

Transportation Resources

Medical Assistance transportation programs/Authorization for Rides:

BCBS BlueRide: 866-340-8648

UCare Health Ride: 800-864-2157

Medica Provide-a-Ride: 800-918-6896

Blue Earth County: 507-304-4371

Nicollet County: 507-934-8551 or county switchboard- 507-934-8559

Community Transit Programs:

City of Mankato Mobility Bus: 507-625-7433

www.mankato-mn.gov/MTS_MobilityBus/Page.aspx

Provides transportation to individuals within city limits of Mankato or North Mankato who would otherwise be unable to access public transportation due to mental and/or physical disability. Must complete application and certification process and schedule rides a minimum of 24 hours in advance. Wheelchair accessible.

City of Mankato Bus: 507-625-7433

Provides transportation on fixed routes within Mankato and North Mankato. All buses can accommodate wheelchairs, scooters, and walkers.

Minnesota River Valley Transit (MRVT)/Dial-a-Ride (St. Peter and LeSueur Transit):

888-880-4696

Provides transportation on routes from Le Sueur to St. Peter to Mankato, transports wheelchairs

Southern Minnesota Area Rural Transit (SMART): 855-762-7821

Provides bus service to Albert Lea, Austin, Owatonna and Waseca areas.

TRUE TRANSIT: (507) 388-8783 or 800-560-1575

www.truetransit.org.

TRUE Transit provides rides to people of all ages throughout Blue Earth, Le Sueur, and Nicollet Counties. Serves people of all ages. Passenger fares on scheduled routes (slight deviation allowed) are just \$3.00 for in-town and \$5.00 out-of-town.

Prairie Lakes Transit: 507-235-5558

<http://pltransit.com/>

Provides transportation in Fairmont and Blue Earth areas. Serves both Faribault and Martin Counties.

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Private transportation companies:

AMV AmeriCare Mobility Van: 507-625-6741

Provides service to Mankato & surrounding areas; wheelchair transport; requires 2-3 day notice

Care Transport Services: (507) 344-8900

Wheelchair or stretcher rides available. Will accept medical assistance or private pay. Typically requires a one day notice. (Formerly Dave's Provider Ride)

Land to Air Express: 507-625-3977

landtoairexpress.com

Provides service from Mankato to Rochester including Mayo Clinic and stops in between. Routes on both Highway 14 and Interstate 90

Quality Stretchers: (507) 202-7747

Able to transport to assisted living facilities from Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Mankato.

Take-Me-There (T-M-T):

Based out of Madelia/St. James. Will transport to Fairmont, Mankato, New Ulm, or within Watonwan County.

Trailblazer Transit: 320-864-1000

Serving Sibley, McLeod, and Wright Counties.

Specialty Transportation:

Aging Services for Communities (507) 364-5663

aging-services.org

Available to all residents of Le Sueur and Rice County who are on Medical Assistance or over age 55. Medical, non-medical and senior transportation available. Accepts Medical Assistance or private pay

MVAC Wheel Get There: 507-345-0446

Sells cars to low-income people at a discount, typically between \$600-\$1300. Must be over 18 and reside in one of the following counties: Blue Earth, Brown, LeSueur, Faribault, Martin, Sibley, Nicollet, Waseca, Watonwan.

PEOPLE 60+: (507) 387-1666

VINE's Door2Door Transportation Program assists community members age 60+ living in Mankato and North Mankato when public transportation is unavailable or not easily accessible. VINE's trained and insured volunteer drivers help older adults get to their appointments, shop, and do errands. If needed, volunteers can even help you select and carry in your groceries. We arrange transportation for medical and other appointments and provide rides to social and congregational events. Transportation to out-of-town medical appointments can be arranged.

On a limited basis, we provide rides for people under age 60 with disabilities and people who are encountering difficult life circumstances. We also work closely with staff at county human services to provide rides for income-eligible clients. To facilitate scheduling, requests for local rides must be made at least two business days in advance. Since the transportation office is not open on weekends, requests for rides on Monday must be made by noon on the preceding

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Thursday. Please schedule your ride as soon as you schedule your medical appointment. Limited weekend transportation is available for medical needs. The program is not intended to be a person's only source of transportation

At the end of each month, passengers are mailed a ride summary sheet and a donation envelope. VINE's transportation program is supported through contributions from riders and their family members, the Greater Mankato Area United Way, and grants from Blue Earth and Nicollet Counties.

PEOPLE TO JOBS: (507) 385-8127

VINE coordinates employment and employment-related transportation for single parents, refugees, and other low-income workers. Transporting the young children of low-income workers to daycare when their parents go to work is an important part of the service provided. People to Jobs is a six-month transitional program designed as a stepping stone to allow workers time to develop more permanent transportation solutions. The program utilizes paid staff driving vans on routes designed to be cost-effective and time-efficient. People to Jobs is jointly sponsored by the Greater Mankato United Way, Blue Earth County Employment Services, and VINE Faith in Action. Fares from riders cover a portion of the cost.

Veteran Services Office

Access to medical care at the VA Medical Center in Minneapolis. This program serves Blue Earth County and Nicollet County Veterans. Blue Earth County operates on odd-numbered days of the month & Nicollet County operates on even-numbered days of the month. If you are in need of transportation assistance to the VA Medical Center, please call 507-304-4246 (odd days) or 507-934-7871 (even days). When scheduling transportation, please contact either office no later than 2 pm the day prior to your appointment. Vans are not w/c accessible. Call Veterans Service Office if need of medical assisted transportation.

Taxi Companies:

WS Transportation: 507-420-4503 or 507-388-0708 for St. James Residents

KatoCab: 507-388-7433