

Regional snapshot Carver County

November 2009

Transit and Transportation

SouthWest Transit provides transit service in Chanhassen, Chaska and Eden Prairie, and also operates service from the park-and-ride in Victoria. Each weekday, 12 express bus routes carry riders from the eight park-and-ride facilities in the service area to downtown Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota. SouthWest Transit was created in 1986, through a joint powers agreement between Chanhassen, Chaska, and Eden Prairie.

The region's first commuter rail line, the Northstar Line, begins service Nov. 16 from Big Lake to Minneapolis. The Central Corridor project is moving ahead toward construction in late 2010. The project is moving ahead with final design – service on the line is expected to begin in 2014.

Progress is also being made on plans for the Southwest Transitway, which will bring riders from the southwestern suburban communities into downtown Minneapolis, once complete. The Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority voted on the locally preferred route for light-rail transit in the corridor on Nov. 3. In addition, the Southwest project will receive \$5 million in 2009 state bonds for preliminary engineering and environmental work. When complete, the Southwest Transitway investment is expected to exceed \$1 billion.

The 2008 update to the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) identifies the Highway 212 corridor as an express bus corridor with transit advantages, such as shoulder lanes, ramp meter bypasses and signal priority. The TPP will be updated in 2010 with information from the Metropolitan Highway System Investment Study.

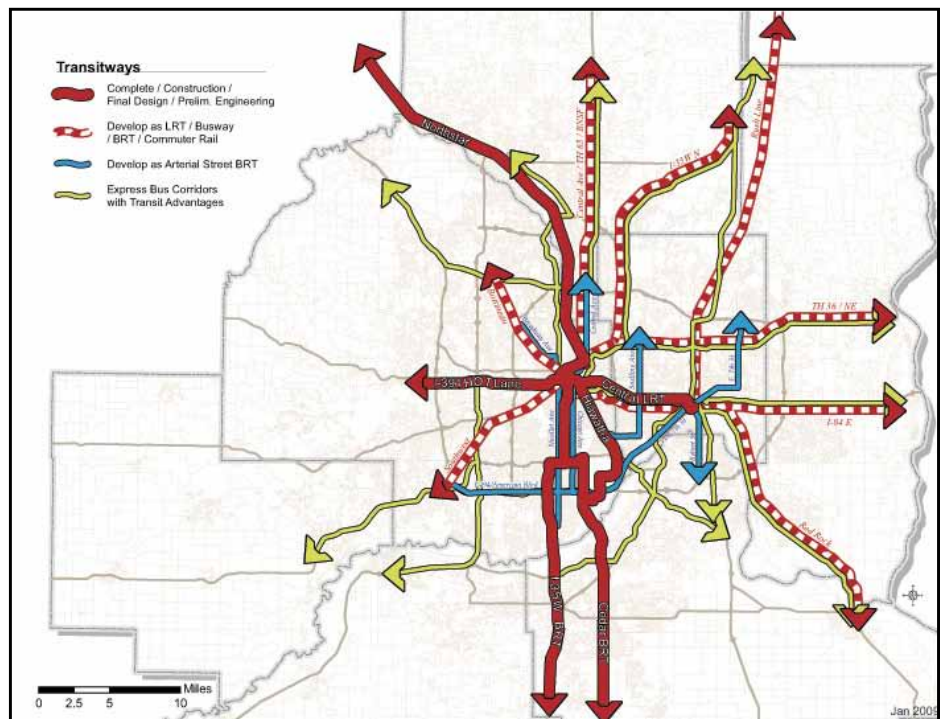
Regional Parks

The Council provided a \$205,000 grant to Carver County from the constitutional Land and Legacy Amendment's Parks and Trail Fund. The funds will be used to begin constructing a 7-mile segment of the Dakota Rail Regional Trail. It will leverage more than \$1.7 million in federal transportation and local rail authority funds.

At a Glance

Total population	86,297
Median age	34.5
Population under age 5	6,587
Adult population	61,225
Population age 65 and older	6,512
Total housing units	32,527
Owner-occupied homes	25,918
Average household size	2.73
Average family size	3.18
Population in the labor force	49,058
Mean travel time to work, in minutes	25.5
Median annual household income	\$78,035

Source: American Community Survey 3-year estimates, 2005-2007, U.S. Census Bureau



Metropolitan Council Representatives – Carver County

Craig Peterson, District 4 (Carver County, Hennepin County cities of Minnetrista and St. Bonifacius, and the portion of Scott County in the metropolitan area)

Metropolitan Council District Dialogues

Community Development

Communities throughout the region submitted their 2030 comprehensive plan updates in 2008, and the Council is reviewing those plans throughout this year.

Reviewed by Council

- Carver
- Chanhassen
- Cologne
- Hamburg
- Mayer
- New Germany
- Norwood Young America
- Victoria
- Waconia
- Watertown

Review Process Underway

- Benton Township
- Camden Township
- Carver County
- Chaska
- Dahlgren Township
- Hancock Township
- Hollywood Township
- Laketown Township
- San Francisco Township
- Waconia Township
- Watertown Township
- Young America Township

Livable Communities Grants

Communities throughout the seven-county metropolitan area have received funds through one of several Livable Communities grant programs. These programs provide funding for new developments or redevelopment projects that provide affordable housing, link housing with nearby jobs and services, help preserve affordable housing, and clean up polluted land for redevelopment.

