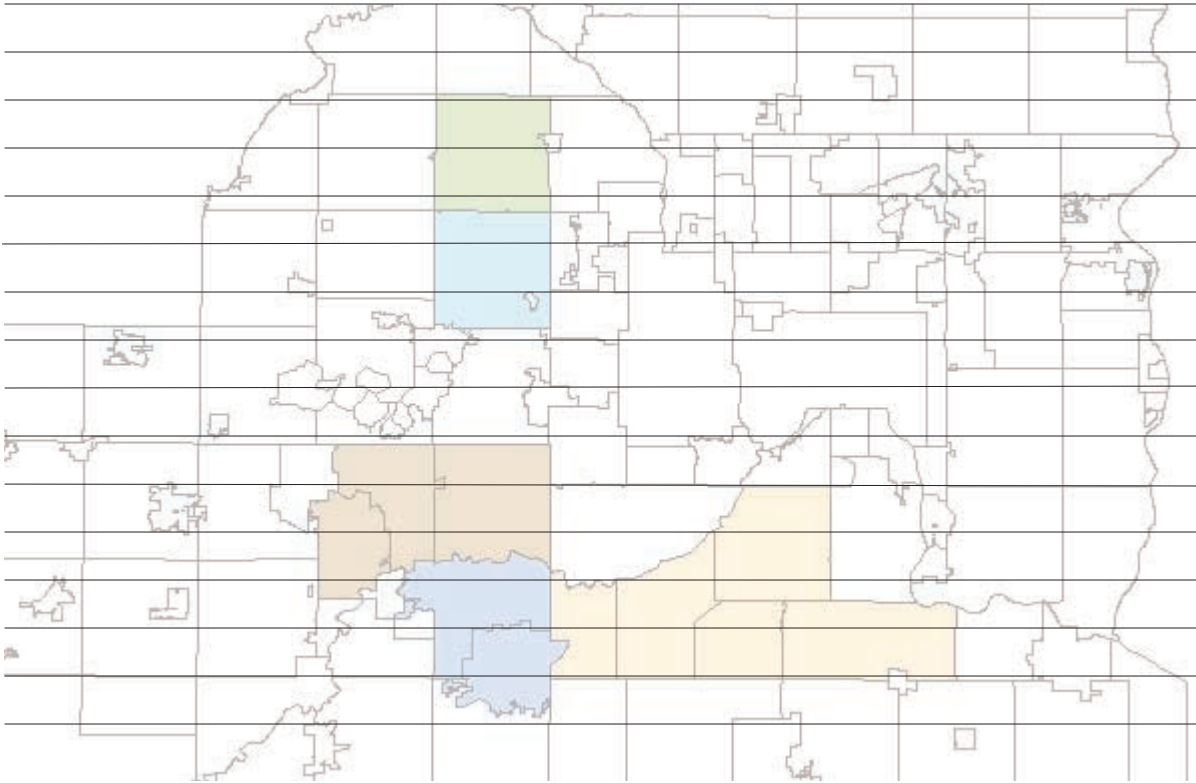


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Legislative Delegation Breakfast

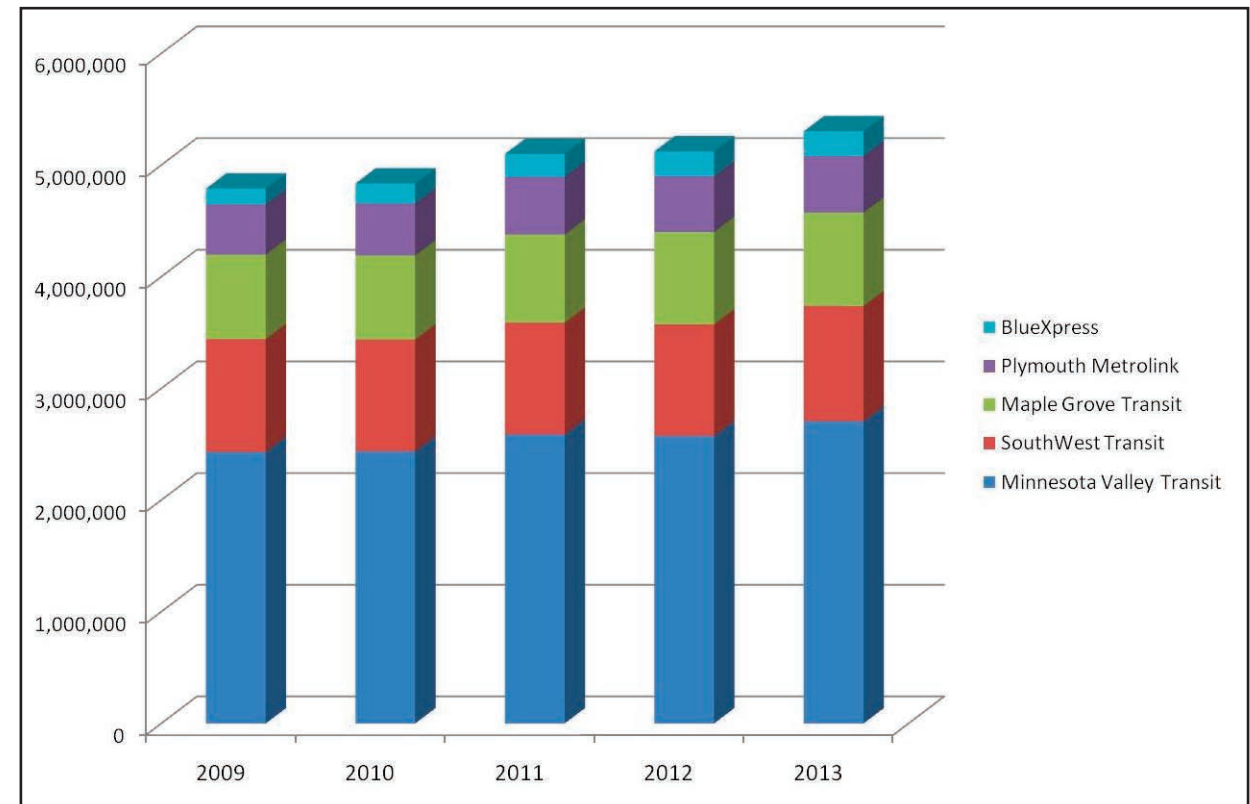
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Founded in 1995, STA brings together 12 suburban communities in the Twin Cities Metropolitan area that chose not to be part of the traditional transit system.

