 percent.

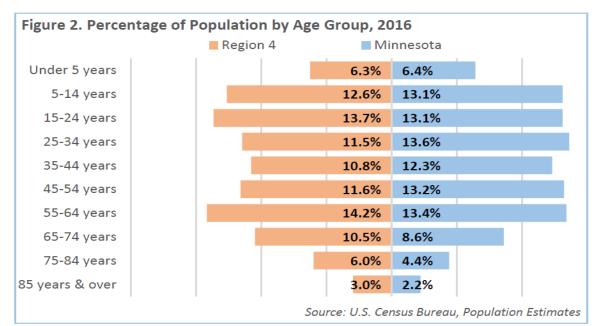
The recent population gains are part of a longer-term trend in the region, where the population has increased by nearly 50,000 people since 1950. As shown in Figure 1, the region suffered some population loss during the 1980s, then grew rapidly. Since 1990, the region's population has gained over 30,000 people, including about 18,500 new residents since 2000 (see Figure 1).



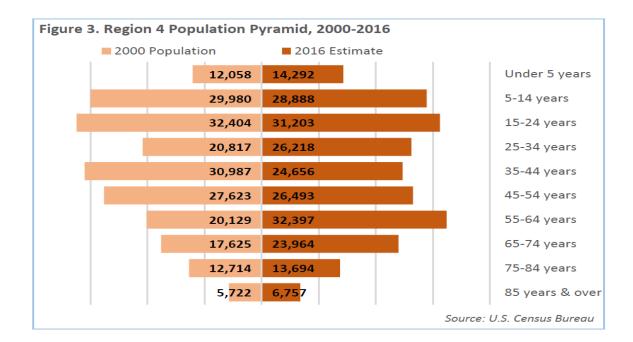
Again, 5 of the 9 counties in the region have declined in population since 1950, with Traverse County losing almost 60 percent of its population from 1950 to 2016. Wilkin and Grant Counties both declined about 40 percent, and Stevens and Pope fell between 10 and 15 percent since 1950. In contrast, led by Moorhead, Clay County more than doubled in size from 1950 to 2016, leading the region in growth by adding over 32,500 people. Anchored by Alexandria, Douglas County grew 76 percent, gaining over 16,000 net new residents. Becker County increased by nearly 9,000 people with a 35.8 percent growth rate, and Otter Tail County expanded 13.2 percent from 1950 to 2016, welcoming 6,765 new residents.

POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, 2000-2016

Region 4's population has been aging over time. In 2016, 19.5 percent of the population was aged 65 years and over, compared to 15.2 percent statewide. In contrast, Region 4 had a lower percentage of people in the 25 to 54-year-old age group, typically considered the "prime working years," as well as a smaller percentage of school-aged children 14 years of age and under. However, with several postsecondary institutions in the region, Region 4 had a higher percentage of those aged 15 to 24 (see Figure 2).

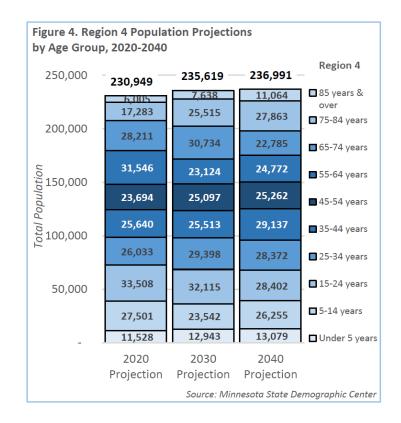


A large portion of the region's population is a part of the Baby Boom generation, or people born between 1946 and 1964, which is creating a significant shift in the population demographics over time. While the number of younger residents was nearly the same, the number of residents aged 55 years and over has rapidly increased from 2000 to 2016 (see Figure 3).



POPULATION PROJECTIONS BY AGE GROUP, 2020-2040

Region 4 is projected to enjoy continued population growth in the next 20 years as well. According to population projections from the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Region 4 is expected to gain a net of over 6,000 new residents from 2020 to 2040; a 2.6 percent increase (see Figure 4). In comparison, the state of Minnesota is projected to grow 8.8 percent.



However, most of the population growth is expected to be in the older age groups. Region 4 is projected to add over 15,000 people aged 75 years and over, a 67.2 percent increase. The region is also expected to gain nearly 7,400 people in the 25- to 54-year-old age group, as well as a corresponding increase in children under 5 years of age. In contrast, Region 4 is expected to have fewer residents 5 to 24 years of age by 2040, and over 12,000 less people from 45 to 64 years of age as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid.

POPULATION BY RACE, 2015

Region 4's population is less diverse than the State's, but is becoming more diverse over time. In 2015, 94.1 percent of the region's residents reported White alone as their race, compared to 84.8 percent of residents statewide. About one percent of the region's residents were Black or African American, even fewer were Asian or Other Pacific Islanders and people of Some Other Race. 1.9 percent of the people reported being of Two or More Races, and 2.7 percent of people reported Hispanic or Latino origin. At 1.7 percent, Region 4 had a slightly higher percentage of American Indian and Alaska Natives than the State (see Table 2).

