



## NEWS RELEASE

### **SouthWest Transit Awarded Access and Mobility Partnership Grant**

Eden Prairie, MN – May 31, 2019 – SouthWest Transit is excited to be the recipient of a \$290,500 Access and Mobility Partnership Grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). This grant will be used to operate and purchase vehicles for SouthWest Transit’s SW Prime MD pilot service.

Expected to begin Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, SW Prime MD is an innovative approach to providing non-emergency medical transportation services through public microtransit services. In partnership with Ridgeview Medical, SW Prime MD will provide service to Ridgeview facilities in Waconia, Chaska and Chanhassen. SouthWest Transit hopes to eventually grow the service through additional partnerships with the medical community.

SouthWest Transit’s project was one of 37 projects across the United States to be awarded a grant by the FTA. It was the only project awarded in the state of Minnesota.

“SouthWest Transit is excited about what this grant means for our SW Prime MD service,” said SouthWest Transit Chief Executive Officer Len Simich. “Our community will benefit from having a new safe and easy way to access the medical services they need.”

SouthWest Transit (SWT) provides express and local bus service to residents of Eden Prairie, Chanhassen, Chaska, Carver, and surrounding communities. SWT operates five park-and-ride locations, 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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