



MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

Complaint for Violation of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act

All information on this form is confidential until a decision is issued by the Board.
A photocopy of the entire complaint, however, will be sent to the respondent.

Information about complaint filer

Name of complaint filer	Carol Becker		
Address	3201 48th Ave S	Email address	plswonk@gmail.com
City, state, and zip	Mpls MN 55406	Telephone (Daytime)	612-275-4437

Identify person/entity you are complaining about

Name of person/entity being complained about	Move Minnesota
Address	2446 University Ave W #170
City, state, zip	St Paul, MN 55114
Title of respondent (If applicable)	Sam Rockwell, Director
Board/Department/Agency/District # (If legislator)	

Carol Becker

Signature of person filing complaint

9/13/23

Date

Send completed form to:

Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board
190 Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

If you have questions call 651-539-1189, 800-657-3889, or for TTY/TDD communication contact us via the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529. Board staff may be reached by email at cf.board@state.mn.us.

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Give the statutory cite to the section of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, or Minnesota Rules you believe has been violated:

10A.03 - 10A.05

You will find links to the complete text of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, and Minnesota Rules chapters 4501 - 4525 on the Board's website at cfb.mn.gov.

Nature of complaint

Explain in detail why you believe the respondent has violated the campaign finance and public disclosure laws. Attach extra sheet(s) of paper if necessary. Attach any documents, photographs, or other evidence needed to support your allegations. Electronic files may be provided to the Board by email or via a file transfer service.

Move Minnesota is registered with the Secretary of State and with the IRS as a 501c3. It is engaged in extensive lobbying. It is not registered with the Campaign Finance Board. It should be registered as a principle and also its staff that are engaged in lobbying. I have attached a PowerPoint showing their extensive lobbying. In 2021, they brought in about \$1.3M in funds.

Move Minnesota Action Fund is registered with the Secretary of State and purports to be a 501c4 on their website for fundraising purposes but does not exist at the IRS. It has reported about \$1500 in lobbying expenditures in 2021, nothing for 2022 and about \$25,000 in 2023. It is not clear where the funding for its reported lobbying has come from since it does not exist with the IRS. It also appears to be a fig leaf trying to hide the extensive lobbying that Move Minnesota is doing as a 501c3.

I believe these are violations of 10A.03-10A.05.

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 4525 describe the procedures required for investigating complaints. A full description of the complaint process is available on the Board's website. Briefly, the Board will notify you when it has received your complaint. The Board must send a copy of the complaint to the respondent. Complaints and investigations are confidential. Board members and staff cannot talk about an investigation except as required to carry out the investigation or to take action in the matter. After the Board issues a decision, the record of the investigation is public.

The law requires a complaint to go through two stages before the Board can begin an investigation: a prima facie determination and a probable cause decision. If the complaint does not pass one of the stages, it must be dismissed. The Board chair or their designee has 10 business days after receiving your complaint to determine whether the complaint alleges a prima facie violation. If the complaint alleges a prima facie violation, the Board has 45 days to decide whether probable cause exists to believe a violation that warrants a formal investigation has occurred. Both you and the respondent have the right to be heard on the issue of probable cause before the Board makes this decision. The Board will notify you if the complaint moves to the probable cause stage.

If the Board determines that probable cause does not exist, the Board will dismiss the complaint. If the Board determines that probable cause exists, the Board may start an investigation. In some cases the Board will issue findings, conclusions, and an order as its decision. In other cases the Board will instead enter into a conciliation agreement with the respondent. The Board's final decision will be posted on the Board's website.

Move Minnesota

(St Paul Transportation Management Organization)

Non-profit/Lobbying Violations

September 2023

This document will show how
Move Minnesota:

- 1) Collects money saying they have a 501c4 but do not have a 501c4.
- 2) Uses their 501c3 to lobby while it is not registered with the Campaign Finance Board.
- 3) Uses their (non-existent) 501c4 to cover the extensive lobbying of their 501c3.
- 4) Violates IRS regulations around who can be a 501c3 because their 501c3 primarily exists to lobby.

Who is “Move Minnesota?”

MN Secretary of State has two records of businesses named “Move Minnesota”

One is “Move Minnesota” and one is “Move Minnesota Action Fund.”

The screenshot shows the 'Business Record Search' interface. The search criteria are: Business Name: 'move minnesota', Search Scope: 'Begins With', Filing Status: 'Active', and Include Prior Names: 'Include'. The search results table lists two entries:


Business Name	Business Status	Business Type	Name Type	Details
Move Minnesota	Active	Assumed Name	Minnesota Business Name	Details
Move Minnesota Action Fund	Active	Nonprofit Corporation (Domestic)	Minnesota Business Name	Details

Two red arrows point to the 'Move Minnesota' and 'Move Minnesota Action Fund' entries in the search results table.