	Region 4		Minnesota		
Table 2. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2015	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2015	Percent	Change from 2000-2015
Total	224,783	100.0%	+7.0%	100.0%	+10.2%
White	211,465	94.1%	+5.4%	84.8%	+4.4%
Black or African American	2,482	1.1%	+260.2%	5.5%	+74.2%
American Indian & Alaska Native	3,783	1.7%	+4.6%	1.0%	+2.9%
Asian & Other Pac. Islander	1,606	0.7%	+42.1%	4.5%	+68.6%
Some Other Race	1,084	0.5%	-31.4%	1.5%	+24.7%
Two or More Races	4,363	1.9%	+86.6%	2.7%	+74.3%
Hispanic or Latino	6,095	2.7%	+69.7%	5.0%	+89.0%
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey			unity Survey		

Since 2000, Region 4 saw a slow and steady increase in the number of White residents, and much faster gains in every minority group except Some Other Race. In particular, the Black or African American population increased by 260 percent. In addition, the number of people of Two or More Races jumped 87 percent, and the number of Hispanic or Latino residents rose by almost 70 percent, making them the largest minority groups in the region (see Table 2).

Transportation Resources

Throughout 2017, WCI developed an inventory meant to capture service information for all public, private, school district, human service, and non-profit transportation providers in the region. The inventory provides a source of comparison across agencies and a means to identify service gaps. A summary of the transportation resources is available in Appendix B.

Existing Transportation System

For the vast majority of trips in the region, private automobiles are used. For those trips not made by private automobile, transit is a vital link for many residents in both rural and urban areas within Region 4. Public transit systems in the region include Becker County Transit, Moorhead MAT, Rainbow Rider, Transit Alternatives and White Earth Transit. These systems combine to serve the entire nine-county area of Region 4.

While public transit serves all nine counties in Region 4, service within the counties is limited primarily to weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. This serves to effectively limit who can use public transit and for what purpose. In other instances, the service areas of public transit systems do not necessarily serve all rural parts of a county, again limiting who is able to access the system.

In addition to public transit systems, there are a number of other transportation providers in the region, including school districts, nursing homes, the V.A., private taxi companies, charter bus companies and national/regional carriers such as Jefferson Lines and Greyhound. Many of these systems provide transportation services only to their client base, while others have limited services areas or routes. An inventory is included in Appendix B.

Public Participation

Steering Committee

The plan Steering Committee closely guided plan decision-making. Steering Committee duties included:

- Evaluating strategies and assessing outcomes of projects identified in the 2011 Local Human Service Transit Coordination Plan
- Developing project ideas and identifying priority strategies as part of the public workshop
- Prioritizing project ideas identified at the public workshop for inclusion in the final plan

The Steering Committee was made up of representatives from county human service agencies, area agency on aging representatives, centers for independent living representatives, passengers and others.

Members included:

Steering Committee Membership	Organization	Representing
Nate Aalgaard	Freedom Resource Center	Centers for Independent Living
Jill Amundson	West Central Minnesota Communities Action	Community Action Agency
Keven Anderson	Rainbow Rider Transit	Public Transit Providers
Rhonda Antrim	Traverse County	County Human Service Directors
Kenneth Bakken	White Earth Public Transit	Tribal Government
Susan Christianson	Moorhead Manor	Independent Living
Karen Crabtree	Essentia Health St. Mary's	Healthcare Facilities
Ryan Damlo	Becker County Transit	Public Transit Providers
Lori Hanson	Someplace Safe	Protection and Advocacy Organizations
Beverly Herfindahl	MnDOT	State Government
Barb Hillenbrand	Heartland Industries	Job Training and Placement Agencies
Char Hirte	Rural MN CEP	Job Training and Placement Agencies
Nancy Jost	West Central Initiative	Economic Development Organizations / Early Childhood
Charlie Kampa	Otter Tail County	Veteran Services
Lori Kettner	N/A	Transit Riders
Mary Krueger	Douglas County	County Government
Craig Larson	Eventide Lutheran Home	Assisted Living
Michael Maddox	Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments	Councils of Government
Jason Mekalson	Glenwood Estates	Assisted Living
Noel Shughart	MnDOT	State Government
Sue Siemers	MnDOT	State Government
Cynthia Sprung	Wilkin County	County Human Services
Kate Storhaug	Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging	Area Agencies on Aging
Daryn Toso	Transit Alternatives	Public Transit Providers

2011 Local Human Service Transit Coordination Plan Outcomes

Another component of the existing conditions is an analysis of the 2011 Local Human Service Transit Coordination Plan's list of strategies and projects for improving transit coordination. The 2017 Steering Committee reviewed these strategies and projects to assess regional progress on transit coordination since 2011. The group also identified causes for success and barriers to action regarding project implementation. The complete list of 2011 strategies and projects and an assessment of their outcome is presented below.

Strategy	Status	Discussion/Analysis
Coordinate dispatch	Ongoing	May be addressed in part via Regional Transportation Coordination Councils
Share resources	Ongoing	May be addressed in part via Regional Transportation Coordination Councils
Improve service convenience	Ongoing	This is an ongoing effort; adequate funding continues to be a limitation to implementation
Establish/enhance volunteer driver programs	Ongoing	New pending volunteer driver requirements may prove challenging
Educate public of transportation options	Ongoing	This is an ongoing effort; increased social media utilization since last plan
Convene regional coordination body	Not started	May be addressed in part via Regional Transportation Coordination Councils

Planning Workshop

The planning workshop on July 25, 2017 incorporated input from all interested stakeholders. A total of 12 people attended, listed in Appendix C. At the workshop, stakeholders identified strengths and weaknesses of transit coordination in the region. Building from these, stakeholders then identified priority strategies for transit coordination and brainstormed project ideas that could address these strategies. Using input gathered at this workshop, the Steering Committee prioritized the strategies and projects included in the final plan. A complete list of project ideas considered during the planning process is presented in Appendix D.

