

Transit Service in Minnesota

**Maintain Mobility –
Take the Bus or Train**

Transit Will Take You There

- Minnesota provides many options to driving:
 - Regular Route Bus Service
 - Train Service: Light Rail and Commuter Rail
 - Dial-A-Ride Service
 - Ridesharing
 - Volunteer Drivers



Assistance is Available

- In the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Metro Transit operates bus and rail service
 - To get started, call **612-373-3333** (TTY **612-341-0140**) to talk to a transit expert
 - Visit the Metro Transit web site:
<http://www.metrotransit.org/>
The web site will tell you how to ride, how to find schedules for service, what the cost is for a trip and where the bus or train runs

Trip Planner Makes It Easy

- Simply click on <http://www.metrotransit.org/> and type in your starting location and your destination. Metro Transit will tell you exactly how to get where you want to go.





Transit Options

- **Metro Mobility** in Twin Cities Metro Area
 - For people with disabilities who can't ride the regular bus
 - You can apply for this service by obtaining an application form at:
<http://www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/MetroMobility/index.htm>
 - Provides door-to-door service

Transit Options

- **Transit Link** (Formerly Dial-A-Ride)
 - Transit Link operates within certain Twin Cities communities. It is shared-ride service, which must be reserved before the trip – the same day or up to five business days in advance. Transit Link is for trips that can't be accomplished on regular transit routes alone, and may combine regular route and Transit Link service.
 - Learn more at:
<http://www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/TransitLink/index.htm>



Suburban Transit Service

- **Southwest Transit** –SWT has 60 buses and offers service to Downtown and Minneapolis, the University of Minnesota, and Southdale, as well as service between Chanhassen, Chaska, and Eden Prairie, **Monday through Friday**. Find out how to get on the bus at: <http://www.swtransit.org/>
- **Minnesota Valley Transit** – Public transportation alternatives for Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Rosemount and Savage. Learn more at: <http://www.mvta.com/>
- **Maple Grove Transit** - Maple Grove Transit offers public bus service in the form of commuter express service to and from Minneapolis and local dial-a-ride service within Maple Grove. Get all the information you need at: <http://www.ci.maple-grove.mn.us/content/3485/default.aspx>