<https://mblsportal.sos.state.mn.us/Business/BusinessSearch?BusinessName=move%20minnesota&IncludePriorNames=False&Status=Active&Type=BeginsWith>

Move Minnesota according to the MN SoS

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Minnesota Business Name
Move Minnesota 

Business Type Assumed Name	MN Statute 333
File Number 1009792800025	Home Jurisdiction Minnesota
Filing Date 3/30/2018	Status Active / In Good Standing
Renewal Due Date 12/31/2023	Principal Place of Business Address 2356 University Avenue W #403 St. Paul, MN 55114 USA
Nameholder St. Paul Transportation Management Organization	Nameholder Address 2356 University Avenue W, #403, St. Paul, MN 55114


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<input type="checkbox"/>	Filing Date	Filing	Effective Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	3/30/2018	Original Filing - Assumed Name (Business Name: Move Minnesota)	

Move Minnesota **Action Fund**, a legally separate organization.

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Minnesota Business Name
Move Minnesota Action Fund 

Business Type Nonprofit Corporation (Domestic)	MN Statute 317A
File Number 1223950600025	Home Jurisdiction Minnesota
Filing Date 3/12/2021	Status Active / In Good Standing
Renewal Due Date 12/31/2024	Registered Office Address 2446 University Avenue West Suite 170 St. Paul, MN 55114 USA
Registered Agent(s) (Optional) Currently No Agent	President Angela Peterson 2446 University Ave W Suite 170 St Paul, MN 55114 US

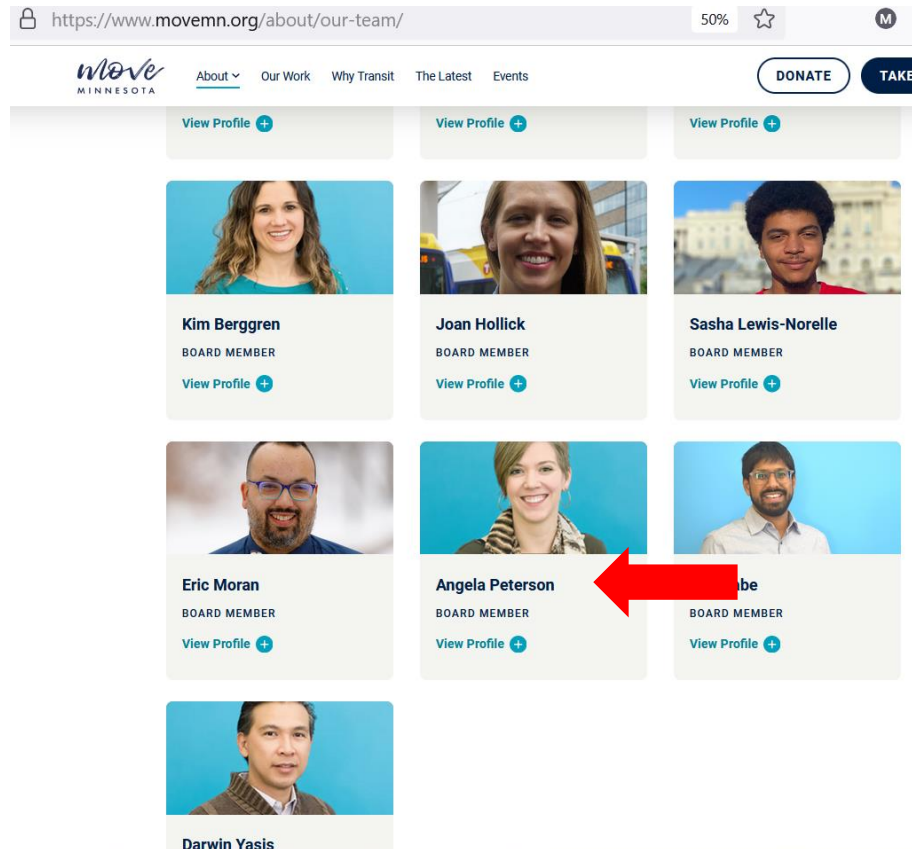
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Filing Date	Filing	Effective Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	3/12/2021	Original Filing - Nonprofit Corporation (Domestic) (Business Name: Move Minnesota Action Fund)	

According to the Secretary of State, the two organizations share an address and personnel.

(Angela Peterson, the president of Move Minnesota Action Fund is on the board of Move Minnesota)



Move Minnesota was created by a merger in 2017 of St Paul Smart Trips and Transit for Livable Communities



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A Legacy of Change

Move Minnesota has more than two decades of experience creating positive change in the Twin Cities. Move Minnesota evolved out of the merger of two legacy organizations. Transit for Livable Communities and St. Paul Smart Trips officially joined forces in 2017 to build a diverse, influential movement for transit, bicycling, walking, and sharing. **Our name, Move Minnesota, speaks to the expanded vision and ambitions of our organization.**



As we look to grow our collective impact throughout the region and state, we continue to value our deep roots in Saint Paul. We have helped the local community shift to sustainable transportation for over ten years, serving as the city's designated Transportation Management Organization. Move Minnesota builds on a well-established reputation for innovative approaches to community outreach and transportation behavior change as we continue in that role.

We also build on our solid foundation of effective efforts to grow bicycling and walking on both sides of the river. Through pivotal initiatives including Bike Walk Twin Cities, St. Paul Women on Bikes, and the Minnesota Complete Streets Coalition, our leadership has resulted in major state and local policy victories and hundreds of miles of new bikeways and sidewalks.

