



## NOTES FROM THE MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP MEETING

### Transportation Interests

- Commuters
  - Highway Mobility – commuters
- Transit
- Fixed Route Transit users
- Local/door to door users (taxi, dial a ride)
- Everyone
  - River Crossings
  - Safety of Transportation
  - Congestion
- Volunteer Drivers
- Freight
- Local road users
- Pedestrians
- Seniors
- Bikers
- Schools
- Tourists
- Medical Trips
- Recreational/Shopping
- Disadvantaged
- Disabled
- Employers

### Expectations of the Group

- Encourage full participations

- Develop full agendas beforehand and stick to them.
- Connect end goals with the Agenda
- Good communication of information/materials
- Clear Goals
- Be there/Attendance
- Start and End on Time
- Times on Agendas

### **What's Working Well?**

- Smart link
- Good infrastructure
- Co. Highways are safe
- Current Capacity of Co. Hwy is good
- Xpress to Downtown (fixed rte)
- MVTA Shakopee Circulator
- Some River Crossings are working well (25, 9, 41, 101)

### **What's not working?**

- Lack of transit options
- Smart Link (hours)
- River Crossing @ 169 and 35
- Hwy 41 Bridge Floods
- Rush hour congestion on State Highways
- Timing of Transit → Doesn't always align with job hours.
- Last Mile Connections
- Not good reverse commute for bringing people in.
- Lack of local transit services (Prior Lake and Savage). People need to depend on Dial a Ride/Smart Link
- Lack of distance
- Costs?
- Communications

### **What Questions do we have?**

- Do we have the employment and housing densities to support increasing transit options?
- How do we quantify demand for transit?
- How much are people willing for transit options?
- What transit options are available in the private sector (taxi's, uber, etc)?
- How much does it cost to expand transit options?
- How do we expand the State Hwy System?

- Do medical emergencies have issues w/ transit?
- What can businesses do to assist?
- What do we currently have for public transit?