

**Minnesota Council on Transportation Access (MCOTA)
Minnesota Volunteer Driver Program Forum
Wednesday, May 9, 2018**

[Continuing Education and Conference Center](#)

University of Minnesota, 1890 Buford Avenue, St. Paul

All sessions are in Room 135 (Upper Level) unless noted otherwise.

Parking, continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshments provided with registration.

AGENDA

- 7:30 a.m. **Registration + Continental Breakfast** (Upper-Level Lobby)
- 8:00 **Welcome + Opening Remarks**
Moderator: *Diogo Reis*, Minnesota Department of Human Services
Tim Henkel, MCOTA Chair and Assistant Commissioner, Modal Planning and Program Management, Minnesota Department of Transportation | *Claire Wilson*, MCOTA Member and Assistant Commissioner, Community Supports Administration, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- 8:15 **Current State of Volunteer Drivers in Minnesota**
Moderator: *Diogo Reis*, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- A. Research Presentation: *Volunteer Driver Programs in Minnesota: Benefits and Barriers***
 Frank Douma, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota
- B. Volunteer Drivers On the Ground in Local Communities**
 Tiffany Collins, MCOTA Member and Central Community Transit | *Shelly Pflaum*, United Community Action Partnership | *Ted Nelson*, Prairie Five Rides
- C. Audience Q&A**
- 9:15 **Nuts & Bolts: How to Handle Insurance and Tax Issues**
Moderator: *Diogo Reis*, Minnesota Department of Human Services
Theresa Eclov, Faith in Action for Cass County | *Jon Kelly*, Minnesota Department of Commerce | *Matt Damiani*, Minnesota Department of Revenue
- **Audience Q&A**
- 10:15 **Refreshments + Networking** (Upper-Level Lobby)

- 10:40 **MN2030 Looking Forward**
- A. Introduction**
Kari Benson, Minnesota Department of Human Services Aging + Adult Services Division and Minnesota Board on Aging
 - B. Overview**
Reena Shetty and Mike Saindon, Minnesota Department of Human Services
 - C. Visioning Exercise on the Future of Transportation and Volunteer Drivers**
Reena Shetty, Mike Saindon, and Ilya Garelik, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- 12:05 p.m. **Buffet Lunch + Networking** (Courtyard Room)
- 1:15 **Mobility Management**
Moderator: *Tim Sexton*, MCOTA Member and Minnesota Department of Transportation
Heidi Corcoran, Dakota County | *Alan Hermann*, SmartLink Transit / Scott County | *Sue Siemers*, MnDOT and Regional Transportation Coordinating Councils
- **Audience Q&A**
- 2:15 **Refreshments + Networking** (Upper-Level Lobby)
- 2:30 **Emerging Topics + Technologies**
Moderator: *Tim Sexton*, MCOTA Member and Minnesota Department of Transportation
- A. Scheduling Software to Organize Volunteer Trips**
Colette Hanson, Arrowhead Transit
 - B. Minnesota Self Driving Task Force**
Sandra Whelecor, Arrowhead Transit
 - C. MnDOT Autonomous Bus Research**
Michael Kronzer, Minnesota Department of Transportation
 - D. Audience Q&A**
- 3:30 **Closing Remarks**
Noel Shughart, MCOTA Staff and Minnesota Department of Transportation
- 3:40 **Adjourn**