Transit advocacy has been a cornerstone of our organization from the very beginning. Our long history of successfully building and mobilizing support for transit began with the push for the Twin Cities' very first light rail line!

We've since won millions in dedicated funding for transit in Minnesota, protected metro riders from cuts to transit service and resources year after year, and worked in coalition for an equitable transit connection between our two downtowns.

<https://www.move-mn.org/about/history/>

“Move Minnesota” is an assumed name.
 The legal name of the 501c3 is the
 “St. Paul Transportation Management Program.”



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Form 990

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations) Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

OMB No.

1545-0047
2021

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2021 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2021, and ending 12-31-2021

B Check if applicable:

Address change

Name change

Initial return

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Amended return

Application pending

C Name of organization ST PAUL TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION	
Doing business as MOVE MINNESOTA	
Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) 2446 UNIVERSITY AVE W 170	Room/suite
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code SAINT PAUL, MN 55114	

D Employer identification number

41-1906261

E Telephone number

(651) 767-0298

G Gross receipts \$ 1,352,019

F Name and address of principal officer:

SAM ROCKWELL
2446 UNIVERSITY AVE W 170
SAINT PAUL, MN 55114

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No

H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No

If "No," attach a list. See instructions.

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status:

501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or

527

J Website: ▶ WWW.MOVEMN.ORG

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation: 2005

M State of legal domicile:
MN

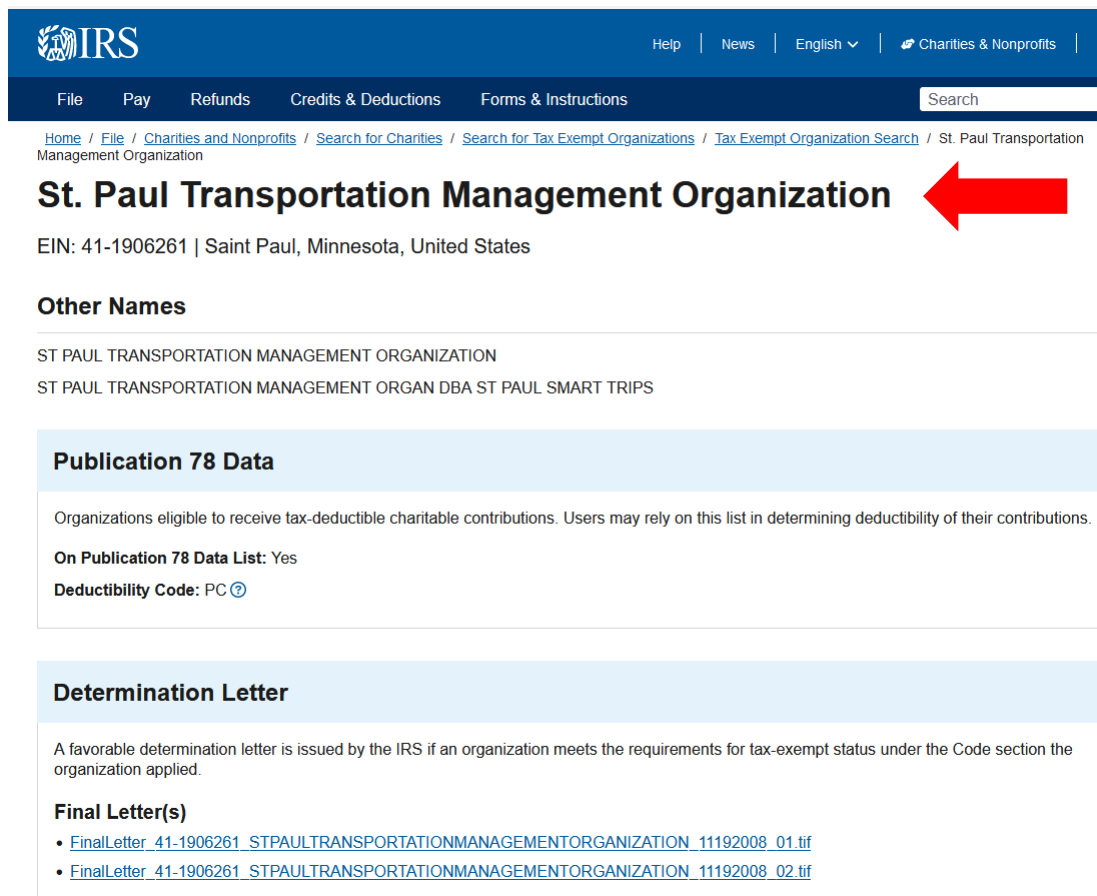
Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:

WE LEAD THE MOVEMENT FOR AN EQUITABLE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THAT PUTS PEOPLE FIRST.

Finance

The St Paul Transportation Management Organization is listed on the IRS lookup page as a non-profit.



