

# Transit and Active Transportation Director Up to \$128,203 annually St. Paul, MN

The Transit and Active Transportation Director leads and manages Minnesota's public transportation (transit and intercity bus) activities and pedestrian and bicycle programs as well as MnDOT-owned ABC Ramps in downtown Minneapolis. The person will direct an annual operating budget of \$3 million and a capital budget of \$195 million and lead a team of 40 staff in order to improve transit services and connect people in both urban and rural areas to jobs and services. The next Transit and Active Transportation Director should seek innovative ways to bring new mobility services into the transit program so that more Minnesotans have access to multiple modes of travel.

MnDOT is seeking an experienced or emerging leader to oversee the implementation of its Transit and Active Transportation plans, programs, and projects. This senior manager plays a leadership role in innovative state and local multi-year capital and operating program. Providing improvement priority-setting, budgeting, scheduling, and constituent response and interacts with City and County staff, elected officials, transit providers, private developers and federal, state, and regional funding agencies and community groups on the implementation of a broad array of transit and active transportation products and services.

MnDOT is looking for a leader that is forward-thinking in delivering transit, bicycle and pedestrian programs that are integrated and innovative pieces of a multimodal transportation system. MnDOT is seeking a change agent that can implement mobility as a service and shared mobility concepts and pilot programs; mobility hubs; Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) for first/last mile and rural transit options; implementation of statewide pedestrian and bicycle plans as they integrate within transportation project development; and optimization of transit systems to accommodate and increase ridership and meet ridership needs at the best value to both customers and transit providers.

#### WHY WORK FOR US

We offer excellent employee benefits, such as low-cost health and dental insurance, and affordable dependent coverage. Other benefits include:

- 11 paid holidays per year
- Up to 29 paid vacation days per year
- 13 paid sick days per year
- Defined pension plan
- Flexible work schedule
- Hiring incentive may be available

- Relocation reimbursement may be available
- Paid life insurance
- Short & long-term disability available
- Cutting edge technology
- Travel both in-state and out-of-state
- And more!

## ABOUT Minnesota, MnDOT, and the OFFICE OF TRANSIT & ACTIVE TRANPORTATION

The MnDOT Office of Transit and Active Transportation (OTAT) provides public transportation services throughout the State of Minnesota. OTAT administers the plans and programs of 40 transit operations that provide service in all 87 counties and major cities. OTAT also provides guidance and resources to the pedestrian and bicycle network that contributes to Minnesota cities like Minneapolis and St. Paul being ranked as some of the best places to walk and bike.

MnDOT's headquarters is located in the City of St. Paul (population 307,672 in 2017), the Capitol City. With its proximity to Minneapolis and the convenient Green Line Light Rail running between the 2 major downtowns, this makes it an easy trip and an extremely desirable place to live and work. Minnesota is known for its art and culture; with so many art galleries, museums, and cultural hubs, you can't help but share in the creative heart and soul of Minnesota. It is also well known as one of the healthiest states and for its outdoor recreation resources. The State enjoys a stable and prosperous economy with a rich history and strong family values, not to mention a large fan base for Minnesota's professional sport teams.

MnDOT is governed by the State's Governor and Legislature. The agency is composed of five Divisions overseen by the Commissioner of Transportation: State Aid, Engineering Services, Modal Planning & Program Management (MPPM), Operations, and Corporate Services. MnDOT has an operating budget of \$2.3 billion; and employs approximately 5000 FTEs. OTAT, one of the modal offices within MnDOT, has an annual operating budget of \$125 million to support transit, pedestrian, and bicycle planning and implementation outside of the St. Paul/Minneapolis metropolitan area. OTAT supports the transit providers in greater Minnesota that provides approximately 11.5 million fixed route boardings annually with 40 FTEs.

MnDOT's currently adopted 4-year State Transportation Improvement Program identifies an average of over \$108 million per fiscal year for transit and active transportation investments in greater Minnesota ranging from rural and small urban transit capital and operating assistance to programs like Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities and the Rural Area Formula. OTAT provides the direction for Minnesota's public transportation (transit and intercity bus) activities, statewide programs related to pedestrian and bicycle transportation, and management of the MnDOT-owned ABC Parking Ramps in downtown Minneapolis. OTAT works in parallel with the Metropolitan Council, the 7-county metro-area MPO. Similar to OTAT, the Metropolitan Council is responsible for laying the course of action for the metro area to maintain and enhance their existing transit facilities, to better connect people and communities, and to provide more transportation choices that will make Minnesota stronger and a better place to live and work.

Working under the direction of the MPPM Assistant Commissioner, the Director provides overall leadership to the OTAT, including short and long-range service planning, capital/facilities planning for the agency, and grant oversight. The Director also works extensively with the Executive and Senior Leadership to discuss, receive approval for, and then implement plans, policy, and funding changes. This employee works with considerable independence under the general direction of the Division Assistant Commissioner.

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

The successful applicant must have a Bachelor's degree and five years of progressively responsible leadership experience in transit and active transportation or related field (e.g., planning, public administration), in which three years are managerial. Managerial means those positions being accountable for determining, securing and allocating human, financial and other resources needed to accomplish objectives.

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- 2. Click "External Applicants".
- 3. On the Job Search, enter the Job Opening ID **27590** in the Keywords search box and click Search.
- 4. Click on the Job Title to view the job posting.
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## Only applicants received on mn.gov/mmb/careers/ will be considered.

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