

Minnesota Council on Transportation Access

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

1:00 – 3:00 PM

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Call to Order and Review Approve Agenda

- **1:00 Call to Order and Member Roll Call** Tori Nill, MnDOT OTAT Office Director and MCOTA (Temporary) Chair; All
 - **Action:** Roll Call (via chat)
- **1:05 Review and Approve Agenda – All**
 - **Action:** Approval (vote, via chat) Please reference agenda sent with the meeting invitation

Public Comment

- **1:10 -1:15 Public Comment**
 - Members of the public are allowed up to three minutes for comment.
 - Please raise your hand or unmute if you are using the phone *6.

May Meeting Minutes

- 1:15 -1:20 **May Meeting Minutes – All**
 - **Action:** Approval (vote, via chat) Sent with meeting invitation

Agency Senior Leadership Meeting

- 1:20- 1:40 **Agency Senior Leadership Team Meeting** – Tom Gottfried, MCOTA Executive Director; All
- Revised Date and Time: Friday 10.1.2021 1-3pm
- Discussion and review. Please reference agenda sent with meeting invitation
 - **Action:** Recommendation to MnDOT Commissioner

Agenda Overview: Senior Leadership Meeting

Public Comment

Legislation 2021 Session Update:

Issues & Opportunities *Action: Discussion*

- ***What is your agency's top transportation challenge that could benefit from a strategic and holistic enterprise approach?***
 - Why is this your top issue?
 - What resources are you planning to spend/utilize in 2022/23/24 to address this challenge?
 - Is there an opportunity for MCOTA be an asset to your agency to partner with you to address this transportation issue?
 - Do you see other state agencies as partners (beyond MCOTA) to address this challenge, is there opportunity for an enterprise level approach?

Legislative Updates 2021 & Planning 2022

- **1:40 -2:00 Legislative End of 2021 Session Update and Planning for 2022 Session** – Erik Rudeen, MnDOT; Diogo Reis, MN Dept. of Human Services; Other State Agencies relative to transportation access
 - Action: Inform and Discuss

Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan

- 2:00 – 2:20 **Presentation: Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan: Update and Request for Input** –Hally Turner, Policy Planning Director
- Action: Inform and Discuss

Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan



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Agenda

1. Hear plan overview and preliminary engagement report
2. Give your feedback on plan direction
3. Share engagement ideas



Plan Overview

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Planning Minnesota's
Transportation Future

Minnesota's multimodal transportation system maximizes the health of people, the environment and our economy.

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Minnesota GO 50-year Vision

What are we trying to achieve?

Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan

How are we going to achieve it?

Modal and System Plans

What does that mean for each type of transportation?

< Considered by the State Highway Investment Plan >



Greater
Minnesota
Transit
Investment Plan



Pedestrian
Plan



Bicycle
Plan



State
Highway
Investment
Plan



Freight
System
Plan



Aviation
Plan



Rail
Plan



Ports &
Waterways
Plan

< Considered by the Freight System Plan >

Six Focus Areas Guiding the Plan



1. Aging Infrastructure



4. Equity



2. Climate Change



5. Safety



3. Economy and
Employment



6. Transportation
Options

Who is involved

6

work
groups

450

draft
strategies

Refining strategies
through

- Trend analysis
- Effort/impact analysis
- Equity review
- Public input

2020 JANUARY ○ PROJECT BEGINS
PLAN REVIEW AND TREND ANALYSIS BEGINS

NOVEMBER ● PUBLIC LAUNCH Engagement begins

2021 JANUARY ○ MNSHIP BEGINS

FEBRUARY ○ STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT Work groups start

AUGUST ○ WORK PLAN Draft for internal and committee review
SEPTEMBER Work groups end

2022 JANUARY ○ DRAFT PLAN Released for comment

SPRING ○ FINAL PLAN Plan adopted and implementation begins

We are here!