The screenshot shows the IRS website interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the IRS logo on the left and navigation links for 'Help', 'News', 'English', and 'Charities & Nonprofits'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for 'File', 'Pay', 'Refunds', 'Credits & Deductions', and 'Forms & Instructions', along with a search box. The breadcrumb trail reads: 'Home / File / Charities and Nonprofits / Search for Charities / Search for Tax Exempt Organizations / Tax Exempt Organization Search / St. Paul Transportation Management Organization'. The main heading is 'St. Paul Transportation Management Organization', with a red arrow pointing to it from the right. Below the heading is the EIN: 41-1906261 | Saint Paul, Minnesota, United States. A section titled 'Other Names' lists 'ST PAUL TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION' and 'ST PAUL TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ORGAN DBA ST PAUL SMART TRIPS'. The 'Publication 78 Data' section states that organizations eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions are listed here, and notes that this organization is on the list with a deductibility code of PC. The 'Determination Letter' section explains that a favorable determination letter is issued by the IRS if an organization meets the requirements for tax-exempt status, and lists two final letters for this organization.

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St. Paul Transportation Management Organization

EIN: 41-1906261 | Saint Paul, Minnesota, United States

Other Names

ST PAUL TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION
ST PAUL TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ORGAN DBA ST PAUL SMART TRIPS

Publication 78 Data

Organizations eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions. Users may rely on this list in determining deductibility of their contributions.

On Publication 78 Data List: Yes

Deductibility Code: PC

Determination Letter

A favorable determination letter is issued by the IRS if an organization meets the requirements for tax-exempt status under the Code section the organization applied.

Final Letter(s)

- [FinalLetter_41-1906261_STPAULTRANSPORTATIONMANAGEMENTORGANIZATION_11192008_01.tif](#)
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INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

APR 08 2009

Date:

ST PAUL TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT
ORGANIZATION
C/O ST PAUL SMART TRIPS
55 E 5TH ST STE 202
ST PAUL, MN 55101

Employer Identification Number:
41-1906261
DLN:
17053329349018
Contact Person:
DONNA ELLIOT-MOORE ID# 50304
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:
March 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
November 19, 2008
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

This is St Paul
Transportation
Management
Organization letter
from the IRS from 2009
showing they get
501c3 non-profit status.

Move Minnesota has a website.

www.moveMN.org



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Why is transit so important?

Good transit is critical to our daily lives and everything about our future.

Discover Why Transit



Invest in change.

Your support expands what's possible.

Donate Today




Fight for the future you believe in.

Join our movement to transform transportation. Help us put people and the planet first.

Take Action

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Move Minnesota Action has a website too: www.movemnaction.org

visit movemn.org ↗

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Move Minnesota Action is committed to building the grassroots and political power necessary to transform transit.






Launched in 2021 by Move Minnesota, we are growing our movement through effective organizing, issue education, and electoral advocacy in Minnesota.

[Take Action Now](#)



Move Minnesota Action is not on the IRS site however. It does not exist.

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Tax Exempt Organization Search

Select Database 	Search By 	Search Term 
<input type="text" value="Search All"/> ▾	<input type="text" value="Organization Name"/> ▾	<input type="text" value="move minnesota"/>  
City	State	Country
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Need Help? See [Search Tips](#) for guidance on effective searching, search criteria and logic, and selecting search terms.

Move Minnesota
tells people
it has a 501c4
that they can donate to
pay for lobbying.

But it doesn't exist.

Donations and Financial Reporting

The Move Minnesota website states its donations are tax-deductible.




DONATE TODAY

Help build a movement to transform our transportation system.

When you donate to Move Minnesota, you advocate for a transportation system that protects our families, our climate, and our future.

Your investment supports grassroots organizing, policy leadership, narrative change, and community engagement. Every dollar is used strategically to advance better transit, biking, and walking—and shift from a status quo that prioritizes cars above all else. **Your support is what makes this movement possible.**

Power up your impact with a monthly gift. When you make a monthly tax-deductible gift, you provide steady, reliable support to ensure that our movement can flex to respond to the challenges of advancing transformative change. 

1 Amount 2 Your Info 3 Payment

Select an Amount

Make this donation recurring

\$5 \$10 \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$ Other

Donation Dedication

None In Honor Of In Memory Of

<https://www.movemn.org/donate/>

The St Paul Transportation Management Organization's 990 is below (dba Move Minnesota, from ProPublica)



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Form 990

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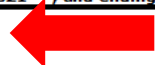
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J Website: ▶ WWW.MOVEMN.ORG

K Form of organization:

Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation: 2005

M State of legal domicile:

MN

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:

WE LEAD THE MOVEMENT FOR AN EQUITABLE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THAT PUTS PEOPLE FIRST.

remance

They brought in \$1.35M in 2021. They spent \$1.24M from donations.



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MN

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>WE LEAD THE MOVEMENT FOR AN EQUITABLE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THAT PUTS PEOPLE FIRST.</u>		
2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/>			
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	12
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	12
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2021 (Part V, line 2a)	5	16
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	300
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0
Revenue		Prior Year	Current Year
	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	437,096	857,166
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	411,491	492,528
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	1,099	1,335
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	599	990
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	850,285	1,352,019
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	0	137,500
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	723,603	831,103
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 111,014		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	238,860	266,914
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	962,463	1,235,517	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-112,178	116,502	
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	572,880	798,950
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	53,242	162,810
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	519,638	636,140	

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Move Minnesota Action also collects donations. It states that they are not tax deductible.

