



## NEWS RELEASE

### SouthWest Transit Wins 2016 Mid-Size Business of the Year Award

Eden Prairie, MN – Nov. 7, 2016 – The SouthWest Metro Chamber honored SouthWest Transit as their **2016 Mid-Size Business of the Year** during their annual gala on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.

This award was given to SouthWest Transit based on:

- The exceptional services SouthWest Transit offers to the community, from daily express service to special event services.
- SouthWest Transit's willingness to employ and train over 25 youth workers from our communities and the work they have done with District 287 to employ and train students with special needs.
- The role SouthWest Transit plays in each of their community's emergency preparedness planning.
- The outreach SouthWest Transit does with area seniors, minority communities and unemployed and underemployed individuals.
- The food and toy drives SouthWest transit conducts annually with staff and riders.
- The work SouthWest Transit does with area businesses to help their efforts to recruit employees from outside the southwest suburbs.

"Each staff member and Commission member played an important role in earning this award," said SouthWest Transit Chief Executive Officer Len Simich. "It is an honor to be recognized for our commitment and dedication to the communities we serve."

SouthWest Transit (SWT) provides express and local bus service to residents of Eden Prairie, Chanhassen, Chaska, Carver, and surrounding communities. SWT operates seven park-and-ride lots, including its main hub, SouthWest Station in Eden Prairie. Additional information and complete schedules for SWT can be found at [www.swtransit.org](http://www.swtransit.org) or by calling our customer service line at 952-949-2BUS (2287).

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