Strengths and Weaknesses

At the public workshop, participants identified strengths and weaknesses of existing coordination efforts in Region 4. Combined with the plan's technical findings, these strengths and weaknesses form the basis for identifying strategies to address transportation coordination in this region.

TOP THREE STRENGTHS

- 1. Collaboration between Counties Cities
 - Providers
 - Customer Service
 - Commitment to being client-centered Not competitive
- 3. Financial Support for Transportation State Local
 - Can try new things

TOP THREE WEAKNESSES

1. Access

2.

- 2. Cost
- Restrictive funding streams Limitations on grants Fund guidelines

3. Transit Needs

Vary so much it is difficult to achieve "mass" Need to be financially-viable Funding stream restricted to particular populations

Additional Strengths	Additional Weaknesses
Established transportation companies	Lack of public understanding of the services
Existing agreement in place	 Lack of specific/fixed routes Common places people want to go, e.g. Walmart
DCCCP	 Balancing the routes with ridership (utilization) o If you offer, will they come?
Collaboration between companies	Better education of potential users
Coordination with human services	 Unrealistic expectations of transit providers We are not a taxi service.
People/stakeholders know each other	 Limited hours of service o 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM o Fiscal constraints
Strong county and community support Financial Philosophical 	 Cost/expense for riders in rural areas Some rural areas still do not have service.
Capable/good staff, providers o Good customer service	 Define "what is expensive?" o Relative
Technology adaptation good – e.g. Rainbow Rider	 Reimbursement level for volunteer drivers? o Impact on taxes
Care providers ride for free	 Specific clients may need more care than "door-to-door" service can provide. o Not a PCA or school bus o Preschool o Elderly
Training for volunteer drivers, e.g. Ready Ride	

Needs Assessment, Strategies, and Projects Overview

Primary destinations in the region include the regional centers of Alexandria, Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Moorhead and Morris. Concentrations of employment, education, healthcare, shopping and services can be found in these regional centers, and to a lesser degree in the remaining county seats in the region – Breckenridge, Elbow Lake, Glenwood and Wheaton.

There are also cities outside Region 4 that are significant destinations for people living in the region. Fargo, the Twin Cities, Rochester and St. Cloud are all destinations that people travel to on a regular basis. While Fargo would fall into many of the same categories as mentioned above regarding reasons for travel, the other destinations outside the region typically fall into either medical or shopping/leisure trips. That is, people typically are not travelling or commuting to those locations for employment, education or services on a regular basis.

In addition, the White Earth Reservation is a significant destination in the northern part of the region. The majority of the Reservation lies outside Region 4, and many of their administrative and medical facilities, as well as major employment areas (in particular, the Shooting Star Casino) are just outside the region, in adjacent Mahnomen County. There are significant numbers of trips between the portions of White Earth in Becker County, and those in Mahnomen County.

Further complicating the issue is that the White Earth Reservation is split between two regional planning areas and two MnDOT Districts. This causes challenges for coordinating planning in the Reservation area, which spans all or parts of three counties: Becker, Clearwater and Mahnomen.

Strategies

Steering Committee members and other stakeholders brainstormed strategies and project ideas. The strategies and projects listed below represent those ideas the steering committee prioritized as having the most potential to improve transit coordination in Region 4.

Coordinate and Consolidate Transportation Services and Resources

(listed in order of priority)

Project Overview	Implement a Region 4 Schedule Access Hub
	 Locations, times, maps, how to pay
	 A place to see all the services and how to access
	 Online website
	 User (client) and providers
Population Served	All transit riders and providers
Communities Served	All communities in west central Minnesota
Responsible Entities	Public transit agencies, private transportation providers
Strategies Addressed	Share resources, coordinate dispatch, consolidate business functions,
	coordinate agency schedules

Project Overview	Implement a Brokerage Center
	 People-centered
	 Governing body
	o Staffed
	 Maybe an expansion of Ready Ride services
	 One call, one access point
Population Served	All transit riders and providers
Communities Served	All communities in west central Minnesota
Responsible Entities	MnDOT, MDH, MCOTA, public transit agencies, private
	transportation providers
Strategies Addressed	Share resources, coordinate dispatch, consolidate business
	functions, coordinate agency schedules

Project Overview	Implement Coordinated Dispatch Systems
	 Even between regions, e.g. Becker and Wadena
Population Served	All transit riders and select public transit agencies
Communities Served	All communities with participating public transit agencies
Responsible Entities	Public transit agencies
Strategies Addressed	Coordinate dispatch

Project Overview	Provide Respite Transportation
	 Waiver restrictions
	 Maybe transportation to respite
	 Or opportunity for respite provider to get out
	 May build on existing services, e.g. "Let's Go Fishing"
	 Coordinate efforts to make more accessible
Population Served	Seniors / individuals with disabilities
Communities Served	All communities with participating public transit agencies and/or
	private transportation providers
Responsible Entities	Public transit agencies, private transportation providers
Strategies Addressed	Contract between agencies, contract with common carrier, share
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Mobility Strategies

(listed in order of priority)

Project Overview	 Establish/Enhance Assisted Transportation E.g., Medi-Van, People's Express E.g., Carry groceries, put on shoes, wait for people at appointments
Population Served	Seniors, individuals with disabilities
Communities Served	All communities with participating public transit agencies and/or private transportation providers
Responsible Entities	Public transit agencies, private transportation providers, county human services
Strategies Addressed	Establish/enhance assisted transportation programs

