### RIDE WITH US!

**Tri-Valley Heartland Express (T.H.E. Bus)** is a rural public transportation system serving northwest Minnesota.

**T.H.E. Bus is available for anyone.** There are no age or income guidelines – however, children under the age of five must be accompanied by an adult.

We provide curb-to-curb service, allowing those with special needs more comfortable, safe and convenient method of transportation.

All of our buses are handicapped accessible and lift-equipped. All of our drivers are trained and certified.

## RIDER INFORMATION Hours of Service:

Every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesday and every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month

Warren – 9:00am to 11:15am Hallock – 12:15pm to 2:15pm Karlstad – 2:45pm to 4:30pm

#### **Hours of Dispatch:**

Monday thru Friday 7:00am to 8:30 pm Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm

Commuter routes and out of town routes are available. Please call **TODAY** for more information.

## Phone number:

Toll Free 800-201-3432

# Website: www.tvoc.org





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This information is available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities. Contact us at 1-800-584-7020 or by calling the Telecommunication Relay Service at 711 or 1-800-201-3432. Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

# RIDER GUIDE

# Warren/Hallock/ Karlstad City-Wide Service





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### FARE RATES

- Drivers do not carry change. Please have correct fare when boarding the bus.
- ~ No charging ~

#### **Bus Service:**

Available every 1st, 3rd, 5th, Tuesday and every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

#### **City Service:**

\$1.00 per ride in city limits

#### Out of City Service:

0-5 miles - \$3.00 / \$3.00 to return 5-10 miles - \$4.00 / \$4.00 to return 10-15 miles - \$5.00 / \$5.00 to return 15-20 miles - \$6.00 / \$6.00 to return

- We accept cash, check or bus pass for payment of rides
- Bus passes are available for purchase from the bus drivers or an office location

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS FOR EVERYONE! CALL FOR YOUR RIDE TODAY!



#### **BUS RIDING RULES**

- The bus is considered **ON TIME** 10 minutes before or 10minutes after your scheduled time.
- The bus will depart after **2 minutes** at the pickup location.
- Only large items you are able to carry will be allowed.
- Luggage/Bags/Backpacks/Packages: must not block the aisle, stairs or doorway.
- Items must remain under the rider's control. When unloading items will be placed on the curb.
- No open food or beverages allowed.
- Keep cell phone use to a minimum.
- Keep cologne, perfumes, body odor etc. to a minimum.
- Shirt, shoes, and appropriate clothing are required.
- No swearing, rude language, raised voice, and/or inappropriate behavior.
- Parents/guardians' are responsible to secure children into infant car seats if under 1 years old and if over 1 years old properly seat belted.
- No weapons allowed.
- Remain seated and buckled while the bus is moving.
- Drivers are not allowed to accept tips or gratuity.
- One ride will be provided per rider to and from a liquor establishment to purchase alcohol. No other rides can be scheduled for that day to any location.
- For the safety of all riders, if a rider appears intoxicated, or smells of alcohol he/she may be refused the ride.

Any riders not following the above rules may be suspended from T.H.E. Bus for one week. If issues continue, there may be a two-week suspension and possible loss of riding privileges.

# MISSING T.H.E. BUS AND NO SHOW POLICY

- Please call ½ hour before your scheduled pick-up time to cancel your ride
- The bus is considered on time 10 minutes before and 10 minutes after scheduled pick-up time
- If we go to your requested location and you don't show for your scheduled ride it is considered a **NO SHOW**
- If you receive a no show, you will be required to pay for the no show prior to receiving another ride
- No show fare will be \$1.00 for in-city no shows and out of town rates out of town no shows
- Remember: We have no control of traffic, trains, weather conditions or other riders ahead of you

