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Region Five Invites Todd and Wadena County Residents to Talk about Transportation

STAPLES, MN – Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) invites Todd and Wadena county residents to attend a public meeting to discuss transportation. The event is being held on Tuesday December 4th at 6 o'clock at Timbers Event Center in Staples, MN, with a free dinner provided.

R5DC was awarded a Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RTCC) grant and has been designated as the RTCC's implementing agency for Cass, Crow-Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena Counties. The first year of the planning process includes an extensive civic and stakeholder engagement process to develop a structure and operations plan for the implementation of the RTCC goals.

The purpose of a Regional Transportation Coordinating Council is to improve mobility for the "transportation disadvantaged" – older adults, individuals with disabilities, individuals with low incomes, and/or military veterans as well as all residents within the region. RTCC's will include representatives from a wide range of agencies and interests. This public meeting is the first in a series public RTCC meetings held throughout the five-county region.

The RTCC seeks to provide coordination between transportation providers, service agents and the private sector to fill transportation gaps, streamline access to transportation and provide individuals more travel options. RTCC's will be responsible for coordinating regional transportation services through a network of public, private and non-profit transportation providers. The RTCC will plan and implement strategies that meet the regional transit coordination needs.

Please visit regionfive.org to register for this event.

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>

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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.