Select an Amount

Make this donation recurring

Donation Dedication

None In Honor Of In Memory Of

Increase my donation amount to cover fees

[Next](#)

Donations supporting Move Minnesota Action's political activity are not tax deductible. To make a tax-deductible donation, [give to Move Minnesota](#).



It is not on ProPublica's 990 site, which is not surprising given they don't exist.



Nonprofit Explorer

Research Tax-Exempt Organizations

Search for a Nonprofit

Examples: [ProPublica](#), [Research](#) or [Minneapolis](#)

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Any State ▼

Major nonprofit categories ⓘ

Any Category ▼

Org. Type ⓘ

Any Type ▼

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0 organization results for *move minnesota*. Results are ordered by relevance.

No results found. Tip: Try spelling out abbreviations.

Results include only organizations that filed a tax return — for any fiscal year — from calendar year 2014 forward.

Where are the Move Minnesota Action donations going?

Not to the organization,
“Move Minnesota Action” 501c4
as it does not exist according to the IRS.

It would appear they are fraudulently raising money, saying it is going to a 501c4, but diverting it elsewhere.

Move Minnesota Action is listed on the MN Campaign Finance Board website as a registered lobbying organization.

Search Association



2023 Year-end Report ▾

Move Minnesota Action

Association information

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Move Minnesota Action

Reg Num: 5045
2446 University Ave W Ste 170
St Paul, MN 55114

Contact: Samuel Rockwell
Executive Director
Phone: (651) 767-0298

Website: www.movemnaction.org

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Lobbyist	Registration	Terminated	Designated	Disbursements
Carpio, Marie Joyce	1/25/2023		<input type="checkbox"/>	Available 1/16/2024
Nourkadi, Abdinasir	4/12/2023		<input type="checkbox"/>	Available 1/16/2024
Rockwell, Samuel	3/16/2020		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Available 1/16/2024

The Campaign Finance Board website says they spent \$1,052 in 2021 and nothing in 2022.

Move Minnesota Action

Association information		Financial disclosure	Lobbyist reports	Subjects of lobbying
Year	General lobbying amount	PUC lobbying amount	Total spent	
2022	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2021	\$1,052.00	\$0.00	\$1,052.00	
2020	\$461.00	\$0.00	\$461.00	
2019	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2018	\$5,165.00	\$0.00	\$5,165.00	
2017	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2016	\$1,309.00	\$0.00	\$1,309.00	
2015	\$133,688.00	\$0.00	\$133,688.00	
2014	\$8,113.00	\$0.00	\$8,113.00	
2013	\$3,775.00	\$0.00	\$3,775.00	
2012	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Lobbyist Disbursement Report

Due Date: 6/15/2023

Period Covered: 1/1/2023 through 5/31/2023

4779/5045

Lobbyist Information

Lobbyist Name Rockwell, Samuel

Lobbyist Registration Number 4779

Address Move Minnesota
2446 University Ave W Ste 170
St Paul MN 55114

Association Number 5045

Telephone (651) 789-1412 **Email** samr@movemn.org

Name of individual, association, political subdivision, or public higher education system represented

Move Minnesota Action - (www.movemnation.org)

Lobbyist Comments

Check appropriate box(es) below

1. **Yes** We have been paid or our employer has been paid more than \$500 in this calendar year in salary or fees as compensation for lobbying purposes on behalf of this association or individual.
2. **No** No lobbying disbursements were made by me on behalf of my association, or directly by my association, and/or the lobbyists I am reporting for during this reporting period. (If disbursements were made, itemize them on Schedule A).
3. **No** The association or individual that we represent paid for a gift or benefit equal in value to \$5 or more to an official. (Itemize on Schedule B).
4. **No** The association or individual we represent received more than \$500 from another association or individual in this calendar year to influence legislative action, administrative action, or the official action a metropolitan governmental unit. (Itemize on Schedule C).
5. **No** I or someone I am reporting for provided lobbying disbursements, gifts, or benefits from personal funds. (The lobbyist who provided a disbursement, gift, or benefit from personal funds must contact the Board office for a Report of Lobbyist's Disbursements From Personal Funds, which is due at the same time as this report).
6. **No** I am terminating my lobbyist registration and will send to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board a Lobbyist Termination Statement. Termination Date:

Move
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Action
did file a
disclosure for
the first half
of 2023.

Lobbyist Disbursement Report

Due Date: 6/15/2023

Period Covered: 1/1/2023 through 5/31/2023

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Schedule A - Total lobbying disbursements

It says they
spent \$24,000
in the first half
of 2023.

