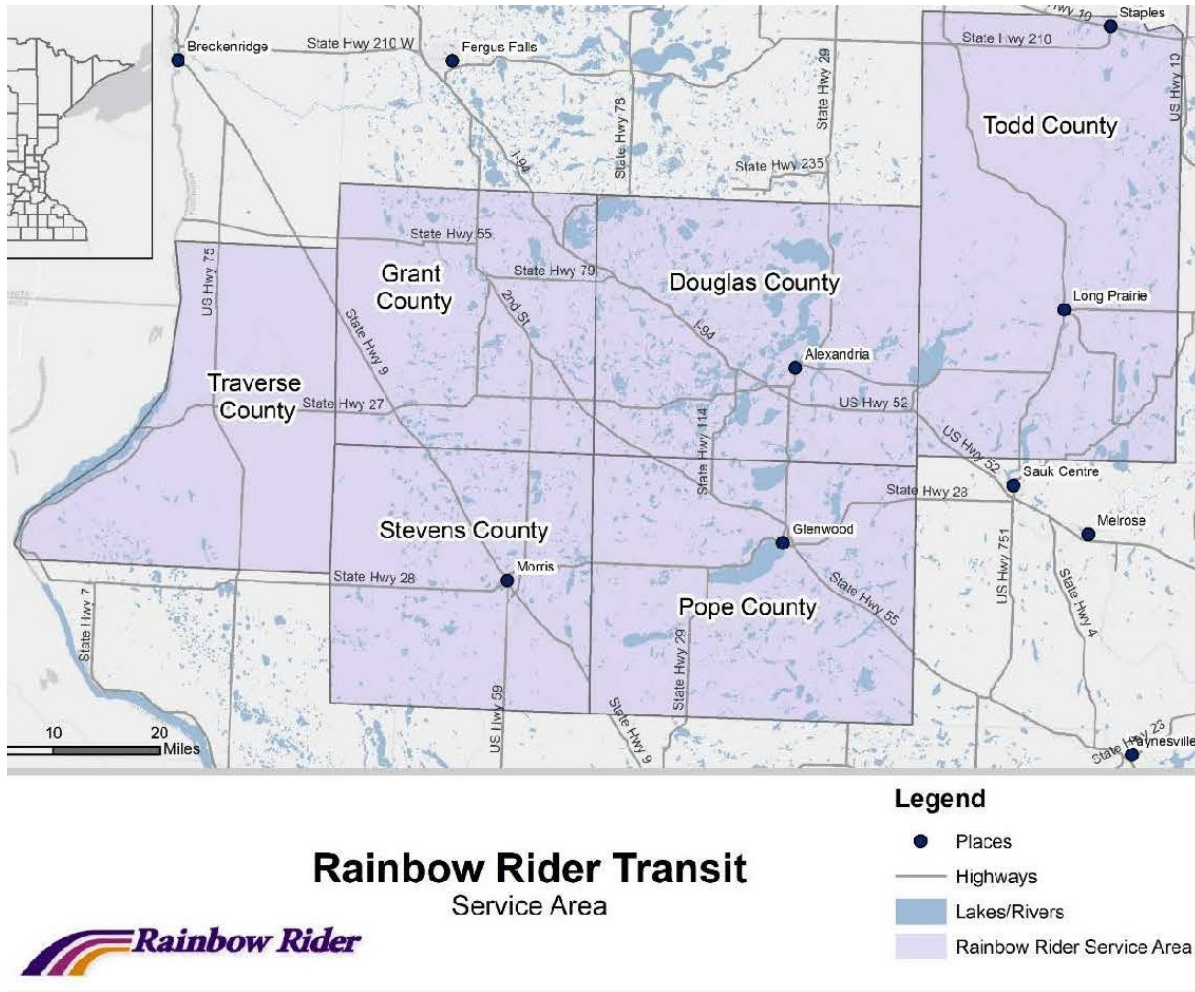


Rainbow Rider Transit



Agency Background

Rainbow Rider Transit (Rainbow Rider) was established in 1995. Rainbow Rider provides transit service throughout West Central Minnesota and is headquartered in the City of Lowry in Pope County. Currently, Rainbow Rider operates among six counties: Douglas, Grant, Pope, Stevens, Todd and Traverse.

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Hours of Operation

Douglas County

Monday – Friday: 5:30 AM to 6:00 PM
Saturday (in Alexandria only): 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sunday: No Service

Grant County

Monday – Friday: 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday – Sunday: No Service

Pope County

Monday – Friday: 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday – Sunday: No Service

Stevens

Monday – Friday: 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday – Sunday: No Service

Traverse and Todd Counties

Monday – Friday: 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturday – Sunday: No Service

Monday, Wednesday & Friday in Browns Valley: 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Todd County

Monday – Friday: 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Extended service in Long Prairie only

Monday – Friday: 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM

Saturday – Sunday: No Service

Volunteer Drivers

Annual Volunteer hours donated - estimated 2,126

Trips completed – 1,107

Miles driven – 79,153

Future Needs – Buses

Rainbow Rider provides its service using a fleet of 36 buses, acquired from 2009 to 2017. All vehicles in the fleet are class 400 (medium-size light-duty transit bus) except for one, which is class 500 (medium-size medium-duty transit bus). Almost half of the fleet is in good condition, with most of the remaining in marginal or adequate condition. Five vehicles are in excellent condition as they were new purchases acquired in late 2018. Rainbow Rider has plans to make new vehicle purchases each year through 2025, which will gradually replace the entire fleet over the course of that period.

Future Needs – Facilities

Rainbow Rider is in need of a larger facility for bus storage in Alexandria. Their current facility only houses half of the buses that are needed in the area.

Budget Information

In 2018, Rainbow Rider was awarded a grant from the State of Minnesota for approximately \$2.6 million in operating costs increased to \$2.9 million for 2019.

Rainbow Rider Transit Board's 2019 Funding: \$2,912,000

Legislative Districts

Legislative Districts: 8B, 9A, 9B, 12A, 12B

Congressional District: 7