



Make Transportation Accessible to All Youth

Resources and Technical Assistance for Implementation

Statewide

Rural Reality: City Transit, Rural Transit

<https://www.ruralmn.org/rural-reality-city-transit-rural-transit/>

This 2016 article and fact sheet provides key information about public transit in the state of Minnesota. Topics include; who operates public transit, what is public transit, how it is funded, who uses it and why. Several policy issues are discussed, such as providing transportation to individuals with disabilities (Olmstead Act) and coordinating services especially greater Minnesota.

2014 Transit Report: A Guide to Minnesota's Public Transit Systems

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/govrel/reports/2015/annual-transit-report-2014.pdf>

This report provides an overview of public transit services in Minnesota, including information about each state supported public transit system. An outlook on factors affecting future transit provision in Minnesota, including projections of transit need and funding requirements to meet this need is also included.

The Wrong Way: Minnesota School Transportation Disparities

http://www.mn2020.org/assets/uploads/article/schooltransportation_web.pdf

This report (2010) explores how education underfunding forces district administrators statewide to either siphon funds from transportation to pay for basic needs or shift classroom dollars to cover student transportation to and from school.

Center for Transportation Studies (CTS)

<http://www.cts.umn.edu/>

CTS is the hub for transportation research and education at the University of Minnesota. It supports research in many disciplines, cultivates the transportation workforce, and shares new thinking with various stakeholders and audiences. CTS was established in 1987 to meet a need for greater connection between the state's transportation agencies and University researchers. The site includes information on research, events, publications and programs.

Minnesota Department of Education Transportation

<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/schfin/Trans/>

Many students in Minnesota begin and end their school day by riding a school bus. The information on this website helps school districts understand the requirements in providing transportation for students to different types of schools and programs. There is also information to help parents and students understand their rights to transportation services. Specific topics include:

[Charter School Special Education Transportation Description](#) - 11/20/17

[Minnesota Statutes and Rules Pertaining to Pupil Transportation](#) - 6/9/16

[Transportation Contract with Parents](#) - 3/8/16

[Q&A: Care and Treatment Placements and Transportation](#) - 2/9/16

[Minnesota School Transportation Best Practices](#) - 4/17/12

Transit for Livable Communities

<https://www.tlcminnesota.org/>

Transit for Livable Communities is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization leading the movement for transportation reform in Minnesota. Through advocacy, community engagement and collaboration, innovative programming, and research, this organization promotes a balanced transportation system that encourages transit, walking, bicycling, and thoughtful development.

Metro Area

Metro Transit Go to Student Pass Program

<https://www.metrotransit.org/student-pass>

This website provides information about the Student Pass program that allows students to ride on regional buses or trains. School administrators can provide students with reliable transportation for a fraction of the cost of yellow school buses, and students receive unlimited rides at a reduced price.

Kids Changing Systems: YouthPower Recommendations on Transportation Issues in St. Paul

<https://mnyouth.net/about/news/kids-changing-systems-youthpower-recommendations-on-transportation-issues/>

This article includes six policy recommendations to help improve the overall youth experience when riding public transit. The recommendations were provided by members of YouthPower, a coalition of Black boys and young men ages 13-15 who are residents of St. Paul and attend St. Paul Public Schools.

Sprockets Youth Transportation Toolkit

<https://www.sprocketssaintpaul.org/transportationtoolkit>

In 2013, Sprockets commissioned a research project led by Greenway Transportation to assess how easy it was for Saint Paul youth to get to and from out-of-school time (OST) opportunities across the city. One of the recommendations of the report was to create a biking and walking toolkit for Sprockets OST partner organizations that could help sites think creatively and strategically about youth transportation. The toolkit is meant as a resource to increase the number of youth biking, walking, and using public transportation to access OST programs. The toolkit includes surveys, resources, activities and action plan templates.

Assessing the Impacts of Student Transportation on Public Transit

<https://conservancy.umn.edu/handle/11299/180133>

This research report examines the impacts of the Student Pass program in Minneapolis that enables high school students to ride on regular-route buses and light rail. The study finds that the Student Pass program has been successful in providing a number educational, economic, and societal benefits. These include: benefits for students at and away from school, financial savings for Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS), time savings for families, reduced traffic congestion, reduced vehicle emissions, promoting positive attitudes towards transit and equity benefits for students from under-resourced families.

Minneapolis /St. Paul Metro Transit website

<https://www.metrotransit.org/default.aspx>

This website includes information on how to ride the transit, fares and passes, routes and schedules, and other resources. Specific sites that may be of interest are listed below.

Information on the Student Pass <https://www.metrotransit.org/student-pass>

Ride Planner <https://www.metrotransit.org/imap/map.aspx>

Ridematch <https://www.metrotransit.org/ridematch>

Biking <https://www.metrotransit.org/bicycle>

Saint Paul Smart Trips

<https://www.smart-trips.org/about/>

Smart Trips collaborates with advocates, neighbors, workplaces and government staff and officials to address transportation needs in St. Paul. This website includes information about their programs geared for workplaces, neighborhoods and advocates for safe and convenient transportation that is accessible to everyone.