

Call to Action

The Volunteer Driver Coalition is working to **protect the viability of volunteer driver programs** in Minnesota.

Our Goals

We strive to eliminate barriers that make it difficult for drivers to volunteer their time and organizations to maintain volunteer driver programs.

The Situation

In Minnesota, volunteer drivers provide **168,000+ rides** each year for older adults and other non-drivers, giving them access to healthcare and other essential community services and products. In 2018, organizations with volunteer driver programs served **77,474 people** and drivers covered more than **9.5 million miles**.

Organizations that provide volunteer driver programs for rides and transport for meals or donated organs face multiple barriers to recruiting and retaining volunteers. One of the most significant barriers is that volunteers drivers are subject to federal income tax on mileage reimbursement received over the IRS-set rate of 14 cents per mile.

Must Pass Legislation

Our top priority is to increase the federal reimbursement rate for volunteer drivers to match the rate set by the IRS for business mileage (currently set at 58.5 cents per mile).

Rep. Pet Stauber (R-MN-8) will introduce a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2022 to add the measure to federal law.

How You Can Help

Call your congressional members and ask them to support volunteer drivers by passing legislation to increase the mileage reimbursement rate.

Contact congressional members

[usa.gov/elected-officials](https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials)

Find updates at volunteedrivermn.org



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COALITION

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A coalition of nonprofit and public organizations in Minnesota

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About the Coalition

The Volunteer Driver Coalition came together in 2019 with leadership from the Minnesota Public Transit Association and support from the Minnesota Association of Area Agencies on Aging and the Living at Home Network. Members include nonprofit organizations, counties, Area Agencies on Aging, Regional Transportation Coordinating Councils, associations, and others that support the Coalition's advocacy initiative to strengthen volunteer driver programs in Minnesota.

Coalition Members

AARP Minnesota
Age Well Arrowhead
Aitkin County CARE, Inc.
Amherst H. Wilder Foundation
Anoka County Community Action Program
Anoka County Medlink
Anoka County RSVP
ARDC/Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging
Argyle Hope Program
Arrowhead Transit-Volunteer Driving Program
Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC)
Assumption Community Faith in Action
Big Woods Transit/Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
B's Homecare Inc. & B's Adult Day Center
CARE - Community Action Respecting Elders
Care Partners of Cook County
Carver County
Center for Victims of Torture
Central Community Transit
Central MN Council on Aging
City of Sandstone
Community Partners
Como Park/Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program
Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging
DARTS
East Central Regional Development Commission/East Central Regional Transportation Coordinating Council
East Side Elders
Faith in Action for Cass County
GoDakota
Hamline Midway Elders

Hastings Family Service
Headwaters RTCC
Help At Your Door
Hennepin County
Highland Block Nurse Program
Horizon Health
Jewish Family and Children's Services of Minneapolis
Keystone Community Services
Living at Home Network
Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors
Metro Meals on Wheels
Mid-Minnesota Development Commission
Minnesota Alliance for Volunteer Advancement
Minnesota Association of Area Agencies on Aging
Minnesota Association of Townships
Minnesota Community Action Partnership
Minnesota Council of Nonprofits
Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging
Minnesota Public Transit Association
Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging
Minnesota Social Service Association
Neighborhood Network for Seniors
Neighbors, Inc.
North End -South Como Block Nurse Program
North Shore Area Partners
Northeast MN Regional Transportation Coordination Council
Northwest Regional Development Commission
Northwoods Caregivers
Paynesville Area LAH/BNP aka R.O.S.E. Center

Prairie Five C.A.C., Inc.
Productive Alternatives Volunteer Driver Program
Rainbow Rider
Region Five RTCC
Roseville Area Senior Program
Scott County - Smartlink
Semcac
Senior Services Consortium of Ramsey County
Seven County Senior Federation
Southeast Seniors
Southeastern Minnesota Area Agency on Aging
Southwest Regional Transportation Coordinating Council
The Nokomis Healthy Seniors Group
St. Anthony Park Area Seniors
Stephen Living at Home/Block Nurse Program
Three Rivers Community Action
Trellis
Tri-County Action Program
Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.
United Community Action Partnership
VINE Faith in Action
Volunteer Services of Carlton County, Inc.
Volunteers of America - MN Our Home
Warren S.O.S.
Waseca Area Caregiver Services
WeCAB
West Central MN Communities Action, Inc.
Wright County Community Action