Project Overview	Establish Taxi-Subsidy Program
	 E.g. Tri-CAP
	 Particularly for late and weekend hours
	 Short notice needs
Population Served	Low income residents, others with need for short-notice
	transportation
Communities Served	Participating communities in west central Minnesota
Responsible Entities	CAP agencies, private transportation providers
Strategies Addressed	Establish/expand taxi subsidy programs

Project Overview	Implement Rural Transit Bus Stops
	 Volunteer driver picks up clients and brings to central
	location to catch a bus
Population Served	Rural transit riders, seniors, low income residents
Communities Served	All communities with participating public transit agencies and/or private transportation providers
Responsible Entities	Public transit agencies, private transportation providers, county human services
Strategies Addressed	Improve access to transit stops

Project Overview	 Increase Service Hours to Later in the Day Will need drivers willing to work late hours Will need funds
Population Served	All transit riders
Communities Served	All communities with participating public transit agencies
Responsible Entities	Public transit agencies
Strategies Addressed	Improve service convenience

Communication Training & Organizational Support

(listed in order of priority)

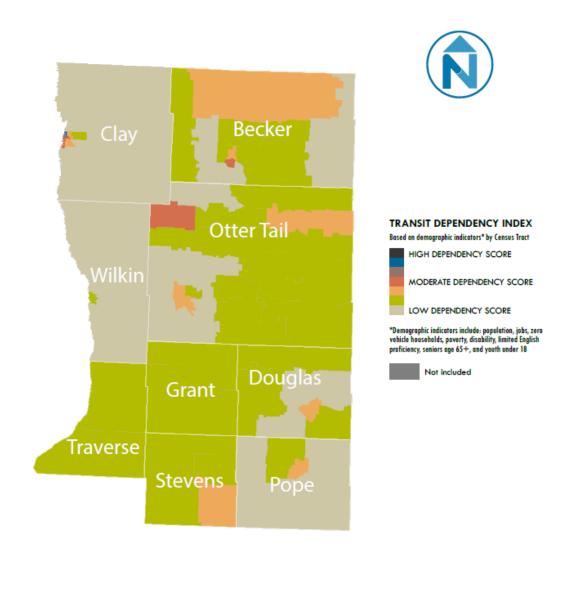
Project Overview	 Educate public about transportation available Radio ads Newspaper
Population Served	General public
Communities Served	All communities in west central Minnesota
Responsible Entities	Public transit agencies, private transportation providers
Strategies Addressed	Educate public of transportation options

Project Overview	Centralize Information for Public Transit Agencies
Population Served	Public transit agencies
Communities Served	All communities in west central Minnesota
Responsible Entities	Public transit agencies, MnDOT
Strategies Addressed	Centralize information

Project Overview	Distribute Transit Information to High Potential Ridership
	Locations
	 Grocery stores
	 Wal-Mart, Target, etc.
Population Served	General public
Communities Served	All communities in west central Minnesota
Responsible Entities	Public transit agencies
Strategies Addressed	Educate public of transportation options

Appendix A – Transit Dependency Index Map

Transit Dependency Index - RDC 4



D 25 50 Miles Data Sources: MnDOT GIS; ACS 5-yr estimates 2013; LEHD On the Map (All Jobs) 2013.

Appendix B – Transportation Resources

The following includes contact information of all regional transportation providers for whom information was received. This is not a complete list of providers in the region.

Region-Wide	or Multi-County Service
Name	Ringdahl Ambulance Service
Address	214 E Junius Ave, Fergus Falls, MN 56537-2821
Phone	218-736-2819
Email	rfischer@ringdahlems.com
Web	http://www.ringdahlems.com
Service Type	Emergency Medical Services
Region-Wide	or Multi-County Service
Name	Lakes Medi-Van, Inc.
Address	
Phone	218-847-1729
Email	dlmedivan@hotmail.com
Web	http://medi-van.org
	Wheelchair & Ambulatory Transportation
	or Multi-County Service
Name	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)
Address	714 Lake Ave Ste 220, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-3058
Phone	218-847-1519
Email	
Web	https://www.pca.state.mn.us
Service Type	Environmental Protection Agency
Becker	
Name	Becker County Transit
Address	712 Minnesota Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-3035
Phone	888-847-1674
Email	rdhaski@co.becker.mn.us
Web	http://www.co.becker.mn.us
Service Type	Public Transit Agency
Becker	
Name	Mahube-Otwa Community Action Partnership
Address	1125 W River Rd, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2722
Phone	218-847-1385
Email	dloffice@mahube.org
Web	http://www.mahube.org
Service Type	Community Action Agency

Becker	
Name	Mahube-Otwa Community Action Partnership
Address	119 Graystone Plz, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-3034
Phone	218-844-5832
Email	crastedt@mahube.org
Web	http://www.mahube.org
Service Type	Community Action Agency
Multi-County	Service
Name	Blue Sky, Inc.
Address	801 Roosevelt Ave Fl 1, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-3703
Phone	218-844-7591
Email	anng@blueskyi.us
Web	http://blueskyi-info.webs.com
Service Type	Job Training and Placement Agencies
Multi-County	
Name	Lakes Crisis & Resource Center
Address	PO Box 394, Detroit Lakes, MN 56502-0394
Phone	218-847-7446
Email	lcrcdl@lakescrisis.com
Web	http://lakescrisis.com
	Protection and Advocacy Organizations
Multi-County	
Name	Ecumen Detroit Lakes
Address	1405 Madison Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-4524
Phone	218-844-8340
Email	ashleymcnally@ecumen.org
Web	http://www.ecumendetroitlakes.org
	Assisted Living
Multi-County	
Name	Ecumen Detroit Lakes
Address	1425 Madison Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-4515
Phone	218-844-7139
Email	kyliejohnson@ecumen.org
Web	http://www.ecumendetroitlakes.org
Service Type	Assisted Living