 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

 IMPLEMENTATION



Preliminary Engagement Report

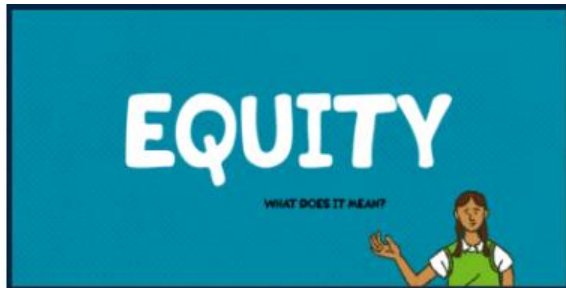
Preliminary Phase 2 Engagement Report

- Connected with **325 people** with 14 live virtual events (*as of July 12, 2021*)
- Partnered with 14 organizations
- Received feedback online from **1,500 people** (*as of July 23, 2021*)
- Presented to roughly **3,000 people** through ~140 meetings



Preliminary Engagement Report

1,500 responses via [MinnesotaGO.org](https://www.minnesotago.org)



What we are hearing: Transportation Options



“

Walking and biking [should be] emphasized, with dedicated infrastructure for these modes.

”

What we are hearing: Economy and Employment

“ Our jobs require a vehicle for travel. In addition, we live in a rural area and need transportation to get to town for grocery shopping, etc. ”



What we are hearing: Equity



There should be diverse representation for planning decisions.





Transportation Access in the SMTP

Themes to Date

- Transit provides an important mode choice around the state
- Flexibility in service options is key to connecting people with jobs
- Mode plays a role in reducing vehicle miles traveled and cutting greenhouse gas emissions

Themes to Date

- Land use context is essential when planning for connectivity and expansion of transportation systems
- Design practices can support and enhance transportation options and mode choice
- Design flexibility can connect transit-dependent populations to jobs and economic centers

Feedback on SMTP Direction

**Aging
Infrastructure**

**Climate
Change**

**Economy and
Employment**

Equity

Safety

**Transportation
Options**

Put in the chat ... what SMTP focus topic is your highest priority?

Share engagement ideas

Your recommendations for—

- Potential hosts in your community?
- Promotional opportunities?
- Poster locations?
- Hosting a virtual presentation with us?

Contact: Ashley.Zidon@state.mn.us

Call to Action: Let's Talk Transportation

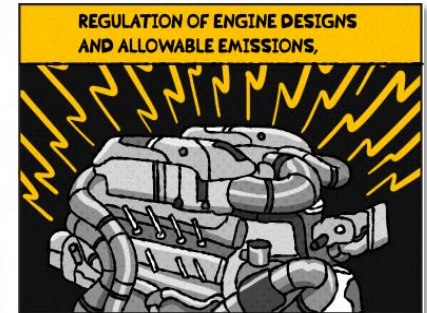
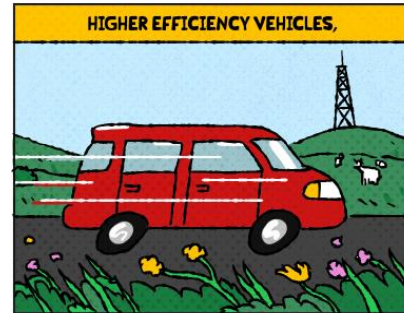
Please share: www.MinnesotaGO.org/stories

Let's Talk Transportation

6 TRANSPORTATION STORIES

- Aging Infrastructure
- Climate Change
- Economy and Employment
- Equity
- Safety
- Transportation Options

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Thanks!



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MCOTA WORK TEAMS

- 2:20-2:30 **MCOTA Work Teams –**

MCOTA VENDOR STATUS

- Update on MCOTA Administrative Support Vendor Status – Tom Gottfried
 - Action: Information

Volunteer Driver Work Team

- Debrief Volunteer Driver Virtual Forum Series, and Next Steps for 2022/23 – Tom Gottfried

MCOTA 2020-2021 Virtual Volunteer Driver Forum Series

November 2020 – June 2021

Volunteer Driver Sessions

Policy and Legislation

- [Current State and a Look into the Future of Volunteer Drivers \(Nov. 2020\)](#)
- [Policy Issues and Real-Life Stories \(Dec. 2020\)](#)

Nuts and Bolts of Volunteer Driver Programs

- [Volunteer Driver Recruitment and Promotion \(Jan. 2021\)](#)
- [How to Start a Volunteer Driver Program \(Feb. 2021\)](#)

Volunteer Driver Sessions can't.

