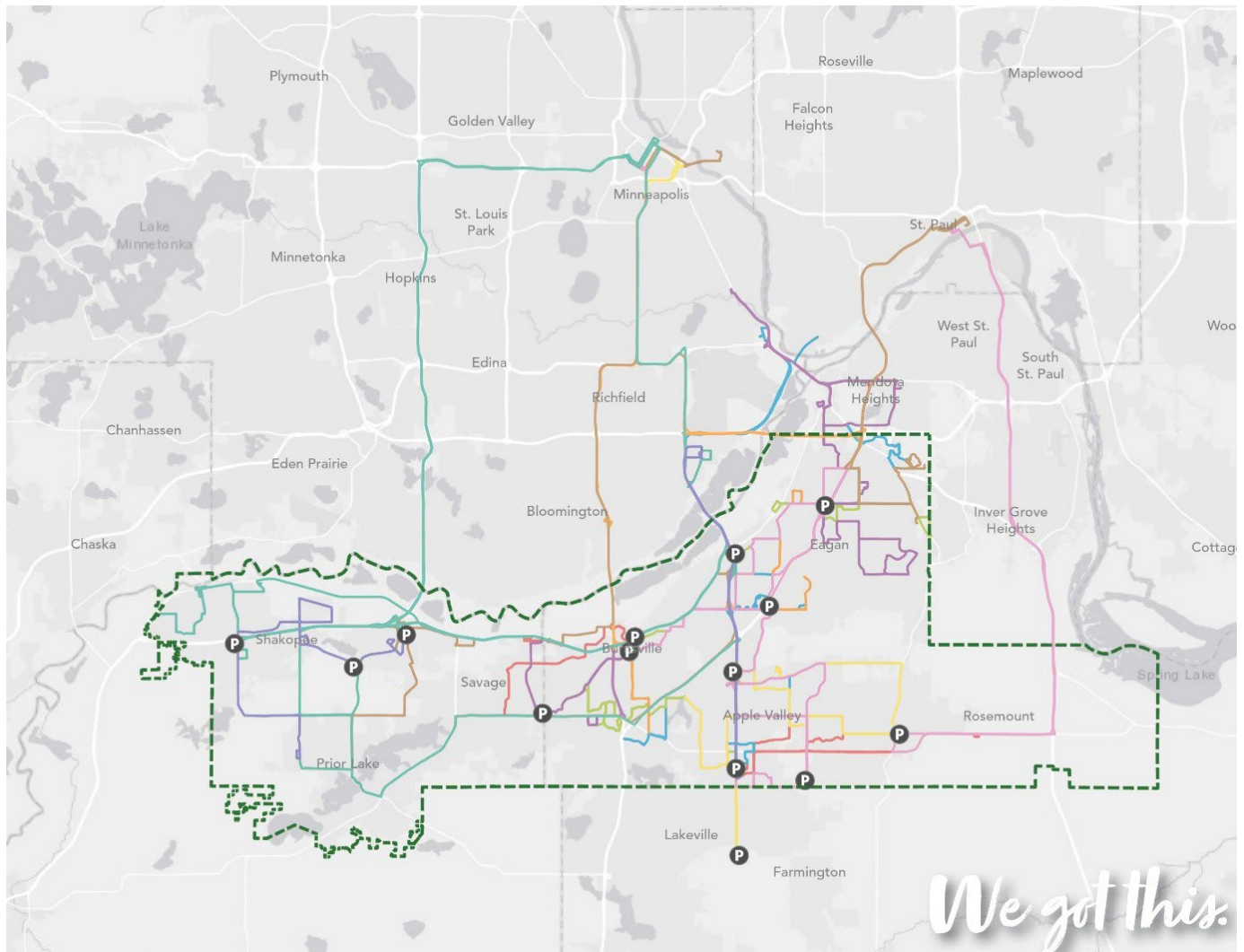


Minnesota Valley Transit Authority



Agency Background

The Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) is a joint powers agency that serves as the public transportation agency for seven suburbs located approximately 15 miles south of Minneapolis and St. Paul: Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, and Rosemount in Dakota County, as well as Savage, Prior Lake and Shakopee in Scott County. The MVTA is one of several independent bus transportation agencies formed in the late 1980s under state legislation that allowed outer-ring suburbs to "opt-out" of centrally provided transportation services. MVTA was founded in 1990 and began operating service in 1991. Since its founding, MVTA has grown to be the second largest transit agency in the state of Minnesota, transporting more than 10,000 riders per weekday.

The MVTA is funded with a portion of the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax (MVST) - the sales tax paid when new cars are purchased. Through grant applications, the MVTA has received federal funding and regional bond moneys for various capital improvement projects as well. Passenger fares account for about 30 percent of the cost of operating the MVTA system.

2018 Highlights

- Refreshed agency brand with "We got this" tagline.
- New service to Dakota County Technical College with contribution from Dakota County.
- New partnership with Mystic Lake for additional direct stops to casino.
- Five days of record State Fair ridership.
- Implemented Minnesota Vikings home game shuttle service.
- Delivered 1.5 tons of food to foodshelves in "Stuff the Bus" campaign.
- Deployed real-time passenger information screens at nine MVTA park & ride sites.
- New Rate Your Operator survey for customers to share feedback.
- Funding support from Scott County for Route 495 -- MVTA's highest-growth route

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Hours of Operation

Customer Service

Monday – Friday: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Saturday – Sunday: No Service

Future Needs – Buses

MVTA owns fourteen class 400 vehicles, ninety-six class 600 vehicles, and fifty-three class 700 vehicles.

Legislative Districts

Legislative Districts: 35B, 36A, 36B, 37A, 37B, 38A, 38B, 39A, 40A, 55A, 55B

Congressional District: 2