

# TRANSIT DIRECTORY

# East Central Minnesota



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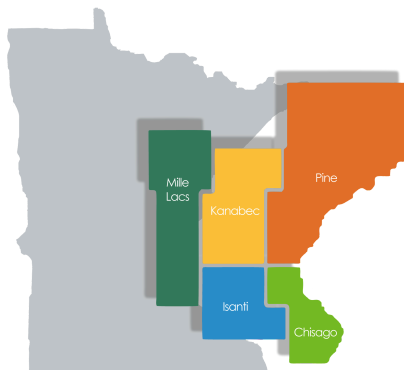
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Regional Transportation  
Coordinating Council



# WORKING TO STRENGTHEN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

The East Central Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (ECRTCC) is working to improve mobility and access to transportation across the rural areas of east central Minnesota. Efforts aim to ensure that all residents—regardless of age, ability, or location—have reliable options for reaching essential destinations.

Work focuses on using existing resources efficiently, reducing duplication, and developing a coordinated transportation system that meets the diverse needs of the region. Through collaboration with public transit providers, human service agencies, health care organizations, and private-sector partners, ECRTCC works to identify service gaps and remove barriers that limit mobility.



Efforts are also directed toward expanding transit services in under connected communities, improving coordination among providers, and increasing public awareness of available transportation options.

These collective initiatives reflect a strong commitment to creating a more connected and equitable transportation network—one that supports access to jobs, education, health care, and community services while contributing to the overall economic vitality of east central Minnesota.

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# TYPES OF SERVICE IN THE REGION

**Public Providers** Organizations that operate transit services that move people efficiently within and between communities. Their main purpose is to provide accessible, affordable, and reliable mobility for the general public, especially for people who may not have access to a private vehicle.

In rural Minnesota, public transit providers are essential for connecting residents to jobs, healthcare, education, and community resources where transit is limited or unavailable.

## Types of Services Provided

- **Scheduled Services:** Common stops that public transit buses make each hour or each day of the week.
- **Dial-a-Ride or On-Demand:** Curb-to-Curb public transportation within designed parameters.
- **Commuter Routes:** Standard distance bus route between communities that public transit serves. These routes deviate up to ½ mile off its intended route per rider request.

# TYPES OF SERVICE IN THE REGION

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| Private Providers     | In rural Minnesota, private transportation refers to travel that is individually owned, operated, or contracted, rather than provided by public or nonprofit transit agencies. Because distances are long and population density is low, private transportation plays an important role in how people get around day-to-day.                        |
| Electric Car Charging | Car charging stations—also called electric vehicle (EV) chargers—are places where drivers can plug in and recharge electric cars instead of filling up with gasoline. They supply electricity from the local power grid to the vehicle's battery. East Central Minnesota has many for local residents as well as travelers. See page 12 for a list. |
| Park & Ride           | A Park and Ride is a designated parking area where people can leave their personal vehicles and transfer to shared transportation, such as a bus, vanpool, or carpool. It's free to leave your vehicle and designed to make commuting more convenient, reduce traffic, and lower travel costs.  |