Disability and Diversity Training

- Person-centered Practices and Disability Etiquette for Volunteer Drivers (March 2021)
- Cultural Diversity and Equity Training (March 2021)
- Trauma-Informed Care Training (April 2021)
- Providing Community Education About People Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing (April 2021)

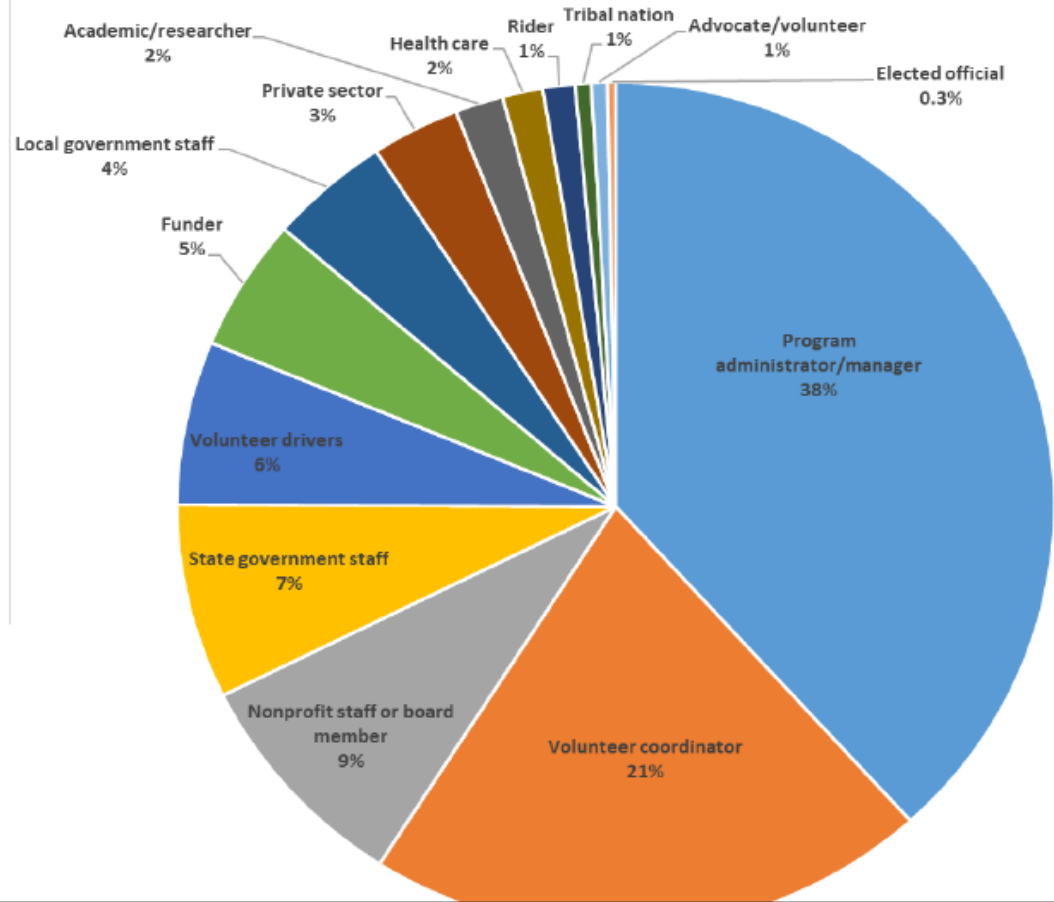
Volunteer Driver Session cont.

Best Practices Training for Volunteer Drivers

- [Module 1 – Safety & Security \(May 2021\)](#)
- [Module 2 – Emergency Preparedness \(May 2021\)](#)
- [Module 3 – Passenger Assistance & Safety \(May 2021\)](#)
- [Module 4 – Dealing with Difficult Customers and Self Care \(June 2021\)](#)
- [Module 5 – Ethics and Boundaries \(June 2021\)](#)
- [Module 6 – Best Practices & Summary \(June 2021\)](#)

