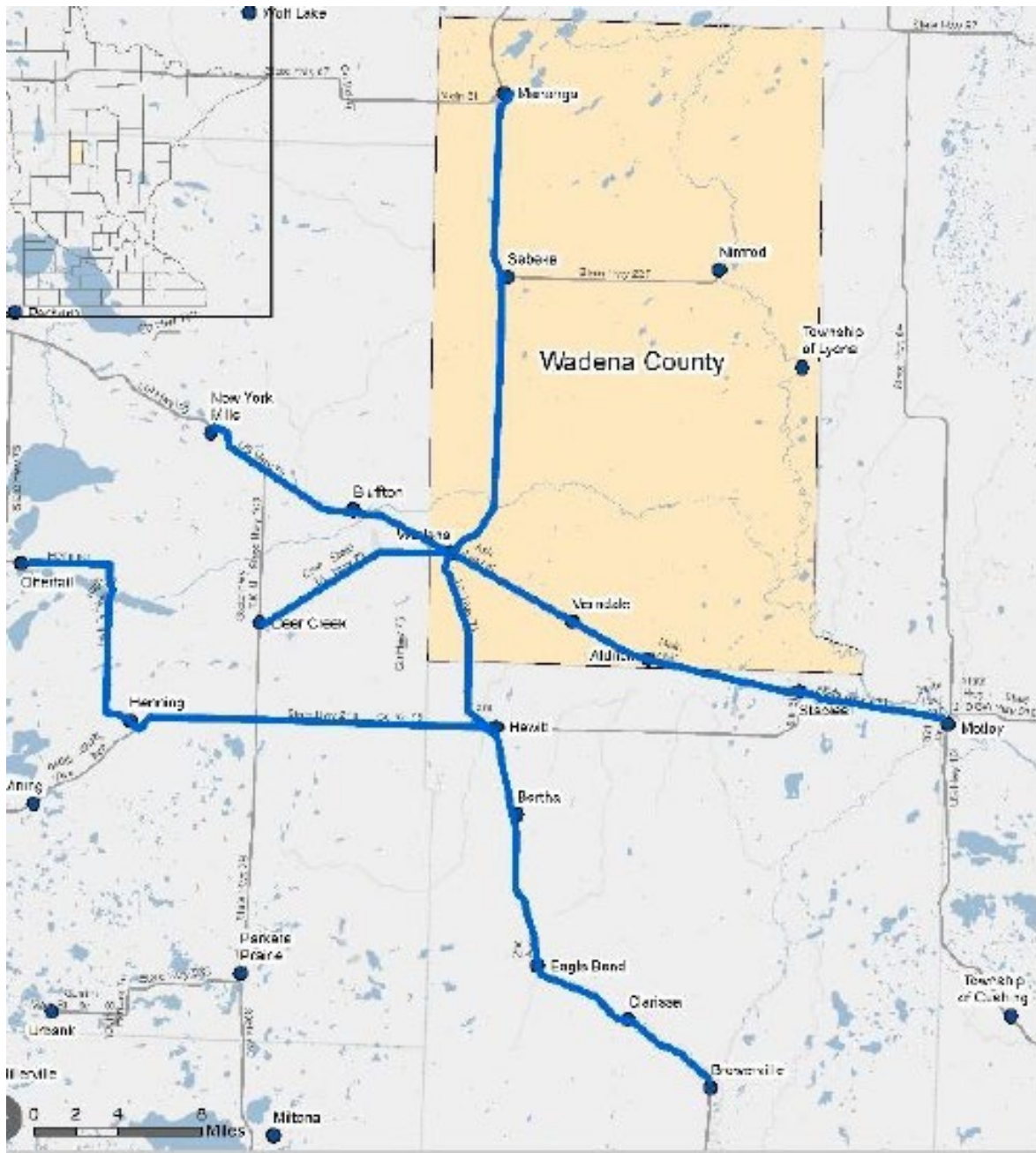


Wadena County Friendly Rider



Wadena County Friendly Rider Service Area

Legend

- Places
- Highways
- Lakes/Rivers
- Wadena County

Agency Background

Wadena County Friendly Rider Transit (Friendly Rider) is operated by Wadena County. Friendly Rider began in 2003 and serves Wadena, Otter Tail, Todd, and Morrison counties, as well as the cities of Wadena and Staples. The other communities are accessible by scheduling a pick-up time with Friendly Rider.

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Hours of Operation

Monday – Wednesday: 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Thursday - Friday: 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Volunteer Drivers

The Volunteer Driver Program is run by Wadena County's Human Services Department. Friendly Rider provides dispatching.

Volunteer hours donated – estimated 6,648

Trips completed – 1,800

Miles driven – 169,109

Future Needs – Buses

Friendly Rider provides service using seven class 400 vehicles. Friendly Rider is replacing a 2008 bus with 230,000 miles on it in 2019. They also plan on purchasing one replacement vehicle every year from 2020 to 2022, depending on funding and reserve account balance.

Budget Information

Wadena County Highway Department 2019 Funding: \$917,000

Legislative Districts

Legislative Districts: 9A, 2B

Senate Districts: 9, 2

Congressional District: 7