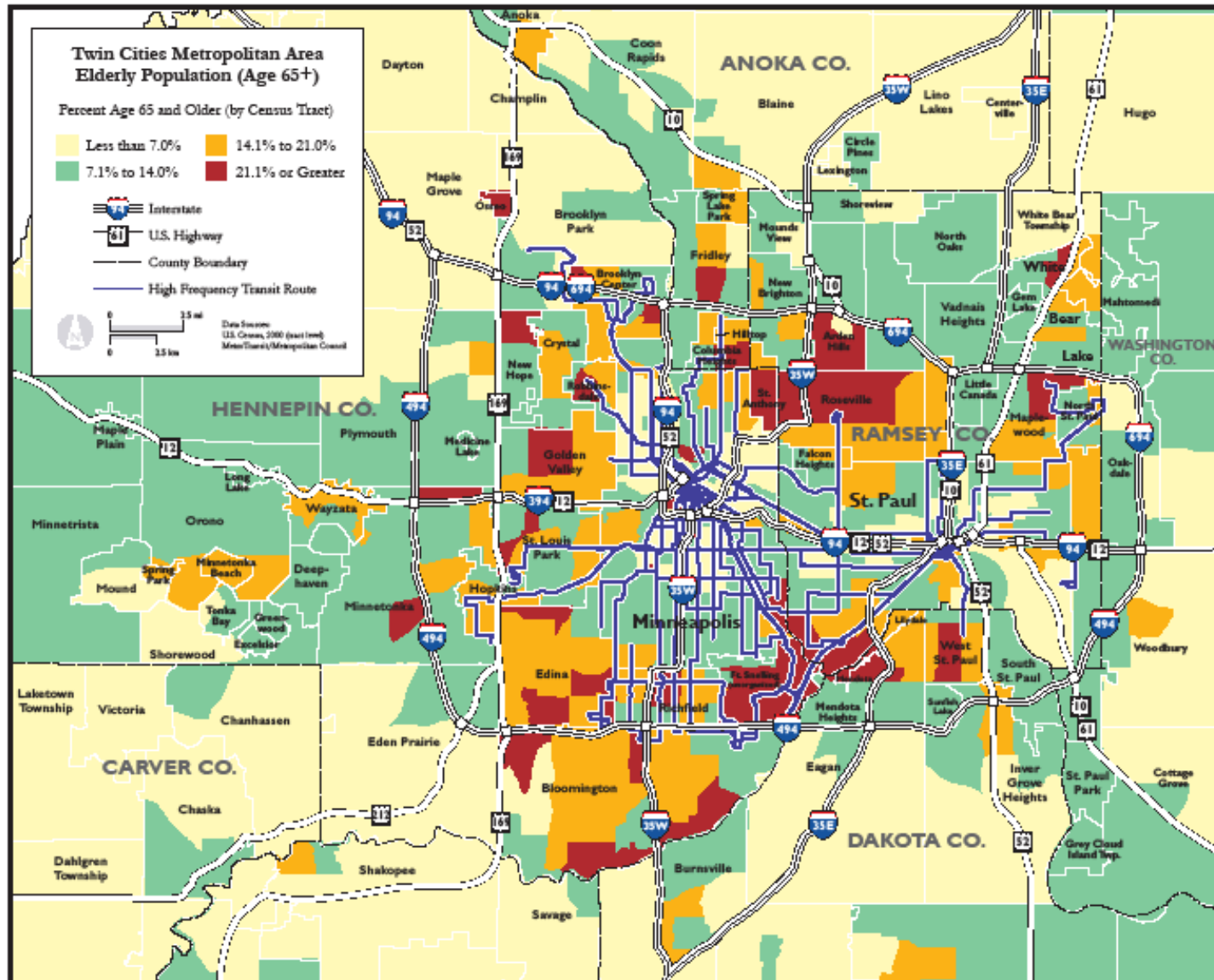




Suburban Transit Service

- **Shakopee Transit** – The city's public transit service offers van pools, circulator and commuter bus service to residents of Shakopee and neighboring communities. Learn more at: <http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/transit.cfm>
- **Plymouth Metrolink** – This system offers three types of service: Express buses to downtown Minneapolis, Reverse Commute service from Minneapolis to Plymouth, and Dial-A-Ride will-call service to local destinations. http://www2.ci.plymouth.mn.us/servlet/page?_pageid=118&_dad=cop&_schema=PORTAL30&_type=site&_fsiteid=55&_fid=8157&_fnavbarid=9890&_fnavbarsiteid=55&_fedit=0&_fmode=2&_fdisplaymode=1&_fcalledfrom=1&_fdisplayurl=
- **Prior Lake** - The City of Prior Lake has three transit service options: The Lake Lines Express to Downtown, the Prior Lake Circulator Bus and the Local Laker Link Shuttle. More information at: <http://www.cityofpriorlake.com/transit.shtml>