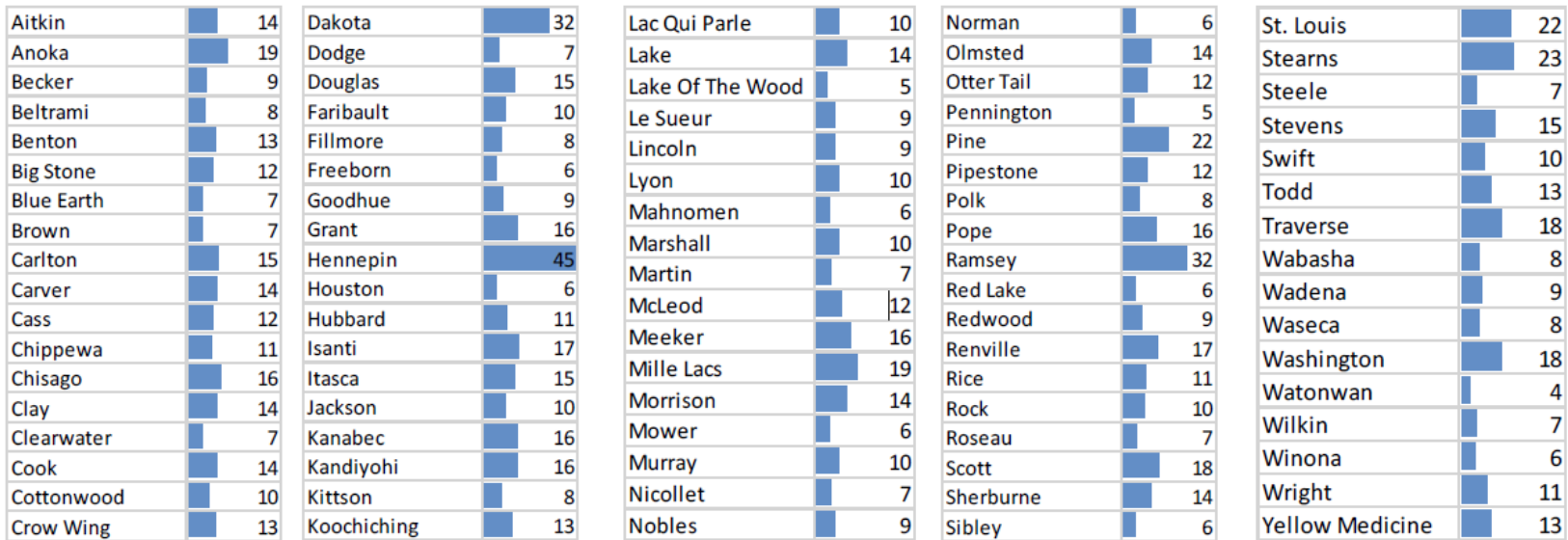
Registrants Primary Role in Volunteer Program

Responses from all series registrants regarding "Primary Role in Volunteer Programs"



Registrants Minnesota Counties

Responses from all series registrants: “What area/county/counties does your organization represent?
Or if you are a rider, what county/area do you live in?”



Volunteer Driver

- Next Steps for 2022/23 – Tom Gottfried

Volunteer Driver Fact Sheet/Brochure

- Update on the Volunteer Driver Fact Sheet (Brochure) Tom Gottfried

- Legislation to include:

Clearly **defines a volunteer driver** in law as not “for-hire.”

Creates a state income tax subtraction for volunteer drivers to **reduce their tax liability** in Minnesota

Action: Information

Communications' Work Team

Communications Work Team – Michelle Lichtig,
Program Manager

- Annual Report Update
 - **Action:** Recommendation (shared at end of this update)
- Website Update
 - Action: Information

Annual Report Update

Audiences

- Governor's Office
- Chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation, health, and human service
- Other legislators
- MCOTA members and organizations' leadership
- RTCCs and TCAPs
- Other interested stakeholders

Annual report : Themes and Messages

Themes/key messages

- Importance of partnerships in responding to COVID-19 locally and statewide (food delivery during COVID-19, COVID cultural consultants, vaccine buses, COVID+ transportation, Washington County Automated Shuttle)
- Crucial volunteer driver legislation passed; Volunteer Driver Forum series highlights and statistics; available as on-demand training
- GIS mapping of transportation providers creates guidance for local communities and helps to identify gaps at the statewide level
- Local innovations by RTCCs and TCAPs: such as travel training, marketing/recruiting, and Lyft partnerships

Recommendation: Annual report Themes/Messages

The Communications Work Team recommended to proceed with developing and prepping the themes and messages shared today.

