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Region Five Development Commission Receives Regional Transportation Coordinating Council Grant

STAPLES, MN – Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) was awarded \$71,500 from the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Region Five Development Commission will serve as the coordinator of the five-county Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RTCC) for the counties of Crow Wing, Cass, Morrison, Todd and Wadena.

The goal of this council is to fill transportation gaps, streamline access to transportation and provide individuals with more options of where and when to travel. This improves mobility for the “transportation disadvantaged” – older adults, individuals with disabilities, individuals with low income and/or military veterans. R5DC will coordinate between transportation providers, service agents and the private sector.

According to Senior Regional Development Planner Tad Erickson, “Public transit providers are facing tough challenges and it’s humbling to see the level of interest that stakeholders have in the RTCC planning process. It is exciting to see how the RTCC will be used to assist public transit providers and stakeholders progress their work.” R5DC will be sharing information regarding upcoming public participation meetings via their website at www.regionfive.org.

For more information on RTCC, please contact Tad Erickson by phone at 218-894-3233 or by email at terickson@regionfive.org, or visit: <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/transit/grants/RTCC/index.html>

About Region Five Development Commission

Enhancing the vitality and quality of life in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties is the mission of Region Five Development Commission. For 40+ years, R5DC has coordinated regional transportation programs, such as the Transportation Advisory Council (TAC), which assists MnDOT District 3 and the Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) in annually programming Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds as well as Transportation Alternative (TA) funds. Furthermore, R5DC fulfills a workplan for MnDOT in areas including Statewide Planning, Regional Planning. R5DC also delivers Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Planning and assistance to communities that are awarded SRTS Technical Assistance Grants through MnDOT.

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