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Dear Stakeholder,

This letter is to inform you that United Community Action Partnership (UCAP) is applying for funds to begin the planning process for a Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RTCC) in Southwest Minnesota.

Seamless transportation across Minnesota has long been a goal for MNDOT and other transportation stakeholders. MNDOT is looking at RTCCs as a large part of the answer. "Regional Transportation Coordination Councils would be responsible for coordinating transportation services through a network of existing public, private and non-profit transportation providers," explains a MNDOT handout on the project.

UCAP has been leading efforts toward greater coordination for many years, and hopes to leverage the strong relationships we've built with other transportation practitioners and service organizations into a successful RTCC.

We are targeting a start date of July 1, 2019 for our planning phase. During the first year of grant funding, we will shape how a Southwest Minnesota RTCC functions. Our target region will be the 9 counties that are currently served under UCAP's Southwest Mobility Management Initiative: Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone Redwood and Rock counties. Part of shaping the RTCC will be reaching out to stakeholders in these counties and engaging them in conversations about the transportation needs of their residents, and how an RTCC could serve to meet those needs. Together, the committed stakeholders will determine the specifics of the RTCC, including membership requirements, by laws, and functions that will do the greatest good for our region. We will move into implementation at the end of the planning phase based on the recommendations of the stakeholder group.

The application for RTCC planning funds are open to a wide range of municipalities and organizations. If your organization would also like to submit application, you are encouraged to contact MNDOT for specific requirements.

As an important transportation stake holder, UCAP also welcomes your comments on our application, and your thoughts and involvement in the formation of an RTCC in Southwest Minnesota. Please send comments to Shelly at shelly.pflaum@unitedcapmn.org. If you have no comment at this time, an email stating your support for UCAP would be helpful in our application process. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelly Pflaum".

Shelly Pflaum