Action: Recommendation

Website Updates

Reviewing the pages

- MCOTA
- TCAPs and RTCC

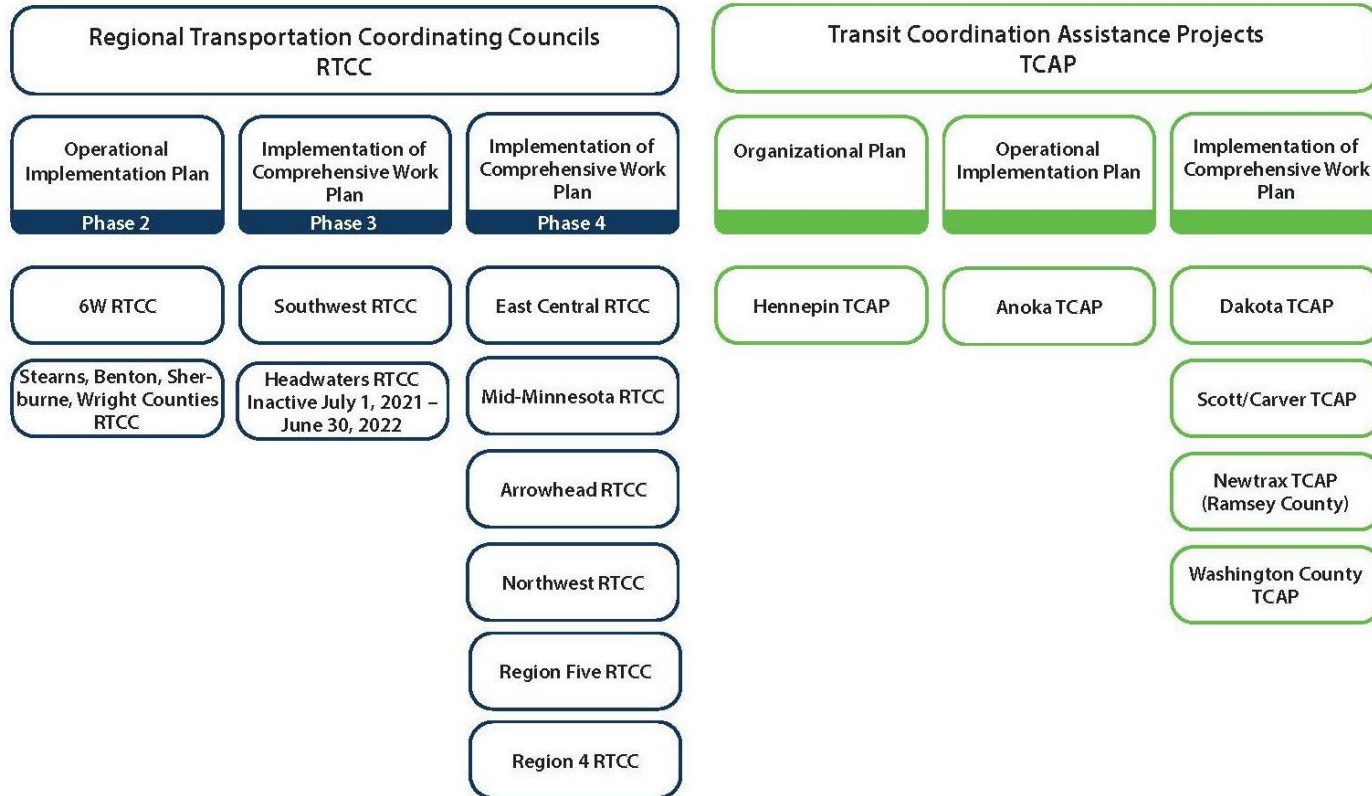
When vendor is under contract will take steps for the site to be live

Greater MN Regional Transportation
Coordinating Councils & Twin Cities Transit
Coordination Assistance Projects