	To Influence Legislative Action	To Influence Administrative Action including rulemaking or amending of rules	To Influence Metropolitan Governmental Unit Action
1. Preparation and distribution of lobbying materials	\$449.31	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Media advertising	\$22,849.40	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. Telephone and communications	\$49.94	\$0.00	\$0.00
4. Postage and distribution	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5. Fees, allowances, public relations campaigns	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6. Entertainment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7. Food and beverages	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8. Travel and lodging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9. Support Staff administrative costs and salary	\$571.69	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Did Move Minnesota, a legally separate organization, pay for this?

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Schedule D - Officers and directors of entity represented

Office	Officer Name	Address
Board	Alex Tsatsoulis	2446 University Ave W Ste 170 St Paul, MN 55114
Board	Angela Peterson	2446 University Ave W Ste 170 St Paul, MN 55114
Board	Ben Rabe	2446 University Ave W Ste 170 St Paul, MN 55114
Board	Darwin Yasis	2446 University Ave W Ste 170 St Paul, MN 55114
Board Chair	Patrick Martin	2446 University Ave W Ste 170 St Paul, MN 55114
Executive Director	Sam Rockwell	2446 University Ave W Ste 170 St. Paul, MN 55114

Schedule E

*Below is the list of lobbyists that you are authorized to report for on behalf of this association.
Please make any changes or additions:*

Lobbyist Name	Leg	Admin	Metro	Subjects	Email
Carpio, Marie Joyce (5313)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Transit & transportation	mjc@movemn.org
Nourkadi, Abdinasir (5434)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Transportation issues	nasn@movemn.org

I certify that this report is complete, true and correct.

Rockwell, Samuel

The Board of Move Minnesota Action Fund and Move Minnesota are some the same people.

It would seem that the money came from Move Minnesota.

If Move Minnesota was funding lobbying, that would be a violation as they are not registered either as a principle or as lobbyists.

What is lobbying?

Lobbying is “trying to influence governmental action by communicating with or urging others to communicate with public officials or local officials in metropolitan governmental units.”

Governmental action means:

- 1) legislative action, including action by the governor with regard to his role in the legislative process
- 2) administrative action
- 3) official action by a metropolitan governmental unit.

A metropolitan governmental unit means any of the following entities:

- the counties of Anoka; Carver; Dakota; Hennepin; Ramsey; Scott; and Washington;
- a regional rail authority established by one of the above counties;
- a city with a population over 50,000 located in one of the above counties;
- the Metropolitan Council; or
- the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission, Metropolitan Airports Commission, and Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission

Key requirements of lobbying:

- Influence
- Legislative Action
- Minnesota: State, Large County, Large City
- Directly or by urging others to do so

Move Minnesota Lobbying

Their websites say there are two organizations:

Move Minnesota,
which is a 501c3 that does not lobby,

and Move Minnesota Action
which is a 501c4 that does lobby.

All of the information in this section is from
Move Minnesota, the 501c3.

Not the other organization.

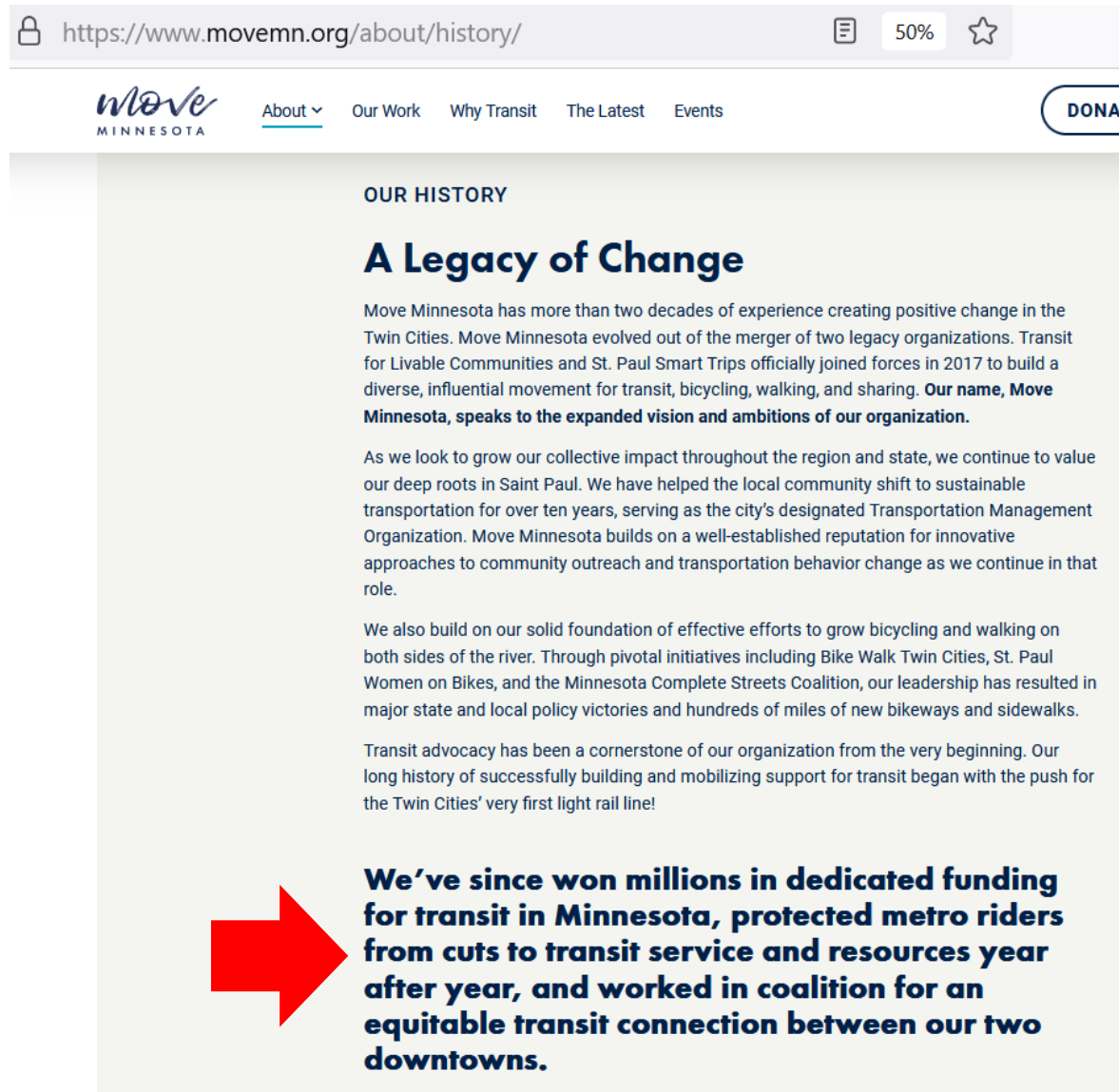
Except when you look at what Move Minnesota, the 501c3, is doing, it clearly meets the definition of lobbying.