Becker	
Name	Neighbor to Neighbor of Frazee and Vergas
Address	501 W Juniper Ave Ste B, Frazee, MN 56544-4345
Phone	218-334-3559
Email	frazeenton@loretel.net
Web	http://neighbortoneighbor.lahnetwork.org
Service Type	Independent Living
Becker	
Name	White Earth Public Transit
Address	36671 Marten Dr, PO Box 418, White Earth, MN 56591-0418
Phone	218-983-3283
Email	Kenneth.Bakken@whiteearth-nsn.gov
Web	http://www.whiteearth.com/programs/index.html@page_id=450&pro
	gram_id=11.html
Service Type	Public Transit Providers
Clay	
Name	The Corner Stepping Stone
Address	202 3rd Ave SE, Barnesville, MN 56514-3649
Phone	218-354-7585
Email	
Web	http://www.adult-foster-care.com
Service Type	Assisted Living
Clay	
Name	Barnesville Area Helpers
Address	124 2nd Ave SE, Barnesville, MN 56514-3405
Phone	218-354-7090
Email	barnesvillehelpers@live.com
Web	https://www.facebook.com/pages/Barnesville-Area-
	Helpers/177555375710319
	Independent Living
Multi-County	
Name	Apple Tree Dental
Address	520 Main St, Hawley, MN 56549
Phone	218-483-1038
Email	speterson@appletreedental.org
Web	http://www.appletreedental.org
Service Type	Dental Assistance

Multi-County	Service
Name	Rural AIDS Action Network (RAAN)
Address	715 11th St N Ste 304A, Moorhead, MN 56560-2000
Phone	
Email	
Web	http://www.raan.org
Service Type	Protection and Advocacy Organization
Multi-County	Service
Name	Community Health Service Inc. (CHSI)
Address	810 4th Ave S, Ste 101, Moorhead, MN 56560-2891
Phone	218-236-6502
Email	khalverson@chsiclinics.org
Web	http://chsiclinics.org
Service Type	Assisted Living
Multi-County	Service
Name	Blue Sky, Inc.
Address	3213 11th Ave S, Moorhead, MN 56560-6828
Phone	218-844-7591
Email	
Web	http://blueskyi-info.webs.com
Service Type	Job Training and Placement Agencies
Clay	
Name	Clay County Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA)
Address	1817 1st Ave N, Moorhead, MN 56560-2305
Phone	218-233-8883
Email	
Web	http://www.claycohra.com
	Affordable Housing
Clay	
Name	Connections
Address	715 11th St N Ste 403, Moorhead, MN 56560-2083
Phone	701-532-1145
Email	ssartwell@connectionsofmoorhead.org
Web	http://www.connections.services
Service Type	Job Training and Placement Agency

Clay	
Name	Eventide
Address	1405 S 7th St, Moorhead, MN 56560-3444
Phone	218-233-7508
Email	jriewer@eventide.org
Web	http://www.eventide.org
Service Type	Assisted Living
Clay	
Name	Social Connextions
Address	2419 12th Ave S Ste 1, Moorhead, MN 56560-3800
Phone	218-284-6069
Email	
Web	
Service Type	Job Training and Placement Agency
Clay	
Name	Heartland Industries, Inc.
Address	2600 16th Ave S Ste A, Moorhead, MN 56560-3853
Phone	320-231-3337
Email	barbh@heartland-industries.org
Web	http://heartland-industries.org
Service Type	Job Training and Placement Agency
Clay	
Name	Positive Psychological Initiatives, LLC Waivered Services
Address	464 Clearview Ct, Moorhead, MN 56560-6800
Phone	701-866-3641
Email	
Web	
	Job Training and Placement Agency
Multi-County	
Name	Lakes and Prairies Community Action Partnership, Inc.
Address	715 11th St N Ste 402, Moorhead, MN 56560-2071
Phone	218-512-1500
Email	info@lakesandprairies.net
Web	http://www.lakesandprairies.net
Service Type	Community Action Agency

Clay	
Name	A & A Taxi & Transportation, LLC
Address	3014 18th St S, Moorhead, MN 56560-5204
Phone	701-320-4775
Email	
Web	
Service Type	Public Transit Provider
Clay	
Name	Richards Transportation Services, Inc
Address	2139 100th Ave N, Moorhead, MN 56560-7242
Phone	218-233-3404
Email	jrich811@msn.com
Web	http://richardstransportationinc.com/
Service Type	Public Transit Provider
Clay	
Name	Schuck Bus Services
Address	1620 29th Ave S, Moorhead, MN 56560-5142
Phone	218-233-1402
Email	
Web	
	Public Transit Provider
Multi-County	
Name	Jefferson Lines
Address	308 3rd Ave E, Alexandria, MN 56308-1494
Phone	800-451-5333
Email	info@jeffersonlines.com
Web	https://www.jeffersonlines.com/
	Public Transit Provider
Multi-County	
Name	PrimeWest Health
Address	3905 Dakota St, Alexandria, MN 56308-3391
Phone	866-431-0801
Email	
Web	https://www.primewest.org/web/guest/home
Service Type	Healthcare Facility