Transit Provides Access for Elderly Residents





Rail Service

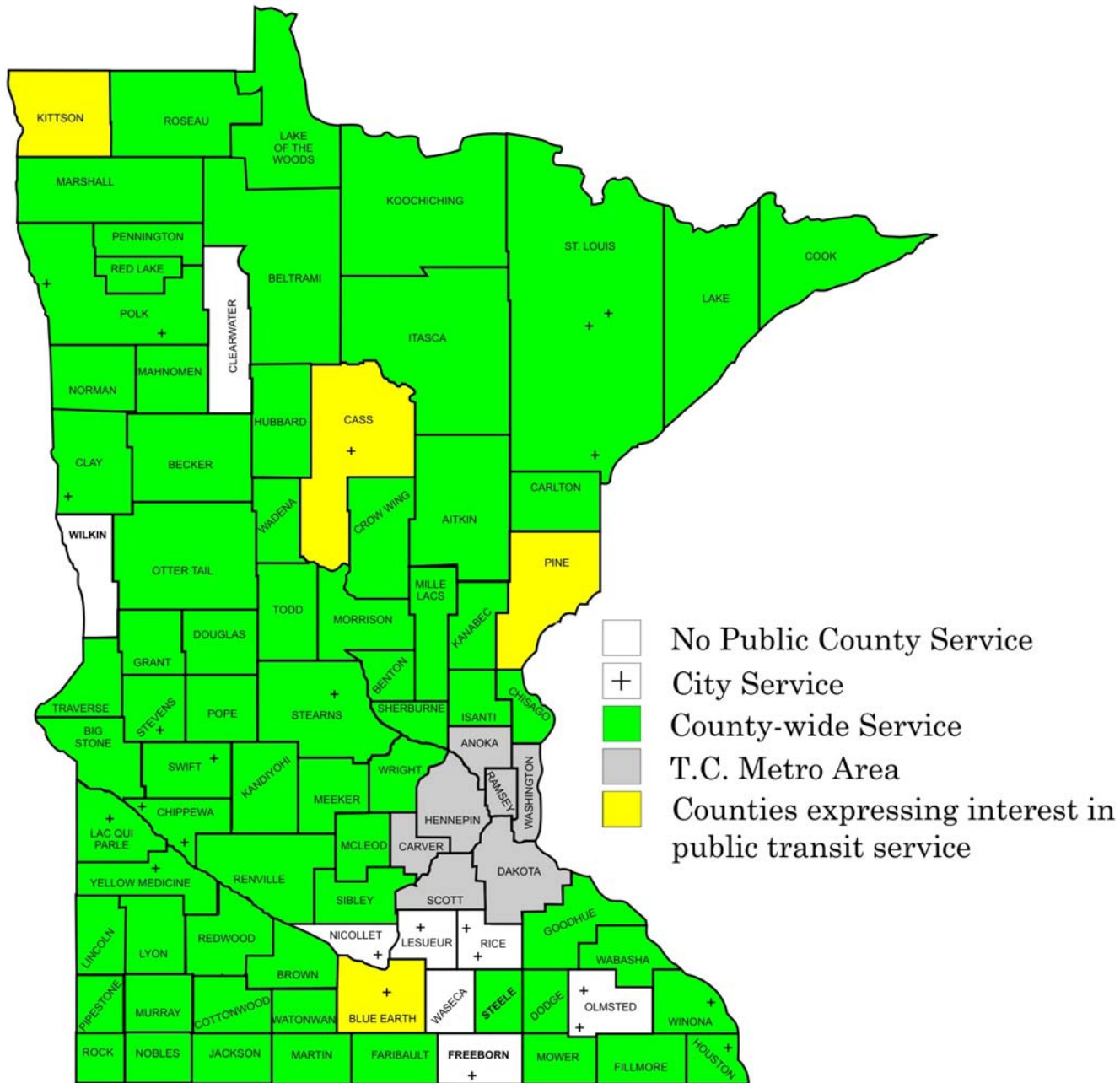
- **Hiawatha Light Rail**
 - Runs between downtown Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Airport with a stop at the Mall of America
 - More information on how to get on board at:
<http://www.metrotransit.org/rail/>
- **North Star Commuter Rail**
 - Runs between downtown Minneapolis and Big Lake
 - Learn more at: <http://www.northstartrain.org/>



Transit Service Keeps People Moving

- Greater Minnesota Communities also provide bus service
 - Regular Route bus service in larger communities like St. Cloud, Duluth and Rochester
 - Dial-A-Ride Service in smaller communities
 - Volunteer Drivers

GREATER MINNESOTA TRANSIT



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68 Counties with countywide service
7 Counties with municipal service only
5 Counties with no public transit service

Many Options in Greater Minnesota

- Regional Centers provide regular route bus service
 - **St. Cloud Metro Bus** provides many services including regular route, dial-a-ride and travel training. Learn more at: <http://www.ridemetrobus.com/>
 - **Duluth Transit Authority** serves residents of the Duluth area. See all the options at: <http://www.duluthtransit.com/>
 - **Rochester Public Transit** serves the Rochester area: <http://www.rochesterbus.com/>
 - **Metro Area Transit** serves Moorhead, Fargo and West Fargo. Get more information at: <http://www.matbus.com/>

Public Transit Service

- **Users** – general public
- **Trip Purpose** – work, medical, education, shopping, nutrition
- **Service** – demand responsive, fixed route, combination, volunteers



