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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Anoka County Awarded Grant for Fridley Shuttle Service**

Beginning September 5, employees who use the Northstar Commuter Rail can access free shuttle service from the Fridley Station to local employers, thanks to a federal grant awarded to Anoka County.

The \$240,000 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant will fund one year of shuttle service from the Northstar Fridley Station to major employers located along four dedicated bus routes in Fridley. Included are stops at Medtronic Headquarters and Medtronic's Rice Creek East facility, Cummins Power Generation, BAE Systems, and Unity Hospital. The shuttle service was one of eight innovative travel demand management (TDM) projects selected by the Metropolitan Council to receive the funds.

"We worked closely with several of Fridley's major employers to identify routes that would have the most impact," said Anoka County Commissioner Jim Kordiak. "This service is a great benefit for area workers because for many, the Fridley Station is 1-2 miles from their jobs."

**The public is invited to a kick-off event for the shuttle service on Thursday, September 28, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Fridley Northstar Train Station, featuring free refreshments, prizes for Northstar riders, and a ribbon cutting ceremony at 8 a.m.**

To learn more about Anoka County Commute Solutions and opportunities for employers and employees, please visit [anokacounty.us/NorthstarFridley](http://anokacounty.us/NorthstarFridley).

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