

August 2011

STATE FAIR

There's still some time left to get to the State Fair. We're providing weekday service from Wooddale Church in Eden Prairie; weekends and Labor Day service is from SouthWest Station in Eden Prairie and SouthWest Village in Chanhassen. The round-trip fare is still \$5 but please note the following change. ***EVERY RIDER OVER THE AGE OF FOUR WILL NEED A FIVE DOLLAR BILL TO PLACE IN THE FAREBOX ON THE BUS WHEN YOU BOARD THE BUS.***

NEW SCHEDULES 9/6/11

These are the ONLY changes at this time:

- Additional Route 695 service direct to and from the U of M
- An eastbound PM route 698 will now leave 5 minutes earlier (EC at 2:40; SW Village at 2:50; SW Station at 3:00)

NO OTHER CHANGES TO ROUTE NUMBERS OR TIMINGS

DECEMBER ROUTE MODIFICATIONS

The Chanhassen Transit Station is on schedule and will be open for service in December. (Take a look at the pictures at www.swtransit.org.) With that, route modifications will be made. We will be looking for public comment before putting the final touches on schedules. Watch for more information very soon.

25th ANNIVERSARY

On July 21, 1986, the Cities of Eden Prairie, Chanhassen and Chaska signed a Joint Powers Agreement creating (after several tweaks to the name) **SouthWest Transit**. Twenty-five years we're still going strong and still making plans for the future.

How long have you been riding SWT? We're looking for those of you who have riding for 20+ years. Contact us at customerservice@swtransit.org. We're planning some events later in the year and would like to recognize some of our most loyal riders.

NEXTRIP

Looking for real time departure times? There's a new tab on our website that will take you to a form where you simply select your route, direction and your stop. Give it a try.

EAST CREEK

If you board your bus at East Creek, you've probably seen the proposal for a new station and parking ramp to be constructed there. We're looking at construction in 2012 with service to begin in the fall of 2013. Again, there are more details on our website.

WAS THAT A SOUTHWEST TRANSIT BUS?

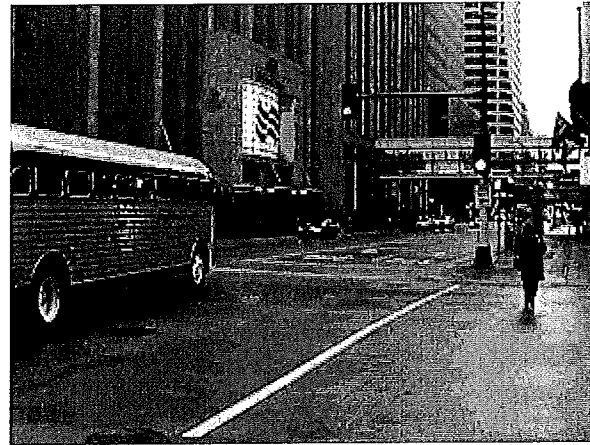


We've been the talk of the town with the "stars and stripes" displayed on one of our new MCI coaches.

Watch for it on your route sometime soon.

Our 1947 Silverside was in service on regular routes in May from East Creek, SW Village and SW Station. Did you get a chance to ride it? It certainly caught people's attention downtown!

Watch for it to be on the road again this fall.



GUARANTEED RIDE HOME

Have you signed up for this program? Once you've registered online, you can use a Guaranteed Ride Home up to four times per year or \$100 in value, whichever comes first. For example, if you choose a cab ride, you will be reimbursed up to an annual amount of \$100. You'll find more details at www.swtransit.org.

ROUTE 690A

Just a reminder that when this route leaves downtown, its first stop is SouthWest Station. From there it continues on along Valley View Rd. and Dell Rd. making local neighborhood stops.