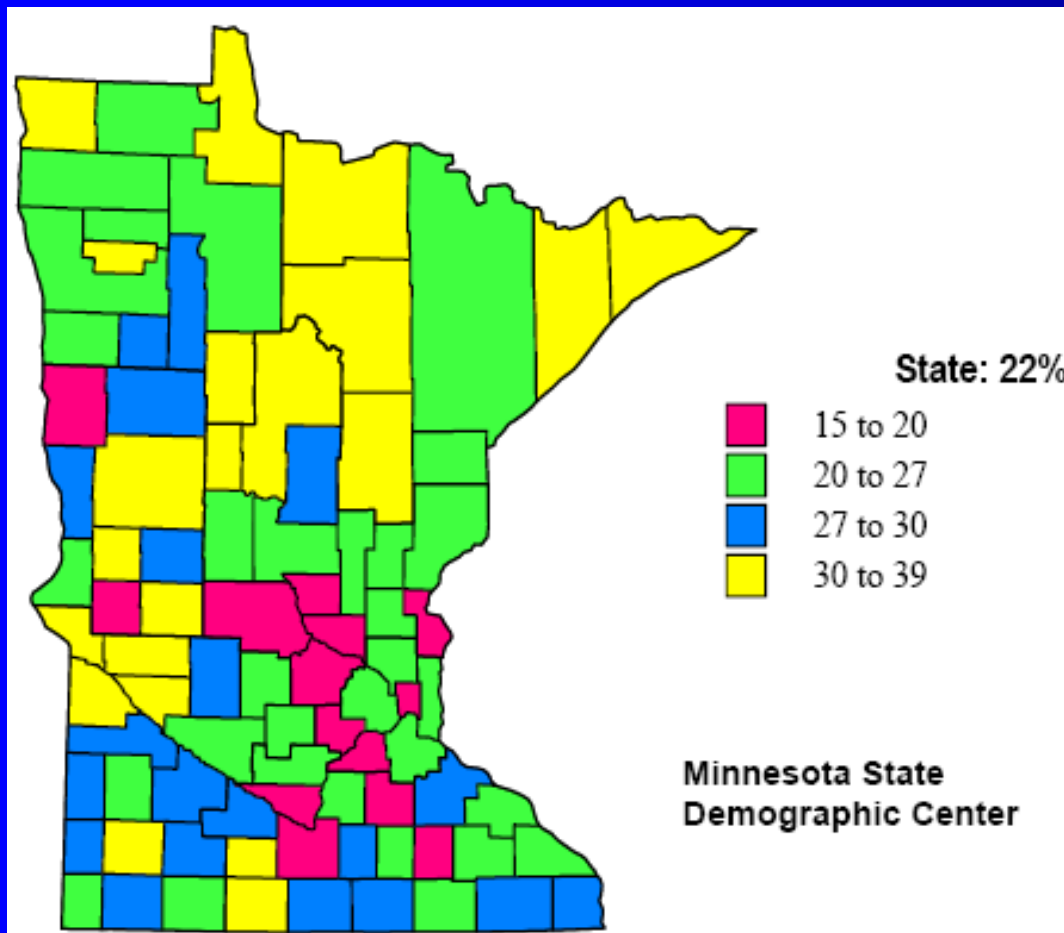
- **Operators** – transit authorities, cities, counties, regional organizations, private providers, tribes
- **Vehicles** – small, medium and large buses

Transit Serves Greater Minnesota

- 61 Transit Systems spread around the state
- You can find the systems in your area here:
http://www.arrivemn.org/component/option,com_frontpage/Itemid,1/
- Friendly people will help you arrange a ride or give you more information on how to ride the bus.