The purpose of STA is to jointly & cooperatively promote transit and ridership to benefit the region and the citizens of our communities.

Suburban ridership has risen steadily from 1.5 million rides in 1990 to more than 5 million rides by year-end 2013. STA providers saw an overall 3.5 percent increase in 2013.



2014 Legislative Priorities:

Operational Funding - A critical priority for the STA providers is maintaining support for the BUS system.

STA requests the legislature include the statement "including Suburban Transit Providers" in any increased funding proposal.

Regional Transit Bonds - STA providers have many projects waiting for funding to maintain facilities & replace old buses, and to expand service to meet demand.

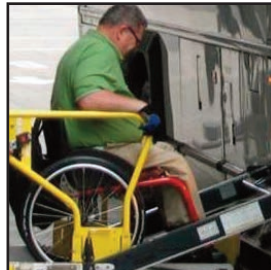
- A. STA supports the Metro Council's request for 2-year authorization for Regional Transit Bonds.
- B. STA supports a higher authorization for Regional Transit Bonds to help meet demand.

Local Government Sales Tax Exemption - The 2013 local government sales tax exemption does not include agencies functioning under Joint Powers Agreements.

STA supports inclusion of joint powers agreements in the sales tax exemption legislation.

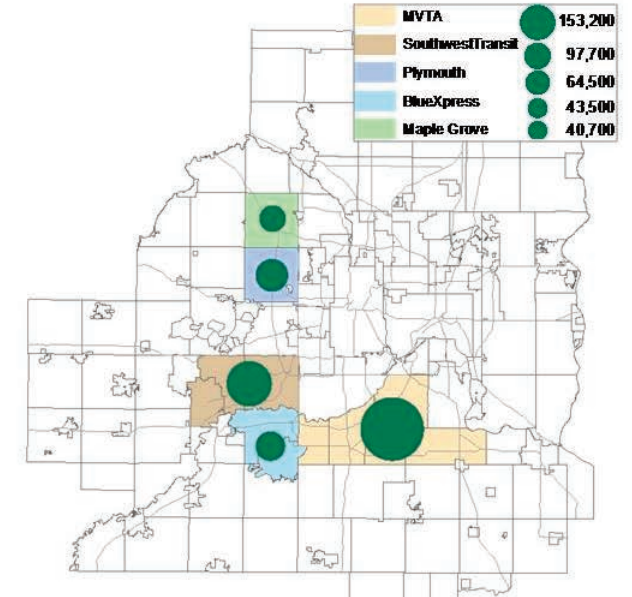
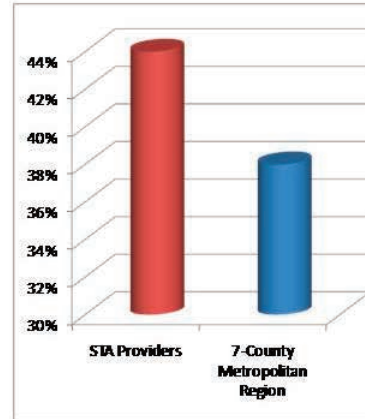
Transit Taxing District - Current transit funding applies to the existing Transit Taxing District.

STA supports the need for additional funding sources if the Transit Taxing District is expanded.



Connecting People to Jobs

Employment in the STA Providers' Service Area is expected to increase by an average of 44% by 2030*



Connecting People to Places

Population in the STA Providers' Service Area is expected to increase by an average of 34% by 2030*

