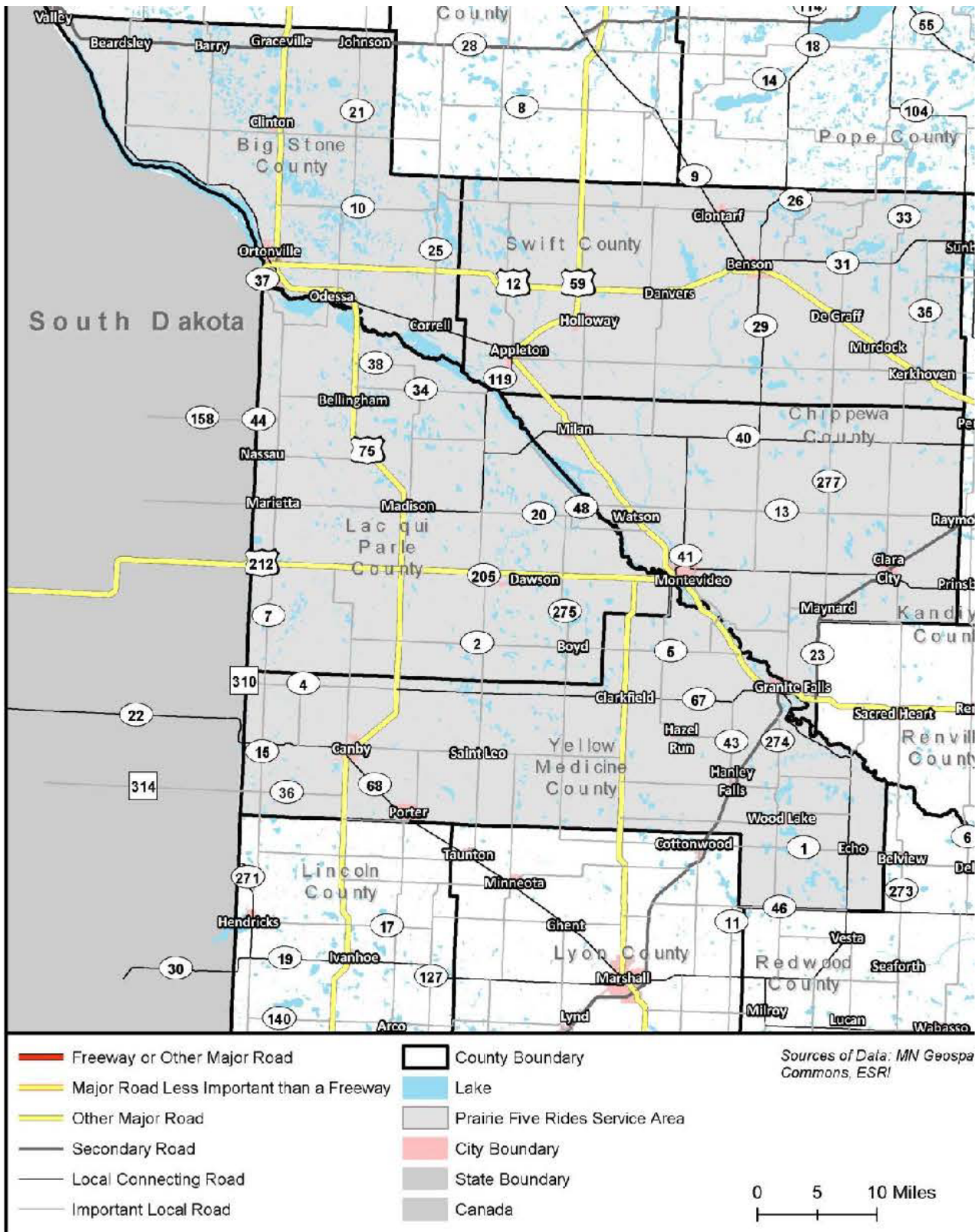


Prairie Five RIDES



Agency Background

Prairie Five RIDES operates demand response transit service in Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, Swift, and Yellow Medicine counties, as well as the cities of Appleton, Benson, Canby, Dawson, Madison, Montevideo, and Ortonville. Additionally, Prairie Five RIDES operates regional transit service, which is a demand response service, for residents living in the five-county region, allowing them to travel throughout the state.

Prairie Five RIDES is part of the Prairie Five Community Action Council, Inc., non-profit organization. Prairie Five Community Action Council, Inc. was established in 1965. In 1989, Prairie Five RIDES was established as a senior volunteer driver program, and has merged with several bus systems since its inception. Prairie Five CAC, Inc. is located in Montevideo Minnesota, in southwestern Minnesota.

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Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday: 6:00am to 6:00pm

Saturday: No Service

Sunday: No Service

Volunteer Drivers

Service into either North Dakota or South Dakota is provided by volunteer drivers only. There are 17 volunteer drivers and they typically provide rides to groups of one or two people. These volunteer drivers are used for rides throughout Minnesota as well.

Future Needs – Buses

Prairie Five RIDES owns twenty seven vehicles, twenty one buses and six vans. They are replacing four vehicles in 2019 and plan on replacing two every year thereafter.

Budget Information

2019 Funding: \$2,412,000

Legislative Districts

Legislative Districts: 12A, 16A, 17A

Congressional District: 7