



### Why?

**Because your day to day transportation choices are impacted by decisions made by elected officials at every level of government.**

### Who?

- **Mayors and City Council members** decide on sidewalks, bicycle racks & lanes, parking requirements, park-and-rides, bus stops and shelters, and policies for development & street design.
- **County Commissioners** make decisions related to county-funded roads, sit on the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB), and lead early planning & funding for transitways (e.g. rail).
- **State Senators and Representatives** vote on transit funding, sit on committees that control state funds, and vote on policies, such as Complete Streets, that direct Mn/DOT's work.
- **The Governor** signs or vetoes bills passed by legislators, negotiates on the state's budget and policy priorities, and appoints the **Metropolitan Council**, which runs Metro Transit and leads transportation planning for the 7-county metropolitan area.

### How?

1. **Find out where the candidates will be** (at local forums, coffee shops, door-knocking, etc).

#### Share your perspective:

- Tell candidates how you get around – by bus, train, bike, walking – and *why*.
- Tell them what works well (safe bike lanes? Access to a nearby bus stop?)
- Tell them about the challenges (Can't safely walk a mile to the library? Snow mounds in front of bus stops? Need weekend/evening transit service?)

2. **Share information relevant to your transportation choices:**

- Only 15% of jobs and 30% of households are well served by transit in the metro.
- Approximately 250,000 people die a year due to inactivity. Bicycling and walking for transportation increases regular activity!
- Fixing the roads and bridges we already have provides *more jobs* than building new ones.
- **One million** more people are coming to the metro area in the next few decades, and they'll *all* need ways to get around.

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# How to find candidates running to represent you:

1. Get a sample ballot from the Secretary of State.

Phone: call 651-215-1440 and ask for a sample ballot (best if you don't have internet access)

Website: [www.pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us)

- Enter your zip code and then your street address.
- On the next screen, click "[Click here for a list of candidates](#)" (underneath polling information)
- The full list of candidates was not posted as of August 22<sup>nd</sup> (ballots are required to be ready by September 17<sup>th</sup>). Keep checking for a full list of candidates.

## Notes:

Who did you speak with? What offices are they running for?

Please let TLC know that you've spoken to candidates in your area. We want to be able to tell people how active our members are! Go to [www.tlcmnnesota.org/action.html](http://www.tlcmnnesota.org/action.html) and scroll down to "share your story."

### **Candidate forums sponsored by the Transportation Alliance**

With other sponsors: **Gubernatorial Forum**, Wed, Aug. 25, 8:30 – 10:00AM at the Northland Inn and Conference Center, (Brooklyn Park). Free, pre-registration required. Contact Denise Woods (651-796-2186).

### **10am-12noon, free and open to the public**

Eagan: September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Royal Cliff Banquet Facility

Blaine: October 6<sup>th</sup> at the National Sports Center/Schwan Event Center

Woodbury/Cottage Grove: October 7<sup>th</sup> at the Washington Co. Service Ctr

*For more information, go to <http://transportationalliance.com/regionals.htm>*

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