

South Central Transit Network has 46 vehicles operating throughout 8 North Dakota counties. Funding for the transit is provided with a combination of federal, state and local funds as well as passenger fares. The North Dakota Department of Transportation applied for and received a grant in 2020 to replace all of the vehicles in North Dakota which have exceeded their useful life. South Central received funding to replace 24 vehicles. We operate a variety of vehicles including minivans, transit vans and cutaway buses in the counties we serve. We ordered the vehicles in March of 2021. We received the minivans we ordered but the remaining 14 vehicles have been on back order since then. In January of this year we asked the NDDOT if it would be possible to purchase a 15 passenger trolley in place of one of the 15 passenger buses we have not received. The trolleys are made in Wisconsin and were available in a few weeks from the time of ordering. We ordered the trolley off the State Bid in January and we received the trolley last week. We felt it would be fun for Valley City to have a trolley as we had trolleys in the early 1900's. The vehicle is equipped to transport wheelchairs and mobility devices just as all of our other vehicles are. The vehicle was funded entirely by the Federal Transit Administration and the North Dakota Department of Transportation. The cost of the trolley is not a lot higher than the cutaways buses.

South Central Transit provides rides to the general public (all ages) and for all trip purposes in all of the counties we serve. Barnes County has had service since the late 1970s. We provide over 55,000 rides each year in Barnes County.