



## NEWS RELEASE

### SouthWest Transit Awarded Grant from Transportation Advisory Board

Eden Prairie, MN – Feb. 7, 2017 – SouthWest Transit is pleased to announce that they have been awarded Federal transportation funding from the Metropolitan Council’s Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) to expand bus service between Eden Prairie and the Mall of America. This project was supported by two local TAB members, Randy Maluchnik and Denny Laufenburger. SouthWest Transit was chosen from 150 applicants as one of 58 projects selected for funding.

“I was very pleased to learn that SouthWest Transit was awarded funding through the Regional Solicitation process for a route to connect Eden Prairie, the Mall of America and the Golden Triangle,” said Metropolitan Council Member Deb Barber. “This will connect people to employment opportunities and the regional transit system.”

With this grant, SouthWest Transit intends to operate a connector service between Eden Prairie and the Mall of America. This service will combine new strategies to connect employees from all over the region with the expanding job growth in the southwest suburbs.

“This grant will greatly expand our transit corridor and increase the number of businesses and residents that we can serve,” said Eden Prairie Mayor and SouthWest Transit Commission Member Nancy Tyra-Lukens. “It should be a great boon to the southwest region of the Metro area.”

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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