

Incorporating Public Comments: Department of Transportation (MnDOT)

In spring 2026, the Olmstead Implementation Office (OIO), in partnership with the Dendros Group, Inclusion Consultants, and state staff, held a public comment period. This included:

- Virtual meetings
- An online survey in multiple languages
- Individual interviews
- Submissions from organizations
- Email comments

This document includes themes from all public comment. Agency teams were asked to address how feedback was incorporated into their goals and strategies in the Olmstead Plan.

For more information about this feedback, please review the transportation public comment summary report.

Transportation Goal 3

Transportation Goal 3: More people with disabilities will have flexible transportation funding

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) agency team shared: “This goal has been removed because there is no capacity to develop and implement within the five year horizon of the plan.”

Transportation Goal 4

Transportation Goal 4: People with disabilities will have better access to transit services and information

MnDOT shared:

Goal 4A was removed due to insufficient budget and staff capacity at DHS to provide training and 4B has been moved to a strategy under the on-time performance goal. The platform is still

on schedule to be implemented, but without the training element to support it there was no meaningful measure to demonstrate the benefit.

General feedback themes for all transportation goals

These themes were from general feedback for transportation goals in the Olmstead Plan draft. Some comments were not specific to MnDOT goals.

Feedback theme: Greater Minnesota needs more transportation options

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) added a goal based on this feedback. The agency shared: “An infrastructure goal for accessible sidewalks and curb ramps.”

Feedback theme: Transit and other transportation options need to be accessible

MnDOT shared: “No changes were made based on this feedback. All transit services in Greater Minnesota are accessible and MnDOT has no authority over private transportation options.”

Feedback theme: People with disabilities need reliable transit and transportation options

The MnDOT agency team added a goal based off this feedback. The agency shared: “Yes, a goal for on time performance for Greater MN transit has been developed and it will include support on developing on time windows that will minimize wait times when possible.”

Feedback theme: Transit and transportation are critical for accessing employment, health care, and community life.

MnDOT shared:

MnDOT recognizes the importance of transportation in Greater Minnesota for all critical aspects of community life and works with providers to ensure that those needs are met to the best of their ability with their limited resources. Many comments noted that there is a need for more service overall in Greater Minnesota, which will be unlikely during the timeline of this plan. Transit is facing no increase in funding.

Feedback theme: Intersectionality

Community members said the state must address disparities based on other identities held by people with disabilities. These identities can include race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, socioeconomic status, language, and more.

MnDOT shared: “Our goals and strategies did not change based on these comments. Transit in Greater Minnesota is developed with input from the public to ensure that statewide goals address users’ needs and that providers are addressing the specific needs of their community.”