# TRANSIT PROVIDERS

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- **Allegiance Transportation:** (651) 207-5211, 9550 Whistling Valley Trail, Lake Elmo, MN 55042, fax (651) 294-3083. [allegiancetransportation.com](http://allegiancetransportation.com). Vans for paratransit and wheelchair clients. Phones answered Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. Private pay option offering individual transport.
- **American Transport:** (651) 855-8999. Bariatric transport, NEMT, STS, and wheelchair.
- **Arrowhead Transit:** (800) 862-0175, 702 3rd Ave S, Virginia, MN 55792. <https://arrowheadtransit.com/>. Public transit in Pine, Isanti and Chisago Counties offering bus service.
- **Attaboy's Taxi:** (320) 245-5355, 606 MN 123 Ste E, Sandstone MN 55072. Non-emergency medical transport (NEMT) and taxi service out of Sandstone offering curb to curb service.
- **Blue Button Transport:** (612) 466-3785, 312 Main St. NW, Suite 2, Elk River MN 55330. 24/7 operations for seniors and disabled clients, serving Princeton. Individual rides, waiver services or private pay (base charge and per mile) 24-hour advance notice required.
- **Brad's Taxi East Central Transportation LLC:** (763) 302-9245, 1698 301st NE, Isanti, MN 55040.
- **C & C Taxi Inc.:** (612) 723-5766, 22709 Danube St. NE, Stacy MN 55079
- **Cambridge Transportation:** (651) 340-7571, 2900 Clinton Ave, Minneapolis MN 55408 [info@cambridgetransportation.com](mailto:info@cambridgetransportation.com) or [cambridgetransportation.com](http://cambridgetransportation.com). Medical transportation only, operating in all counties, wheelchair accessible, charge matching state rate base plus per mile charge. Individual transport, prior day notice, insurance billing and private pay available.
- **Empower Recovery Services LLC:** (320) 629-0059, 645 3rd Ave SW, Pine City, MN 55063. [empowerrecoveryservices.org](http://empowerrecoveryservices.org) Or [empowerrecoveryservices@gmail.com](mailto:empowerrecoveryservices@gmail.com). Located in Pine City, giving patients rides to therapy sessions.

# TRANSIT PROVIDERS

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- **Great River Area Faith in Action:** (763) 263-0274.  
<https://www.grfia.org/transportation/>. Age 60+ unable to move unassisted.
- **Groome Transportation:** (218) 724-4676, 4884 Miller Trunk Highway, Hermantown, MN 55811. [groometransportation.com](http://groometransportation.com). Airport transportation along I35 from Duluth to St. Paul. Charge based on trip origination/destination. Must meet at designated pick-up/drop-off locations.
- **Jefferson Lines:** (858) 800-8898, [JeffersonLines.com](http://JeffersonLines.com). Service to 70 MN communities including Duluth, Grand Rapids, Virginia, Hibbing, Brainerd, Cloquet, Moose Lake, Sandstone, Hinckley, Pine City, North Branch, Forest Lake, St. Paul, Mpls and more.
- **Kuehn's Limousine:** (320) 272-4358, 1376 155th Ave, Ogilvie, MN 56358. Limo service out of Ogilvie.
- **Lifts: Lee Isaacson's Friendly Transportation Service:** (888) 469-7433, 730 Main St S, Pine City, MN 55063 [info@liftstransportation.com](mailto:info@liftstransportation.com).
- **LJ's Handi-Van:** (763) 389-9440, 15001 309th Ave NW, Princeton, MN 55371. [jwiedewitsch@gmail.com](mailto:jwiedewitsch@gmail.com). Mille Lacs County. Wheelchair accessible. Insurance billing or private pay. \$35 average base rate (one way/round trip/wait) plus \$1.50/mile.
- **Loving Hands Transportation:** (763) 607-8700, 26407 136th St NW, Zimmerman, MN 55398. Non-emergency medical transit (NEMT) including ambulatory patients in Mille Lacs and Isanti.  
[lovinghandstransportation.com](http://lovinghandstransportation.com) or [info@lovinghandstransport.com](mailto:info@lovinghandstransport.com).
- **Medi-Van:** (800) 422-0976, 900 Longview Dr, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501. [medi-van.org/](http://medi-van.org/) or [lmedivan@tekstar.com](mailto:lmedivan@tekstar.com). Full medical transportation within 200 mile radius of Detroit Lakes.
- **MTM:** (866) 467-1724, 635 Maryville Centre Drive, St. Louis, MO 63141 [mtm-inc.net/minnesota](http://mtm-inc.net/minnesota). Non-emergency medical transit (NEMT) contracted by each county.



