



University of Minnesota Community-Focused Programs:

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About CTS

Vision:

In collaboration with public-sector, industry, and academic partners, CTS shapes transportation systems that are sustainable, serve the needs of all users, support a strong economy, and improve our collective quality of life.

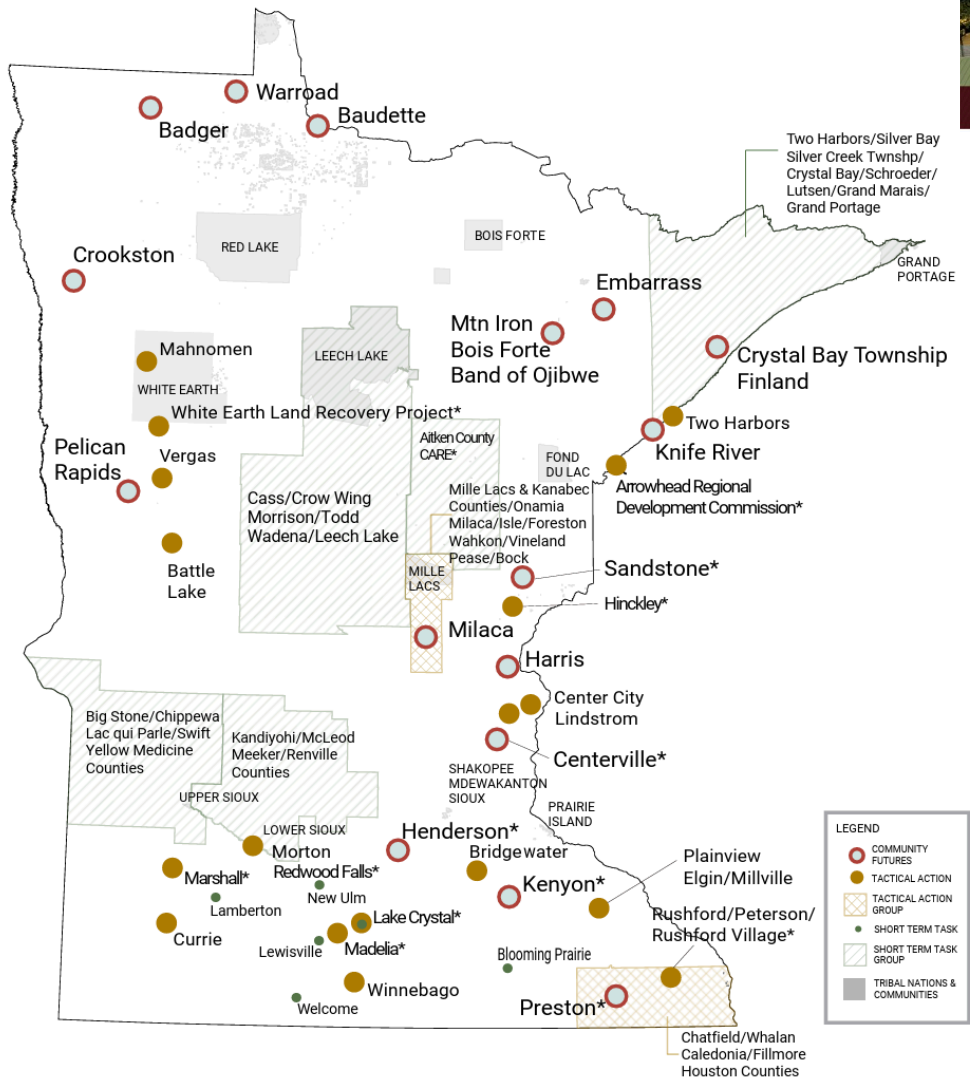
Mission:

CTS serves as a catalyst for transportation innovation, advancing knowledge through research, education, and engagement.