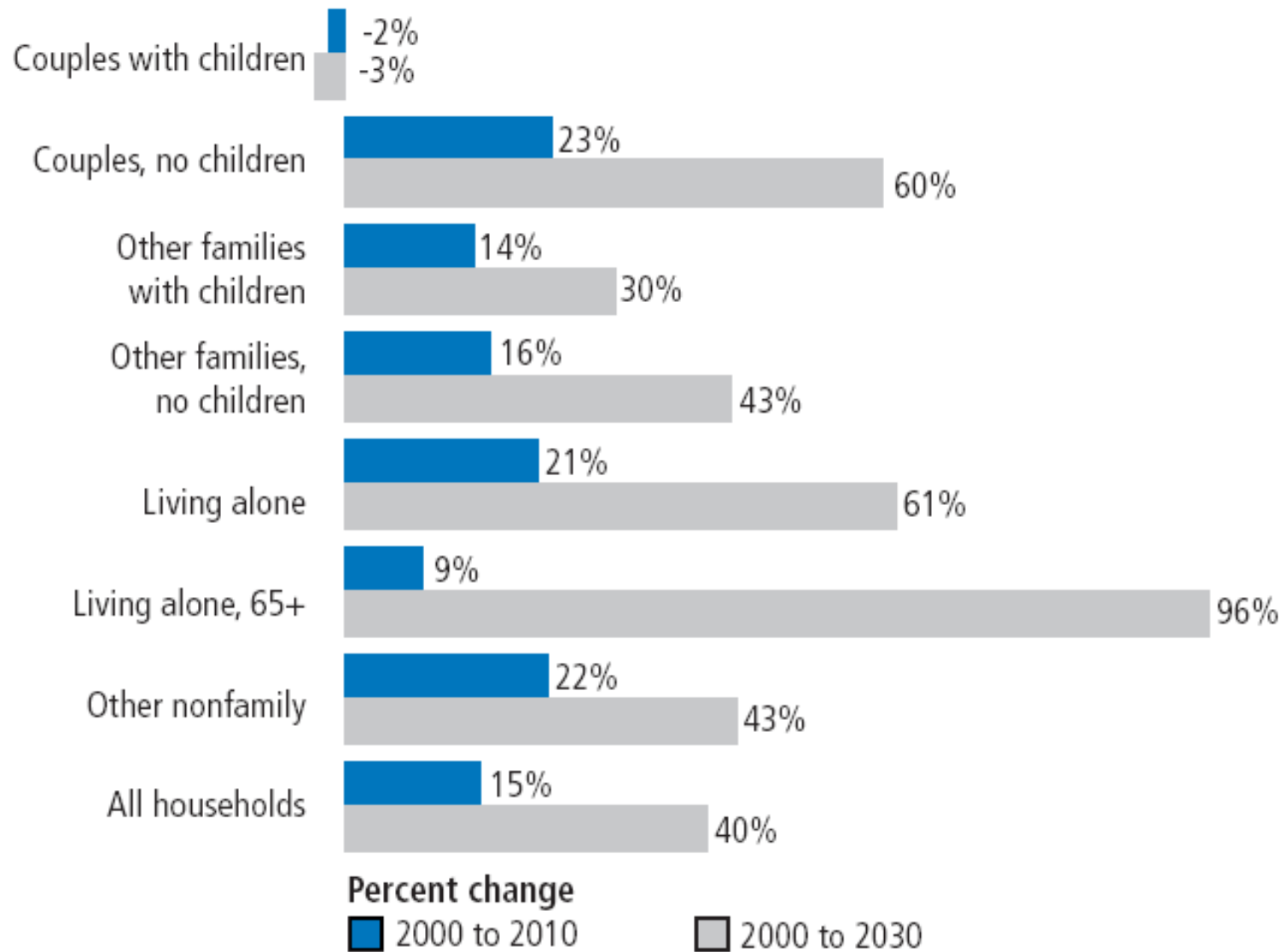
Greater Minnesota Trends

More than 20% of the population in 69 of 80 Greater Minnesota counties will be 65 or older in 2035



- Minnesota's population is aging
- Retirees are migrating to rural areas
- There is an influx of immigrants to rural Minnesota

New Families in 2030



Sources: State Demographic Center projections

Aging Population

- Access and mobility are critical. Public transportation provides:
 - The ability to live independently
 - Access to medical and social services
 - Contact with the outside world
 - A real sense of community





Transit is Convenient and Affordable for Everyone!

- Using transit services saves money on fuel, insurance and car ownership costs.
- Taking transit is easy.
- Car crashes kill over 400 people every year in Minnesota. Leave the driving to the professionals and arrive safely.
- Try transit today – and bring your parents with you.

The Minnesota Public Transit Association



- Statewide Association of transit systems
- Advocating for transit funding since 1975
- Independent voice for transit from those working to deliver transit service every day
- www.mpta-transit.org



Transit Systems Need Additional Funding

- The state needs to expand transit service to meet the growing needs.
- With more people needing transit service more funding is needed to serve more neighborhoods and areas of the state.
- Lawmakers and community leaders need to hear from you about the importance of transit service.

You Can Make A Difference

- Talk to your elected officials about the importance of transit service.
- You can learn more about how to contact your local legislators at: www.leg.state.mn.us
- **Hop on a bus near you.** You can save money, reduce the stress of driving and parking and arrive safely at your destination.