Douglas	
Name	Alexandria Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA)
Address	805 Fillmore St, Alexandria, MN 56308-1462
Phone	320-762-1311
Email	alexhra@rea-alp.com
Web	http://www.alexandriahra.com
Service Type	Affordable Housing
Douglas	
Name	Choices Home Care LLP
Address	2214 Geneva Rd NE, Alexandria, MN 56308-8995
Phone	320-762-1501
Email	swarner@choiceshomecaremn.com
Web	https://choiceshomecaremn.com/
Service Type	Assisted Living
Douglas	
Name	Douglas County Senior Office
Address	806 Fillmore St Ste 1195, Alexandria, MN 56308-1766
Phone	320-762-3047
Email	maryk@co.douglas.mn.us
Web	http://www.co.douglas.mn.us/dc/senior-citizens-health.aspx
Service Type	Protection and Advocacy Organization
Douglas	
Name	Douglas County Veterans Services Office (CVSO)
Address	806 Fillmore St, Alexandria, MN 56308-1766
Phone	320-762-3883
Email	joshb@co.douglas.mn.us
Web	http://www.co.douglas.mn.us/Veterans.htm
Service Type	Veteran Services
Douglas	
Name	Ecumen Bethany Community
Address	910 Ash St, Alexandria, MN 56308-1881
Phone	320-763-7200
Email	wendyhalbe@ecumen.org
Web	http://www.ecumenbethany.org
Service Type	Assisted Living

Douglas		
Name	Knute Nelson	
Address	2715 Highway 29 S Ste 103, Alexandria, MN 56308-3470	
Phone	320-759-1273	
Email		
Web	http://www.knutenelson.org	
Service Type	Assisted Living	
Douglas		
Name	Lutheran Social Service - Personal Support Services	
Address	2758 Le Homme Dieu Hts NE, Alexandria, MN 56308-7983	
Phone	320-762-1004	
Email	pss@lssmn.org	
Web	http://www.lssmn.org/assisted_living_caregiver_support	
Service Type	Assisted Living	
Multi-County Service		
Name	Horizon Public Health	
Address	809 Elm St Ste 1200, Alexandria, MN 56308-1760	
Phone	320-763-6018	
Email		
Web	http://www.horizonpublichealth.org	
Service Type	Public Health Agency	
Multi-County Service		
Name	Alexandria Opportunities Center, Inc.	
Address	107 Donna Ave, Alexandria, MN 56308-5377	
Phone	320-762-2015	
Email	mikeaoc@centurylink.net	
Web	http://www.alexandriaopportunitiescenter.com	
Service Type	Job Training and Placement Agency	
Douglas		
Name	Alec-Courier Delivery and Shuttle	
Address	1912 Green Ln NE, Alexandria, MN 56308-8651	
Phone	320-760-5462	
Email		
Web	https://plus.google.com/+AlecCourierDeliveryandShuttleAlexandria	
Service Type	Public Transit Provider	

Multi-County	Service	
Name	Greyhound Bus Stop	
Address	3181 Evergreen Ln, Alexandria, MN 56308-5190	
Phone	800-231-2222	
Email		
Web	http://locations.greyhound.com/bus-stations/US/Alexandria	
Service Type	Public Transit Provider	
Douglas		
Name	Heywood Transportation Services	
Address	700 Cedar St, Alexandria, MN 56308-1769	
Phone	320-759-1451	
Email	Public Transit Provider	
Web		
Service Type		
Douglas		
Name	Smitty's Airport Service	
Address	1422 Hawthorne St, Alexandria, MN 56308	
Phone	320-270-1012	
Email		
Web		
Service Type	Public Transit Provider	
Douglas		
Name	MidWest Taxi Service	
Address	707 Park St #2, Alexandria, MN 56308-2058	
Phone	320-815-7997	
Email		
Web		
	Public Transit Provider	
Douglas		
Name	Evansville Care Campus	
Address	115 Nelson St NW, Evansville, MN 56326-8286	
Phone	218-948-2119	
Email		
Web	http://www.evansvillecc.org	
Service Type	Assisted Living	

Multi-County	Service	
Name	Community Memorial Home at Osakis, MN Inc.	
Address	240 6th Ave N, Osakis, MN 56360-4960	
Phone	320-859-2142	
Email	dcarlson@galeonmn.com	
Web	http://www.GaleonMN.com	
Service Type	Assisted Living	
Multi-County	Service	
Name	West Central Minnesota Communities Action, Inc.	
Address	411 Industrial Park Blvd, Elbow Lake, MN 56531-4213	
Phone	800-492-4805	
Email	office@wcmca.org	
Web	http://www.wcmca.org	
Service Type	Community Action Agency	
Grant		
Name	Grant County Department of Social Services	
Address	28 Central Ave S, Elbow Lake, MN 56531-4100	
Phone	218-685-8200	
Email	deb.rapp@co.grant.mn.us	
Web	http://www.co.grant.mn.us	
Service Type	County Human Services	
Grant		
Name	Grant County Transportation	
Address	28 Central Ave S, Elbow Lake, MN 56531-4100	
Phone	218-685-8200	
Email		
Web		
	Public Transit Provider	
Douglas		
Name	Alternative Senior Care	
Address	1810 Darling Ave E, Alexandria, MN 56308-4795	
Phone	320-763-7627	
Email	cindy@alternativeseniorcare.net	
Web	http://www.alternativeseniorcare.net/index.php	
Service Type	Assisted Living	