EMPOWERING SMALL MINNESOTA COMMUNITIES

ESMC Efforts: Rounds 1 + 2*

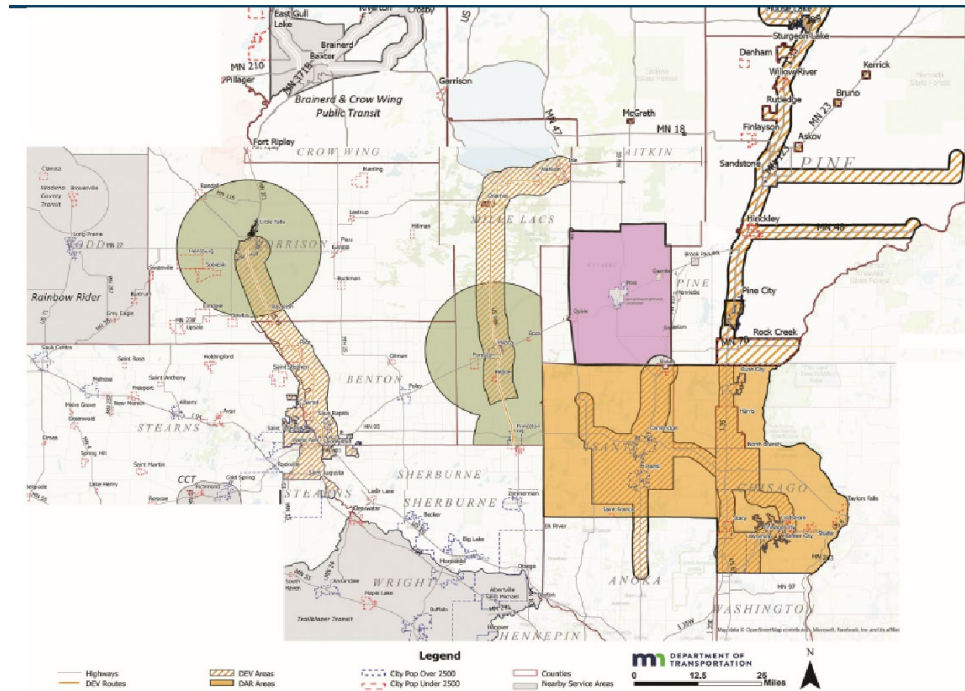


- Nearly 75 Projects Across the state.
- Focused on improving capacity and planning for infrastructure projects.
- Funded by the state legislature.
- Uses "deep bench" of the UMN for supporting projects.

Examples Project: ECRDC/Lighthouse Services Project

Project Goals

1. Articulate the key transit needs in the area, noting in particular those related to youth transportation and non-emergency medical trips, as data reveals
2. Note key legal and policy constraints currently operating to create these gaps
3. Note areas where data is still needed to enhance current service plans in an effort to close transportation gaps
4. Provide suggestions for addressing some of these needs, including identifying potential funding sources, if appropriate.



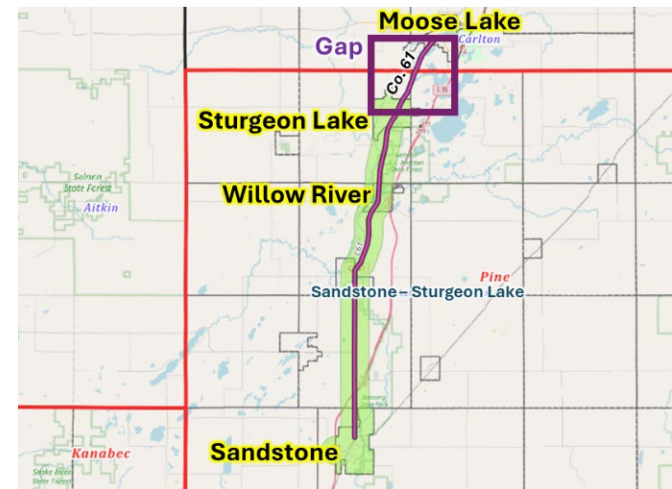
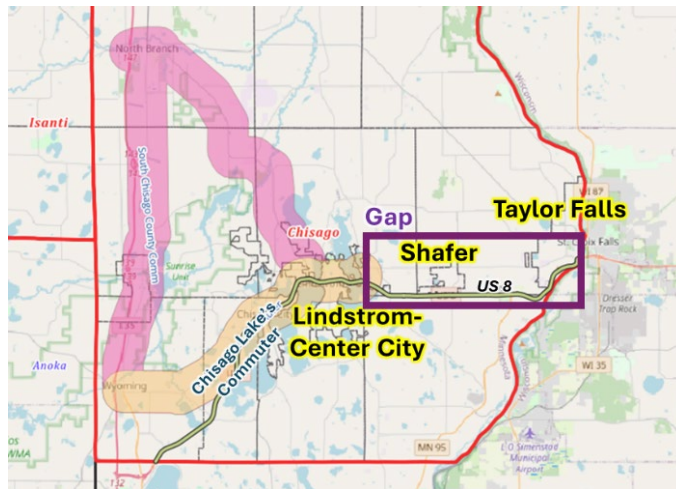
Recommendations to Address the Identified Transit Gaps

To Shafer and Taylor Falls (new route or extension)

- **What:** 9-mile new route or extension via US 8
- **How:** Connects Taylor Falls & Shafer to Chisago Lakes
- **Implication:** Addresses high demand and current service lacks; enhances East-West connections

To Moose Lake (extension)

- **What:** Less than 7 miles extension from Sturgeon Lake
- **How:** Benefits Sturgeon Lake & Willow River by connecting to closer Moose Lake (than Sandstone)
- **Implication:** Moose Lake has a Jefferson Line Stop/ DRT



MATI: What is Transportation Insecurity?

