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SouthWest Transit Named Minnesota Transit System of the Year

Eden Prairie - October 1, 2008 – SouthWest Transit, the public transit provider for Eden Prairie, Chanhassen and Chaska, has been named the 2008 Transit System of the Year by the Minnesota Public Transit Association (MPTA.) This is the second time in the last ten years that SouthWest Transit has been honored with this recognition.

The president of the MPTA, Tony Kellen, announced the award at the 26th annual conference of the association. “There are just so many reasons for SouthWest Transit to be honored with this award,” said Kellen. “SouthWest Transit has been recognized for its safety, on time performance, system efficiencies, innovation and customer satisfaction. SouthWest Transit is just a great all-around transit agency.”

“This is an award that reflects all of our employees’ efforts to provide the very best service,” said Len Simich, CEO of SouthWest Transit. “Our Commission and staff work together so that our customers can Expect the Best.”

SouthWest Transit has also been honored as the Minnesota Transit System of the Year in 1999, the National System of the Year in 2004, the National Environmental Excellence Award winner in 2005, and the National Safety Award winner in 2008.

SouthWest Transit – www.swtransit.org - provided more than one million rides in 2007. The agency has been recognized as a leader in the transit industry and each employee strives to fulfill SouthWest Transit’s commitment to its riders to “Expect the Best.”

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