

Chairman Clemens and members of the Senate Transportation Committee,

I am writing you in support of SB 2254.

My name is Leif Snyder and am a resident of Minot. I have lost the ability to drive since losing about 70 percent of my vision. I find the fixed route bussing system in Minot inadequate as it runs from 7 am to 7 pm and not on weekends. The lack of weekends or at least adding Saturday would help immensely as would extending the available hours. I try not to use the para transport bussing (Souris Basin Transport) as there are those who need it more than I. There are scheduling issues that often require more than the required 24 hr notice because it is at times very busy. With the real threat of loosing 100% of my vision, I hope it still exists in the future and can be improved, if not for my sake the sake of others.

When possible I try to be as pedestrian as possible however while cars are safer than ever drivers are getting worse and worse as I have been hit as a pedestrian by vehicles 4 times, and the near misses are almost to many to count. Keep in mind every time I have been hit or nearly hit I have had the right of way or the supposed protection of a timed crosswalk. Thus I see the importance of an improved bus system as a necessity.

Thank you,  
Leif Snyder