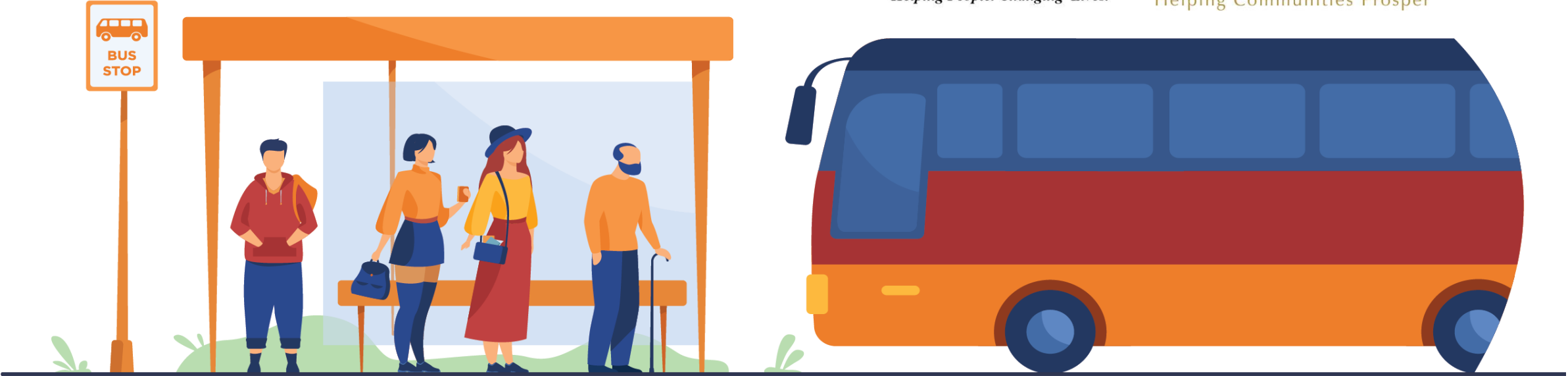
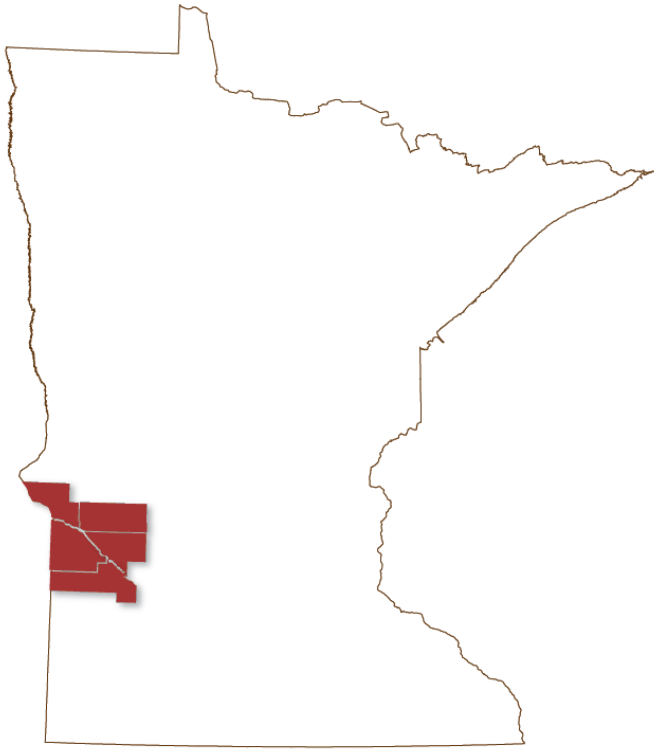


Improving Transit Services for West Central Minnesota

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What is an RTCC?



A Regional Transportation Coordination Council (RTCC) is a program being developed by Prairie Five CAC and the UMVRDC for the purpose of addressing unmet transit needs



The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) provided funding for local government entities across the state to research how an RTCC could benefit transit users

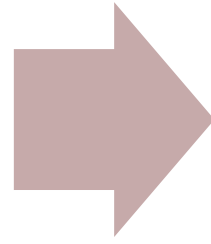


The RTCC will be staffed by 2-3 people working to make things easier for riders



Who is Involved?

Even with the generosity of residents, and the services provided by public and private transportation providers, *people are often still unable to get the rides they need.*



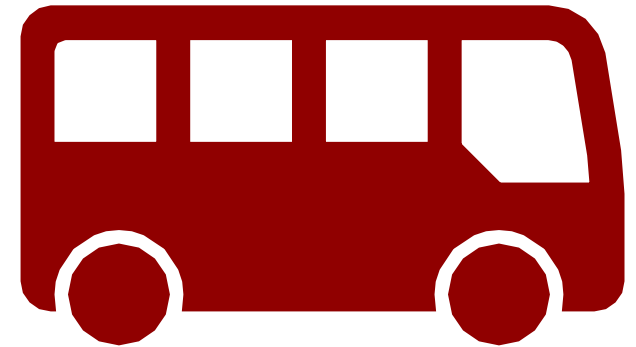
Our region is a model for the rest of the state, but we can still improve. The RTCC will help to reduce, or eliminate, the number of people being turned down when requesting a ride.



Why do we need an RTCC?

Challenges for transit services in our region

- Our low population and large geographic area make providing rides difficult for both private and public transit providers
- We currently have demand-response services, which is difficult in low population area
- Public Transportation cannot fulfill all the transit service needs in our region



What will an RTCC do for our region?

- Identify unmet transportation needs
- Identify all available transportation options and resources
- Coordinate between transportation providers – public and private
- Identify and understand transportation barriers
- Develop solutions to reduce barriers
- Develop a centralized information center for riders in coordination with all transportation providers
- Advocate for policies supporting transportation services in our region

Goals of the RTCC



**MAKE TRANSPORTATION EASIER
TO USE BY CUSTOMERS**



**PROVIDE MORE RIDES WITH
THE SAME OR FEWER
RESOURCES**



**REDUCE BARRIERS THAT THE
PROGRAM'S RIDERS AND
PROVIDERS DEPEND ON**

Apply

Apply for grant funds from MnDOT to begin the implementation phase

Develop

Develop job descriptions for new RTCC staff and set program budget

Work

Work with stakeholders to identify the best way to efficiently use the different sources of transportation funds

What are the next steps?

Questions or Comments?

To give feedback on the project or get more information visit the UMVRDC website.

<https://umvrdc.org/regional-transportation-coordination-council/>

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