Call to Action

The Volunteer Driver Coalition is working to keep people living and thriving in their communities by protecting the viability of volunteer driver programs in Minnesotans.

Our Goals
We strive to eliminate barriers that make it difficult for drivers to volunteer their time and for organizations to maintain volunteer driver programs.

The Situation
In Minnesota, volunteer drivers provide 168,000+ rides each year for older adults and other non-drivers, giving them access to healthcare and other essential community services and products. Organizations with volunteer driver programs serve more than 77,000 people each year and drivers cover more than 9.5 million miles.

Volunteer driver programs provide critical transportation for people as well as transport for meals and other products, including donated organs. The IRS-approved mileage reimbursement rate of just 14 cents for volunteer drivers is a significant barrier to recruiting and retaining volunteers.

Must Pass Legislation
We aim to increase the federal reimbursement rate for volunteer drivers to match the rate set by the IRS for business mileage (currently set at 58.5 cents per mile).

Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN-8) introduced the Volunteer Driver Tax Appreciation Act of 2022, HF7432, in the U.S. House of Representatives to add the measure to federal law. Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN-2) is co-sponsor on the bill.

How You Can Help
Call your congressional members. Ask them to support legislation to increase the mileage reimbursement rate for volunteer drivers.

Contact congressional members
usa.gov/elected-officials

Find updates at volunteerdrivermn.org
About the Coalition

The Volunteer Driver Coalition came together in 2019 with leadership from the Minnesota Public Transit Association and support from the Minnesota Association of Area Agencies on Aging and the Living at Home Network. Members include nonprofit organizations, counties, area agencies on aging, Regional Transportation Coordinating Councils, associations, and others that support the Coalition’s advocacy initiative to strengthen volunteer driver programs.

Coalition Members

- Age Well Arrowhead
- Aitkin County CARE, Inc.
- Amherst H. Wilder Foundation
- Anoka County Community Action Program
- Anoka County Medlink
- Anoka County RSVP
- ARDC/Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging
- Argyle Hope Program
- Arrowhead Regional Transportation Coordinating Council
- Arrowhead Transit-Volunteer Driving Program
- Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC)
- Assumption Community Faith in Action
- Big Woods Transit/Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
- B’s Homecare Inc. & B’s Adult Day Center
- CARE - Community Action Respecting Elders
  - Care Partners of Cook County
  - Carver County
  - Center for Victims of Torture
  - Central Community Transit
  - Central MN Council on Aging
  - City of Sandstone
  - Community Partners
- Como Park/Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program
- Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging
- DARTS
- East Central Regional Development Commission/East Central Regional Transportation Coordinating Council
- East Side Elders
- Faith in Action for Cass County
- GAPP Services Inc.
- GoDakota
- GoWashington
- Hamline Midway Elders
- Headwaters RTCC
- Help At Your Door
- Helping Hands Outreach
- Hennepin County
- Highland Block Nurse Program
- Horizon Health
- Jewish Family and Children’s Service of Minneapolis
- Keystone Community Services
- Living at Home Network
- Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors
- Metro Meals on Wheels
- Mid-Minnesota Development Commission
- Minnesota Alliance for Volunteer Advancement
- Minnesota Association of Area Agencies on Aging
- Minnesota Association of Townships
- Minnesota Community Action Partnership
- Minnesota Council of Nonprofits
- Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging
- Minnesota Public Transit Association
- Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging
- Minnesota Social Service Association
- Neighborhood Network for Seniors
- Neighbors, Inc.
- North End-South Como Block Nurse Program
- North Shore Area Partners
- Northwest Regional Development Commission
- Paynesville Area LAH/BNP aka R.O.S.E. Center
- Prairie Five C.A.C., Inc.
- Productive Alternatives Volunteer Driver Program
- Rainbow Rider
- Region Five RTCC
- Roseville Area Senior Program
- Scott County - Smartlink
- Semcac
- Senior Services Consortium of Ramsey County
- Seven County Senior Federation
- Southeast Seniors
- Southeastern Minnesota Area Agency on Aging
- Southwest Regional Transportation Coordinating Council
- The Nokomis Healthy Seniors Group
- St. Anthony Park Area Seniors
- Stephen Living at Home/Block Nurse Program
- Three Rivers Community Action
- Trellis
- Tri-County Action Program
- Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.
- United Community Action Partnership
- VINE Faith in Action
- Volunteer Services of Carlton County, Inc.
- Volunteers of America - MN Our Home
- Warren S.O.S.
- Waseca Area Caregiver Services
- WeCAB
- West Central MN Communities Action, Inc.