# TRANSIT PROVIDERS

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- **North Branch Cab:** (651) 674-7979, 6356 Elm St, North Branch, MN 55056. Taxi service out of North Branch.
- **North Country Cab:** (320) 629-1441, PO Box 52, Rush City, MN 55069. Taxi service out of Rush City.
- **Schu-Tran:** (320) 968-7478, 325 Glen St, Foley, MN 56329, [schutran@gmail.com](mailto:schutran@gmail.com). Non-emergency medical transit (NEMT) provider for all modes.
- **Sue's Bus Service:** (320) 556-3482, 1686 Church Ave, Bock, MN 56313.
- **Stark Transportation:** 320-465-1433, 5935 Stark Rd, Ste A, Harris, MN 55032. Serving Chisago, Isanti, and surrounding Counties with taxi and NEMT rides. MN Safe Ride provider offering transit service for individuals who choose not to drive after drinking. Isanti/Chisago Counties. [starktransport20@gmail.com](mailto:starktransport20@gmail.com).
- **Timber Trails Transit:** 320-364-1350, 905 Forest Ave E Ste 127, Mora, MN 55051 [TimberTrailsTransit.com](http://TimberTrailsTransit.com). Public transportation for Kanabec Cty.
- **Tri-CAP:** (320) 251-1612, 1210 23rd Ave S, Waite Park, MN 56387 <https://tricap.org/what-we-do/basic-needs/public-transportation/>. Public transportation in Mille Lacs County.
- **Yellow Cab of Elk River:** (763) 400-8010, 805 School St NW, Elk River, MN 55030. Taxi service out of Elk River.



# CAR CHARGING STATIONS

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## Chisago County

Anderson and Koch Ford	<u>5577 St. Croix Trail, North Branch, MN 55056</u>
Grant House	<u>80 W. 4th St., Rush City, MN 55069</u>
Lakes Region EMS	<u>4024 Fletcher Ave., North Branch, MN 55056</u>
North Branch Power & Light	<u>38830 Forest Blvd, North Branch, MN 55056</u>
Wild Mountain	<u>37200 Wild Mountain Rd., Taylors Falls, 55084</u>
Wild River State Park	<u>39797 Park Trail, Center City, MN 55012</u>
Wild Wood Campground	<u>20078 Lake Blvd, Shafer, MN 55074</u>

## Isanti County

Allina Health Isanti Clinic	<u>300 5th Ave NE, Isanti, MN 55040</u>
Best Western Isanti	<u>409 Main Street E, Isanti, MN 55040</u>
Braham Event Center	<u>655 8th St. SW, Braham, MN 55006</u>
Cambridge City Park	<u>821 1st Ave. W., Cambridge, MN 55008</u>
Cambridge Medical Center	<u>701 Dellwood St S, Cambridge, MN 55008</u>
Coborn's Marketplace	<u>209 6th Avenue NE, Isanti, MN 55040</u>
Country Camping Tent & RV	<u>27437 Palm Street NW, Isanti, MN 55040</u>
East Central Energy	<u>412 Main Ave. N, Braham, MN 55006</u>
Goodwill	<u>1400 1st Ave E, Cambridge, MN 55008</u>
Hayford Ford	<u>1330 301st Ave NE, Isanti, MN 55040</u>
Hirsch's Cambridge Motors	<u>700 Garfield St S, Cambridge, MN 55008</u>

## Kanabec County

City of Mora	<u>12 S. Railroad Ave, Mora, MN 55051</u>
Corborn's	<u>706 Frankie Ln, Mora, MN 55051</u>