Grant		
Name	Grant County Veterans Services Office	
Address	411 1st St SE, Elbow Lake, MN 56531-0029	
Phone	218-685-4801	
Email	joseph.hjelmstad@co.grant.mn.us	
Web	http://www.co.grant.mn.us/356/Veterans-Services	
Service Type	Veterans Services	
Grant		
Name	Horizon Public Health	
Address	10 1st St NW, Elbow Lake, MN 56531-4108	
Phone	320-763-6018	
Email		
Web	http://www.horizonpublichealth.org	
Service Type	Public Health Agency	
Multi-County Service		
Name	Grant County DAC/Pope County DT&H	
Address	106 7th St N, Hoffman, MN 56339-4104	
Phone	320-986-2923	
Email	grantdac@runestone.net	
Web		
	Job Training and Placement Agency	
Multi-County		
Name	LB Homes	
Address	805 E Channing Ave, Fergus Falls, MN 56537-3754	
Phone	218-998-1400	
Email	lisa.vogel@lbhomes.org	
Web	http://www.LBHomes.org	
Service Type	Assisted Living	
Multi-County		
Name	Productive Alternatives, Inc. (PAI)	
Address	1225 N Tower Rd, Fergus Falls, MN 56537-1077	
Phone	866-998-3002	
Email	darynt@paiff.org	
Web	http://www.paiff.org	
Service Type	Job Training and Placement Agencies	

Multi-County	Service	
Name	Apple Tree Dental	
Address	2001 W Lincoln Ave, Ste 33, Fergus Falls, MN 56537-1010	
Phone	218-483-1038	
Email	speterson@appletreedental.org	
Web	http://www.appletreedental.org	
Service Type	Dental Services	
Multi-County	Service	
Name	PioneerCare	
Address	411 E Everett Ave, Fergus Falls, MN 56537-3515	
Phone	218-739-7772	
Email	stephaniel@pioneercare.org	
Web	http://www.pioneercare.org	
Service Type	Assisted Living	
Otter Tail		
Name	City of Fergus Falls	
Address	2010 S Oak St, Fergus Falls, MN 56537-3319	
Phone	218-736-5916	
Email	city.hall@ci.fergus-falls.mn.us	
Web	http://www.ci.fergus-falls.mn.us	
Service Type	City Government	
Otter Tail		
Name	LB Homes	
Address	808 S Sheridan St, Fergus Falls, MN 56537-3001	
Phone	218-998-7400	
Email	Mary.Widiger@LBHomes.org	
Web	http://www.LBHomes.org	
Service Type	Assisted Living	
Otter Tail		
Name	Otter Tail County Veterans Services Office (CVSO)	
Address	505 S Court St Ste 2, Fergus Falls, MN 56537-2757	
Phone	218-998-8605	
Email	ckampa@co.otter-tail.mn.us	
Web	http://www.co.otter-tail.mn.us/164/Veterans-Service	
Service Type	Veterans Services	

Multi-County	Service	
Name	Ottertail Minn-Dakota Coaches	
Address	1116 N Tower Rd, Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0402	
Phone	218-739-3393	
Email		
Web	http://ottertailcoaches.com/	
Service Type	Public Transit Provider	
Multi-County	Service	
Name	Mahube-Otwa Community Action Partnership	
Address	128 W Cavour Ave, Fergus Falls, MN 56537-2102	
Phone	218-739-3011	
Email		
Web	http://www.mahube.org	
Service Type	Community Action Agency	
Otter Tail		
Name	Willow Creek Senior Community	
Address	500 Willow Creek Dr, Henning, MN 56551-4224	
Phone	218-548-6683	
Email	willowcreek@arvig.net	
Web	http://www.willowcreekseniorliving.net	
Service Type	Assisted Living	
Multi-County		
Name	Lake Country Home Care LLC	
Address	95 Miller St Ste E, New York Mills, MN 56567-4332	
Phone	218-385-3422	
Email	lakecountryhomecare@hotmail.com	
Web	http://lakecountryhc.com	
Service Type	Independent Living	
Otter Tail		
Name	Productive Alternatives, Inc. (PAI)	
Address	421 Jackson St E, Parkers Prairie, MN 56361-4538	
Phone	218-998-5630	
Email	parkpai@midwestinfo.net	
Web	http://www.paiff.org	
Service Type	Job Training and Placement Agency	

Otter Tail		
Name	Christianson Bus Service	
Address	25 12th Ave SW, Pelican Rapids, MN 56572-4449	
Phone	218-863-7000	
Email		
Web		
Service Type	Public Transit Provider	
Region-Wide		
Name	Ringdahl Ambulance Service-Perham	
Address	41 1st St NW, Pelican Rapids, MN 56572-4010	
Phone	218-736-2819	
Email	rfischer@ringdahlems.com	
Web	http://www.ringdahlems.com	
Service Type	Emergency Medical Services	
Otter Tail		
Name	Blue Diamond Party Bus	
Address	30640 County Hwy 1, Underwood, MN 56586-9249	
Phone	218-731-0598	
Email		
Web		
Service Type	Public Transit Provider	
Otter Tail		
Name	Synstelien Community Services, Inc.	
Address	128 E Meadowlark Lane, Fergus Falls, MN 56537-1281	
Phone	218-736-7322	
Email	openings@scslife.com	
Web	http://www.scslife.com/	
Service Type	Job Training and Placement Agency	
Multi-County		
Name	Central Minnesota Senior Care, Inc.	
Address	515 6th Ave Parkcrest, Glenwood, MN 56334-1880	
Phone	320-441-7001	
Email	http://www.controlwn.conjorcoro.com	
Web	http://www.centralmnseniorcare.com	
Service Type	Assisted Living	