- Unable to reach needed destinations in a timely, safe, and comfortable manner.
- Miss or don't take trips because of lack of stable transportation.
- As with food insecurity where people may not know where next meal is coming from, some populations lack certainty about how they will move.
- Causes missed or limited opportunities and experiences because of lack of resources or access to adequate systemic support.



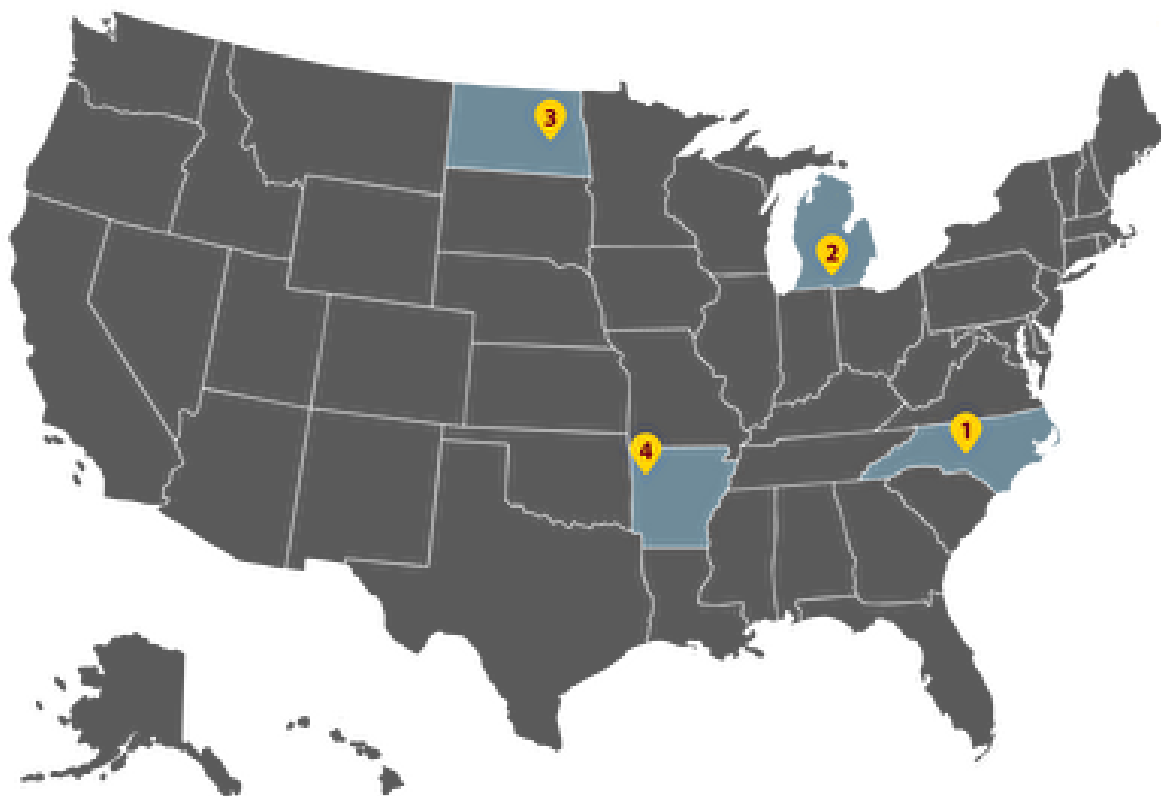
Award Recipient Team Leads

1. Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (Boston, MA)
2. City of Arlington (Arlington, TX)
3. Cumberland County Public Health (Portland, ME)
4. Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice (Oahu, HI)
5. Richland County Transit Board (Mansfield, OH)
6. San Joaquin Council of Government (San Joaquin, CA)
7. SENIOR Solutions (Anderson, SC)
8. University of Illinois-Chicago (Chicago, IL)



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1. North Carolina State A&T University (Rockingham County, NC)
2. Feonix - Mobility Rising (Hillsdale County, MI)
3. Strengthen ND (Benson, Cavalier, Eddy, Ramsey, Rolette, and Towner Counties, ND)
4. University of Arkansas at Fayetteville (Pea Ridge, Arkansas)



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