

## MCOTA Meeting Agenda

November 15, 2023, | 1:00 – 3:00 PM  
Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

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### MCOTA members:

- Chair: Tim Sexton – Assistant Commissioner for Sustainability, Planning, and Program Management, Minnesota Department of Transportation
- Vice-Chair: Diogo Reis - Director, Health Improvement and Benefit Design Division, Department of Human Services
- Peter Brickwedde – Assistant Commissioner of Government and External Affairs, Minnesota Department of Commerce
- Ron Quade – 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) – MCOTA Chair  
*Ask if anyone has public comment.*

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

- 1:10 **September Meeting Minutes** – MCOTA Executive Director  
*Action: Approval (vote, via chat)*
- 1:15 **Annual Election of Officers (chair and vice-chair)** – MCOTA Chair  
*Action: Nominations and Elections*
- 1:25 **Legislative and Policy Update** – MCOTA Executive Director
- **Round robin** – All members
  - Provide potential legislation that may impact transportation access and/or mobility that your agency will be seeking in the next session (2024).
- Action: Information and Discussion*
- 1:35 **Transportation Equity** – MCOTA Executive Director  
*Action: Information*
- **Disability Justice** – Mai Thor, Program Manager, Office of Transit and Active Transportation, MnDOT
- 1:50 **Greater MN Regional Transportation Coordinating Councils (RTCCs) & Transit Coordination Assistance Projects (TCAPs) Program/Grants Update** – Michelle Lichtig, MCOTA Program Manager and Project Manager, Department of Transportation
- 2:00 **Coordinating Council Access & Mobility** – MCOTA Executive Director
- Update of MCOTA Agency Interviews – Steve Workman – Easterseals Consultant – Director of Transport New Hampshire
    - This is the prep work for 2025-2029 MCOTA Strategic Plan update.
- 2:15 **MCOTA Work Teams** - MCOTA Executive Director
- **Removing Barriers** – Brandon Nurmi
    - Update
  - **Accessibility** – David Fenley
    - Update
  - **Volunteer Driver** – Beverly Sidlo-Tolliver, Arrowhead RTCC
    - Update on Federal Legislation Research Needs Statement
- Action: Review, approval, and identify funding partners*
- Action: Determine the MCOTA Lead for the Volunteer Driver Work Team*
- **Communications** – Jodi Yanda
    - Annual Report
- Action: Information and discussion*

2:35 **Agency Updates** - MCOTA Chair

- **Olmstead Plan** – Kristie Billiar, Planning Director, ADA Program and Policy, Department of Transportation

- **Member Round Robin** – All

*Action: Members are invited to share relevant updates or information related to transportation coordination for 1-2 min. each.*

2:45 **Thank you to CTS** - MCOTA Executive Director and MCOTA Chair

Today is CTS' last MCOTA meeting and we wish CTS and specifically Arlene and Sam and the whole team for over 10 years of MCOTA support, facilitation, guidance, and highly professional assistance over the years. CTS has truly been an excellent partner with MCOTA and MnDOT.

Our new vendor (partner) TKDA will be joining our (and running) MCOTA's January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. More information to follow soon.

2:55 **Public Comment** – MCOTA Chair

*Members of the public are each allowed up to three minutes for comment.*

3:00 **Adjourn** – MCOTA Chair

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**Future MCOTA Meetings (1:00-3:00 p.m.):**

- January 24, 2024
- March 27, 2024
- May 22, 2024
- June 26, 2024 – Senior Leadership Meeting