# CAR CHARGING STATIONS

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## Mille Lacs County

City of Princeton	<u><a href="#">498 1st St, Princeton, MN 55371</a></u>
Coborn's	<u><a href="#">1100 7th Ave., So., Princeton, MN 55371</a></u>
Fat Jacks Cabaret	<u><a href="#">1682 Wall Avenue, Bock, MN 56313</a></u>
Grand Casino Mille Lacs	<u><a href="#">777 Grand Avenue, Onamia, MN 56359</a></u>
Isle Lake View Park	<u><a href="#">5th Ave. and W Main St., Isle, MN 56342</a></u>
McDonalds	<u><a href="#">701 Northland Dr., Princeton, MN 55371</a></u>
Milaca Chamber	<u><a href="#">235 2nd St SW, Milaca, MN 56353</a></u>
No. 2nd St. Parking Lot	<u><a href="#">450 No. 2nd St., Princeton, MN 55371</a></u>
Neighbors on the Rum	<u><a href="#">509 5th Ave. No., Princeton, MN 55371</a></u>
So. Isle Family Campground	<u><a href="#">39002 State Highway 47, Isle, MN 56342</a></u>

## Pine County

Banning State Park	<u><a href="#">Next to Teacher's Overlook Park, Askov, 55704</a></u>
Doc's Sports Bar & Grill	<u><a href="#">34427 Majestic Pine Dr, Sturgeon Lake, 55783</a></u>
Evergreen Square	<u><a href="#">1120 Hillside Ave. SW, Pine City, MN 55063</a></u>
Family Pathways	<u><a href="#">800 Main St. S, Pine City, MN 55063</a></u>
Grand Casino Hinckley	<u><a href="#">777 Lady Luck Dr, Hinckley, MN 55037</a></u>
Hinckley Supercharger	<u><a href="#">404 Fire Monument Rd, Hinckley, MN 55037</a></u>
Holiday Station Store	<u><a href="#">54165 Audubon Dr., Sandstone, MN 55072</a></u>
Moose Lake Brewing Co	<u><a href="#">244 Lakeshore Dr, Moose Lake, MN 55767</a></u>
Moose Lake Muni Liquor	<u><a href="#">201 Arrowhead Ln, Moose Lake, MN 55767</a></u>
Osprey Wilds	<u><a href="#">1120 Hillside Ave. SW, Pine City, MN 55063</a></u>
Robinson Park	<u><a href="#">305 3rd Ave. SE, Pine City, MN 55063</a></u>



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# WHERE CAN YOU LOOK FOR ADDITIONAL HELP?

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Other programs that offer help with transportation will depend on where you live:

- Reduced Fare Programs.

Low-cost bus passes are **sometimes available** for older adults, people with disabilities, and people with Medicaid. Ask your doctor or local public transit agency about these programs.

- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation.

For Medicaid participants and some private insurance plans, free rides **may be offered** to and from doctor visits through non-emergency medical transportation. Call or go online to your state Medicaid agency or private insurance plan to learn more.

- Volunteer Driver Programs.

Volunteer driver programs are available in areas of East Central Minnesota. To inquire about availability in your area, contact your local public transit provider.

- Veterans Transportation Program.

Rides are available for veterans going to doctor visits. Contact your county's veteran services or [va.gov/healthbenefits/vtp](https://va.gov/healthbenefits/vtp)

- Carpooling.

A search online may offer a carpooling program in your area.

- Virtual Care.

If all else fails and it's hard to get to doctor visits, ask your doctor about virtual care. Often you can visit with a nurse or doctor via computer or phone.

# CONTACT US

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**Connecting people and places by improving  
how transportation services work together  
across the region.**

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(Please note all transit  
providers are not yet  
using this APP format).

To find the public transit provider in your county and  
other state transit information, visit:  
[dot.state.mn.us/transit/find-your-transit-provider.html](http://dot.state.mn.us/transit/find-your-transit-provider.html)

# MANAGING COMMUNITY MOBILITY

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**Coordinating and improving transportation options within the region by connecting individuals, service providers, and agencies.**

As a Coordinating Council, we are working to identify gaps in service, develop partnerships, and design solutions that make travel more efficient, accessible, and affordable. This includes integrating public transit, volunteer driver programs, demand-response systems, and private transportation options by:

- Assessing transportation needs across communities or populations.
- Helping individuals plan trips or navigate available transportation options.
- Developing outreach and education efforts to raise awareness of mobility resources.
- Supporting regional planning and funding efforts for better mobility solutions.

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