Commitment to Meeting People’s Transit Needs

- Transit service is a lifeline for people!
- We need to expand service to make transit convenient and accessible for more of the people who need it and are requesting service.

Five-Year transit System Plan (FYTSP)

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Meeting Needs by 2025

- We want to be much closer to meeting the need by 2025
- We need a plan to get there or it won’t happen

Five-Year transit System Plan (FYTSP)
Why 5-Year Plans?

- Uncertainty About the Future
- Mergers, RTCCs, Performance Measures, one-year contracts

Five-Year transit System Plan (FYTSP)
Purpose/Goals

- Difficult to Assess Unmet Needs
  - Not worth bothering to ask, don’t have time to deal with it, no local match
Challenges

- Lack of Community Involvement and Support
  - Local officials not engaged, not willing to commit funds or increase funding levels

Five-Year transit System Plan (FYTSP)
Challenges

- Blanket policies don’t work
- Across the board performance measures or service levels doesn’t work when systems are so different.
Challenges

- Lack of Adequate Staffing/Resources
  - Can’t devote time to planning, to marketing campaigns, can’t meet future needs without additional staff and assistance through technology.
How to Address these Challenges?

- Individual, Tailored 5-Year Plans created by the systems that include a constrained and unconstrained vision including a marketing component with assistance from professional consultants

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MINNESOTA PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSOCIATION
Schedule

- July, 2018 – September, 2019
- Milestones:
  - Draft Chapter 2-4 October 15\textsuperscript{th}
  - Draft Plan – March
  - Complete – September

Five-Year transit System Plan (FYTSP)
Community Involvement

❖ Meetings with Local Community leaders
❖ Review plan with Board
❖ Involve local RDCs, APOs
❖ Community Surveys/Outreach

Five-Year transit System Plan (FYTSP)
Concerns? Issues? ASK

- Talk to your consultants – any time!
- Talk to Debra Brisk
- Talk to OTAT and MPTA Staff
- Attend the Breakout Session

Five-Year transit System Plan (FYTSP)
Thank You for Your Commitment!