



Transportation Department

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Fast Facts

The Hennepin County Transportation Department maintains:

- ▲ More than 1,800 lane miles of roadway
- ▲ 137 county bridges
- ▲ 40,000 signs
- ▲ Traffic signals at more than 360 locations

What is the Transportation Department?

The Hennepin County Transportation Department plans, designs, operates and maintains the county highway system for approximately 1.1 million residents, for which there are more than 950,000 vehicles registered.

The Transportation Department administers all functions associated with the county highway system.

There are six divisions:

- Administration
- Transportation Planning
- Design
- Construction
- Traffic
- Road & Bridge Operations

The latest technologies are used to ensure the effective delivery of transportation-related services. Examples are computer visualization and photo imaging, which are used in the design of highway and bridge projects. In addition, the department coordinates a very successful Adopt-A-Highway-Program.

Surface patching, drainage maintenance and improvement, bituminous overlay, and bituminous crack-sealing programs are used to maximize the useful life of the roadway system. Prompt snow and ice-control measures assure safe travel during the winter season.

Hennepin County's transportation functions operate out of the Hennepin County Public Works Facility located in Medina at 1600 Prairie Drive. Approximately 260 Hennepin County employees work out of the Public Works Facility. There are two shifts a day, five days a week during the winter.

Additional programs in Medina

Central Mobile Equipment performs vehicle maintenance on county trucks, cars and other vehicles at the Public Works Facility.

Emergency Preparedness is responsible for developing plans and programs to maintain a state of readiness to meet natural, man-made and technological disasters on a local or countywide basis.

Also located on the site is the 400-foot-high communications tower of the Sheriff's Office.