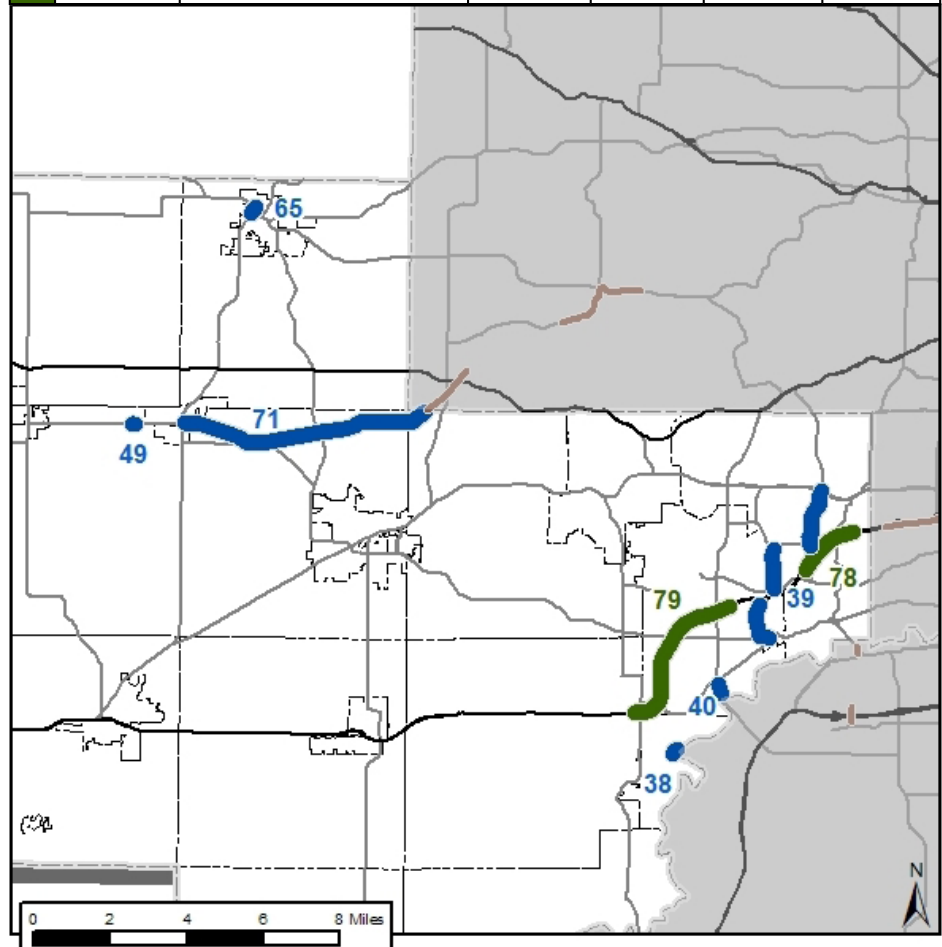
Since 1996, the Council has granted 20 Livable Communities awards, worth nearly \$6.3 million, to Carver County communities.

Community	Grants	Total
Chanhassen	3 awards	\$1,000,500
Chaska	14 awards	\$4,025,645
Norwood Young America	2 awards	\$1,058,153
Waconia	1 award	\$211,806

Recovery Act Transportation Projects

Projects in Carver County will receive more than \$4 million in regional and state funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

ID	Location	Project	Total Cost	State ARRA	Region ARRA	Other Funds
38	Carver	Main St – roadwork and replacement of bridge over Spring Creek	\$500,000	\$0	\$460,000	\$40,000
39	Chanhassen	Resurfacing of four locations	\$1,395,500	\$0	\$1,116,400	\$279,100
40	Chaska	Hwy 41 – signal installation at Second St and medians at First, Third, Fifth Sts	\$600,000	\$0	\$540,000	\$60,000
49	Mayer	County Rd 30 – construct turn lanes at compost site access	\$120,000	\$0	\$96,000	\$24,000
65	Watertown	Hwy 25 – reconstruction from White St to State St, including paved trail	\$880,000	\$0	\$704,000	\$176,000
71	Carver County	Dakota Rail Tr – construction from Hennepin County line to Mayer	\$2,034,460	\$0	\$550,680	\$1,483,780
78	Chanhassen	Hwy 212 – construct interchanges at Hwy 101 and County Rd 17	\$214,000	\$214,000	\$0	\$0
79	Chaska	Hwy 212 – construct interchanges at Hwy 41 and County Rds 10 and 11	\$321,000	\$321,000	\$0	\$0



— State ARRA Funded Projects
 — Regional ARRA Funded Projects
 — State and Regional ARRA Projects
 — Projects outside Carver County