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According to their own history, they have won millions of dollars for transit and protected riders from funding cuts from the Minnesota State Legislature.

This is lobbying.



<https://www.moveMN.org/about/history/>

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A Legacy of Change

Move Minnesota has more than two decades of experience creating positive change in the Twin Cities. Move Minnesota evolved out of the merger of two legacy organizations. Transit for Livable Communities and St. Paul Smart Trips officially joined forces in 2017 to build a diverse, influential movement for transit, bicycling, walking, and sharing. **Our name, Move Minnesota, speaks to the expanded vision and ambitions of our organization.**

As we look to grow our collective impact throughout the region and state, we continue to value our deep roots in Saint Paul. We have helped the local community shift to sustainable transportation for over ten years, serving as the city's designated Transportation Management Organization. Move Minnesota builds on a well-established reputation for innovative approaches to community outreach and transportation behavior change as we continue in that role.

We also build on our solid foundation of effective efforts to grow bicycling and walking on both sides of the river. Through pivotal initiatives including Bike Walk Twin Cities, St. Paul Women on Bikes, and the Minnesota Complete Streets Coalition, our leadership has resulted in major state and local policy victories and hundreds of miles of new bikeways and sidewalks.

Transit advocacy has been a cornerstone of our organization from the very beginning. Our long history of successfully building and mobilizing support for transit began with the push for the Twin Cities' very first light rail line!

We've since won millions in dedicated funding for transit in Minnesota, protected metro riders from cuts to transit service and resources year after year, and worked in coalition for an equitable transit connection between our two downtowns.

Here is their front page to their website.
Note the “Take Action”



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Why is transit so important?

Good transit is critical to our daily lives and everything about our future.

Discover Why Transit



Invest in change.

Your support expands what's possible.

Donate Today



Fight for the future you believe in.

Join our movement to transform transportation. Help us put people and the planet first.

Take Action

If you click the “Take Action” button,
you go here.
Note the “Contact your Legislator”

The screenshot shows the website <https://www.movemn.org/take-action/>. The navigation bar includes the Move Minnesota logo, links for About, Our Work, Why Transit, The Latest, and Events, and buttons for DONATE and TAKE ACTION. The main content area is titled "Take Action Now" and features three cards:

- Contact your legislators**: Includes an icon of a legislative building, the text "Speak up for a transportation system that works for everyone", and a "Take Action" button. A red arrow points to this card.
- Invest in Change**: Includes a heart icon, the text "Help us grow the movement for a transportation system that puts people first.", and a "Donate Today" button.
- Be a Voter**: Includes a checkmark icon, the text "Fairness and justice depend on democracy. Democracy only works when we all participate.", and a "Get Ready" button.

Which takes you to this page where people can contact their legislators using a pre-canned email to support more funding for transit in the 2023 Legislature.

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Tell MN Legislators to Fund Transit, Bicycling, and Walking

Speak up for a transportation system that serves all of us.



We all benefit when it's easy to walk, bike, and take transit. But these essential ways of getting around are dramatically underfunded at the State Capitol every year.

Transportation is now the top source of climate pollution in Minnesota. People are struggling to get to work and school—or even to safely cross the street. Racial and income inequality are violating our shared values and undermining our collective prosperity.

We need more affordable, accessible, sustainable ways to get around. We need a transportation system that serves all of us.