2:30 – 2:40 Updates: Michelle Lichtig

TCAPs and RTCCs Phase Status July 1, 2021

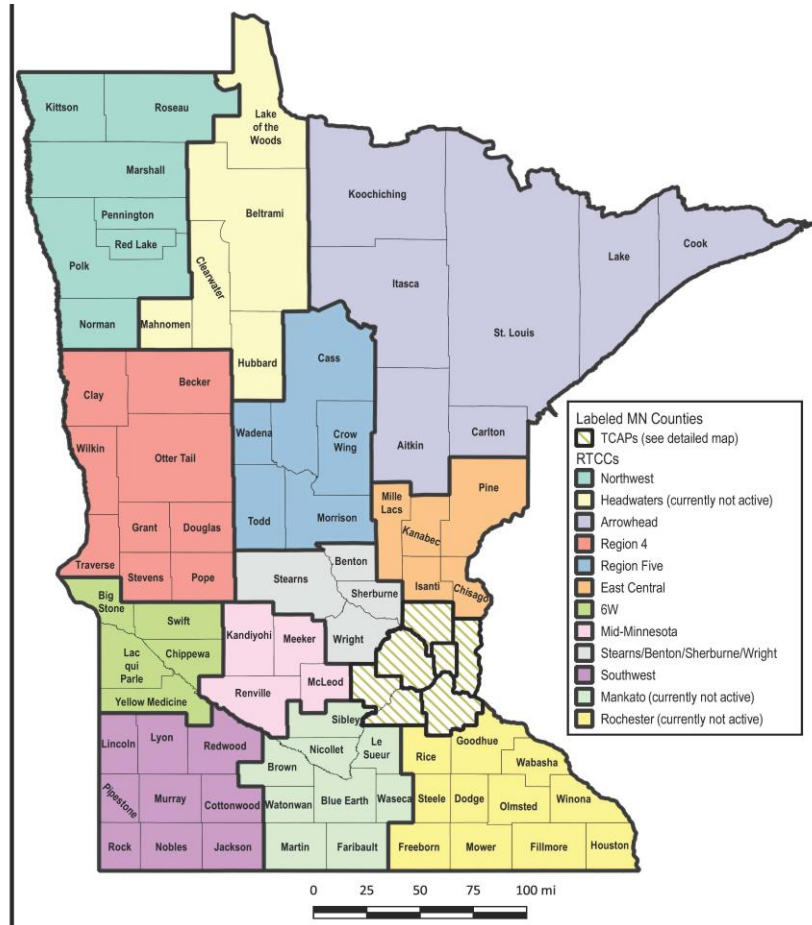
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TCAPs

- Sue Siemers is taking over duties as interim project manager for Noel Shughart
- TCAP grant application review committee is scheduled to meet on September 16th;
- Grant Agreement awards will be timeframe January 1,2022 thru December 31, 2023;
- 6 out of the 7 Metro Counties will be under the January 1,2022 thru December 31,2023 award :Anoka County, Dakota County “GoDakota, Ramsey - Newtrax, Inc., Scott/Carver – “SmartLink”, Washington County
- Hennepin County TCAP’s grant will expire December 31, 2021, staff will work with Hennepin County on their next TCAP Grant Application throughout 2022

RTCCs Map July 1, 2021



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RTCCs

Phase 4: Grant agreements awards started July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 Second year starting July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

- Arrowhead, East Central, Mid- Minnesota, Region Five, Northwest & Region 4

Phase 3: Grant agreement started July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

- Southwest

Phase 2: Grant agreement started July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

- Benton, Sherburne, Stearns and Wright Counties

Phase 2: Grant agreement January 1, 2021 – December 30, 2021

- 6W

Agency Updates

2:40 – 2:55: **Agency Updates – All**

- Olmstead Plan – Kristie Billiar, MnDOT
- Member Round Robin
- Action: Members are invited to share relevant updates or information relative to transportation coordination for 1-2 min. each

Review Draft Agenda for September

- **2:55 Review Draft Agenda** for September 22nd Meeting – Tori Nill, All
 - At the September meeting: Proposed presentation "Walking **Audit**": **Department of Health**
 - Agenda details: Please reference the agenda sent with email invitation
- **FYI: Today's presentation PowerPoint will be sent as PDF after the meeting.**

Thank You

- **3:00 Adjourn**

Upcoming meetings 2021: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

- Sept 22, 2021
- October 1, 2021 (MCOTA Senior Leadership Meeting)
- Nov 17, 2021 (Moved to the 3rd Wednesday due to Thanksgiving)