

# MCOTA Transportation Access Role

## Lead

For Transportation Access issues beyond the scope or mission of any given state agency it is MCOTA's role to lead and partner with the appropriate agency/agencies and stakeholders.

## Partner

For Transportation Access issues or situations that cross over agency disciplines or missions. MCOTA is a partner with stakeholders and other state agencies.

## Support

For Transportation Access issues it is MCOTA's primary mission and focus. MCOTA can provide support from MCOTA member agencies and identify the best state and/or national resources for support.

# Type of Issue

- Enterprise- wide

This is an issue that involves multiple state agencies (at least two) and will need partners from the specific state agencies as the issue is vetted and in turn buy in for the potential recommendation(s).

Example: Definition what is a Volunteer Driver and adjusting the allowable reimbursement rate for Volunteer Drivers to Match the IRS mileage rate. Commerce for language for Insurance classification, DHS and MnDOT to align definitions and Revenue for state tax adjustment. 2021 Session Law.

- Agency specific

This is an issue that is specific to that state agency only, however has a direct or indirect impact on other state agencies and will need partners from the impacted agencies and the specific state agency to vet out the issues and potential recommendations.

Example: Span of Paratransit service of Greater MN Public Transportation. MnDOT and the impacted state agencies' programs.

# MCOTA Work Teams

As of MCOTA's review and endorsement of the Work Teams 2023/24 Work Plans at the July and September MCOTA meetings, the four active Work Teams are moving ahead through the vetting of the issues and working towards solutions and recommendations to be reviewed and approved by MCOTA and by Senior Leadership as appropriate.

The projected timeline will depend on the topic and complexity of issue, but planning we expect the following:

- Policy and Potential Legislative action recommendations: Draft March MCOTA meeting, Final Draft May MCOTA meeting for approval and potentially moved to Senior Leadership in June.
- Research and study recommendations: Draft January MCOTA meeting, Final Draft March MCOTA meeting for approval, with Studies and Research to be completed by end of CY.