Pope		
Name	Central Minnesota Senior Care, Inc.	
Address	501 5th St SE, Glenwood, MN 56334-6334	
Phone	320-231-2738	
Email		
Web	http://www.centralmnseniorcare.com	
Service Type	Assisted Living	
Роре		
Name	Horizon Public Health	
Address	211 E Minnesota Ave, Glenwood, MN 56334-6334	
Phone	320-763-6018	
Email		
Web	http://www.horizonpublichealth.org	
Service Type	Public Health Agency	
Pope		
Name	Pope County Human Services	
Address	211 Minnesota Ave E Ste 200, Glenwood, MN 56334-1668	
Phone	320-634-7755	
Email	GroupWebHumanServices@co.pope.mn.us	
Web	http://www.co.pope.mn.us/senior_services.php	
Service Type	County Human Services	
Pope		
Name	Pope County Veterans Services	
Address	130 E Minnesota Avenue, Glenwood, MN 56334-9253	
Phone	320-634-7846	
Email	GroupWebVeteranServices@co.pope.mn.us	
Web		
	e Veterans Services	
Multi-County		
Name	Rainbow Rider Transit	
Address	249 Poplar Ave, Lowry, MN 56349-4613	
Phone Emoil	800-450-7770	
Email	rainbowr@runestone.net	
Web	http://www.rainbowriderbus.com	
Service Type	Public Transit Provider	

Multi-County	Service	
Name	Minnewaska Community Health Services	
Address	500 Holly Ridge Dr, Starbuck, MN 56381-2150	
Phone	320-239-4775	
Email	mrandt@mchs-healthcare.org	
Web	http://www.mchs-healthcare.org	
Service Type	Healthcare Facility	
Pope		
Name	Minnewaska Community Health Services	
Address	109 E 7th St, Starbuck, MN 56381-2429	
Phone	320-239-7125	
Email		
Web	http://www.mchs-healthcare.org	
Service Type	Healthcare Facility	
Stevens		
Name	Stevens County Ambulance	
Address	209 S Highway 9, Morris, MN 56267-0231	
Phone	320-589-7421	
Email	jfischer@stevensems.com	
Web	http://www.stevensems.com	
Service Type	Emergency Medical Services	
Stevens		
Name	Horizon Public Health	
Address	10 E Highway 28, Morris, MN 56267-1177	
Phone	320-763-6018	
Email		
Web	http://www.horizonpublichealth.org	
Service Type	Public Health Agency	
Stevens		
Name	Morris City Transit	
Address	609 Oregon Ave, Morris, MN 56267-1295	
Phone	320-589-1000	
Email	transit@ci.morris.mn.us	
Web	http://ci.morris.mn.us/transit.php	
Service Type	Public Transit Provider	

Stevens		
Name	Stevens County Developmental Achievement Center - DAC	
Address	203 Green River Rd, PO Box 25, Morris, MN 56267-1635	
Phone	320-589-3020	
Email	charlieoakes86@gmail.com	
Web	http://stevenscodac.org	
Service Type	Job Training and Placement Agency	
Traverse		
Name	Broadway Industries	
Address	917 Broadway Ave, Wheaton, MN 56296-1301	
Phone	320-563-0229	
Email	brdwyind@frontiernet.net	
Web		
Service Type	Job Training and Placement Agency	
Traverse		
Name	Horizon Public Health	
Address	203 8th St N, Wheaton, MN 56296-1443	
Phone	320-763-6018	
Email		
Web	http://www.horizonpublichealth.org	
Service Type	Public Health Agency	
Traverse		
Name	Traverse Care Center / Prairieview Place	
Address	305 7th St S, Wheaton, MN 56296-1737	
Phone	320-563-8600	
Email		
Web	http://traversecarecenter.com	
	Assisted Living	
Multi-County		
Name	Friendly Riders	
Address	229 Harry Rich Dr, Wadena, MN 56482-2411	
Phone	218-631-5730	
Email		
Web	www.friendlyrider.com	
Service Type	Public Transit Provider	

Wilkin		
Name	CHI Health At Home	
Address	1110 Highway 75 N Ste A, Breckenridge, MN 56520-1108	
Phone	218-643-2274	
Email		
Web	http://www.sfcare.org/HomeHealthHospice	
Service Type	Independent Living	
Wilkin		
Name	CHI St. Francis Health	
Address	601 Oak St, Breckenridge, MN 56520-1216	
Phone	218-643-0407	
Email		
Web	http://www.sfcare.org	
Service Type	Healthcare Facility	
Wilkin		
Name	Wilkin County Family Service Agency	
Address	300 5th St S, PO Box 369, Breckenridge, MN 56520-0369	
Phone	218-643-7161	
Email	dsayler@co.wilkin.mn.us	
Web	http://www.co.wilkin.mn.us/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={DDFBDB 1A-1FC5-4288-A23E-09837C5D093F}	
Service Type	County Human Service Agency	
Multi-County	Service	
Name	Rothsay Partners	
Address	230 1st Ave SW, PO Box 234, Rothsay, MN 56579-0234	
Phone	218-867-1234	
Email	rpartners@rtelnet.net	
Web	http://partners.lahnetwork.org	
Service Type	Independent Living	

Appendix C – Public Workshop Participants

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Name	Organization
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Beverly Herfindahl	MnDOT
Jamie Hess	PrimeWest Health
Char Hirte	Rural Minnesota CEP
Wayne Hurley	West Central Initiative
Charlie Kampa	Otter Tail County Veterans Services
Cynthia Sprung	Wilkin County Public Health
Kate Storhaug	Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging
Daryn Toso	Transit Alternatives