Don't let inaction at the State Capitol get in the way of progress. **Tell your legislators to make statewide funding for transit, bicycling, and walking a top priority.** With greater investment, we can not only protect the choices Minnesotans rely on today, we can create a better and more inclusive system.

Contact your state legislators now:

First Name*

Last Name*

Here is the pre-canned email.

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City*

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Subject: Increase Reliable Funding for Transit, Bicycling, and Walking in MN

Message:

As your constituent, I want you to know that improving transit, bicycling, and walking is very important to me.

Across the state, transportation has a major impact on whether or not Minnesotans can get to work and school, buy groceries, visit the doctor, and connect with friends and family. Inadequate transportation compounds the inequalities communities of color, low-wealth communities, and people with disabilities experience every day. And with transportation the top source of climate pollution, bold transportation change is critical to solving the climate crisis we're all facing.

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- provisions to ensure that MnDOT projects and land use planning meet Minnesota's greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction goals
- measures to create a transit ambassador program and right-size penalties for code of conduct violations and fare non-payment
- initiatives to ensure our local transit system is as efficient as possible, including speeding up our buses, and to launch a free fare pilot
- funding to support transportation management organization (TMOs) across the metro and state

I don't want another year to go by where transit, bicycling, and walking are underfunded. I want a transportation system that serves all of us. Thank you!

Policy & Funding

Transit Advocates Secure Nation-Leading Wins at the State Capitol

MAY 24, 2023



Here they are at the Legislature celebrating their lobbying victory.



Here they are Twitter celebrating their lobbying victory.

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Intro
Leading the movement in MN for an equitable, sustainable transportation system that puts people first

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hello@movemn.org
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 11am-3pm
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EXPLORE ST. PAUL BY BIKE!
Saint Anthony Park Group Ride
August 24 | 9-4:30PM

Young Adult Listening Sessions on Transit Justice
For community members 18-30 years old


Wednesday, Aug 23 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Hennepin County, Room 1.14
1475 Oak Grove Drive, Minneapolis, MN 55415

THANK YOU!

Write a comment...

Move Minnesota June 5

It takes strong, dedicated leadership to move legislation at the state capitol. This session, Scott Dibble, Frank Hornstein, State Representative Sydney Jordan, Samantha Sencer-Mura, @LarryKraftSLP, State Representative Brad Tabke, @Morrison4MN, @RepFueLee, and @SenatorPappas (among others) were tireless champions for the bold transit investments we need to connect our communities, protect our climate & ensure our collective prosperity. Transit riders now—and for years to com... See more



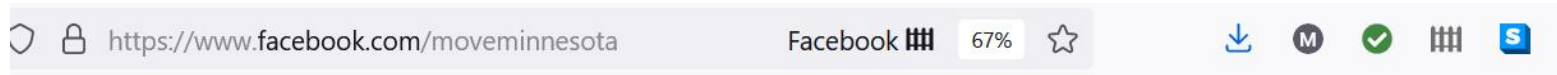
THANK YOU!

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Write a comment...

Here is the list of lobbying accomplishments from the last legislative session



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 Closed now

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 Move Minnesota

May 22 · 🌐

So much to celebrate, MN!! After years of advocacy at the State Capitol, we're going to have amazing bus and train service, and cutting transportation pollution and vehicle miles traveled is now the law of the land. These are nation-leading wins for our climate & communities. #transit #beststate #mnleg

BIG WINS for transit and climate justice

- ✓ Long-term, dedicated transit funding to create fast and frequent metro service, electric buses, and more
- ✓ Cutting-edge policies to curb climate pollution from new transportation projects and land use
- ✓ Transit ambassadors to create a safe, welcoming system for all
- ✓ Decriminalized fare enforcement to end the astronomical fines and unjust criminal penalties
- ✓ Free fare pilot on two Metro Transit lines
- ✓ Big funding for Northern Lights Express passenger rail
- ✓ Investments in Greater MN transit

@moveminnesota



This is lobbying.

Other examples...

Lobbying Hennepin County on Lyndale Redesign

Here they are asking people to lobby Hennepin on behalf of Lyndale Redesign.

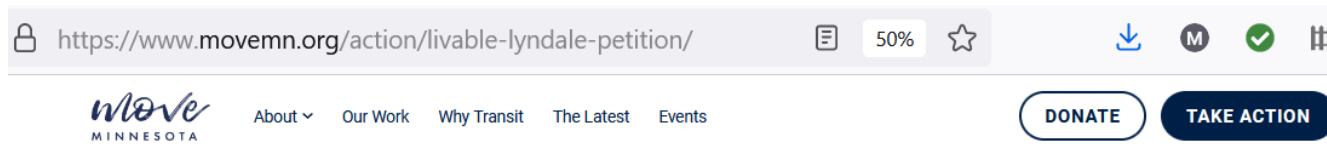
The image is a screenshot of a web browser displaying a campaign page. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://www.moveMN.org/take-action/>. The page header features the 'move MINNESOTA' logo on the left and navigation links for 'About', 'Our Work', 'Why Transit', 'The Latest', and 'Events'. On the right side of the header, there are two prominent buttons: 'DONATE' and 'TAKE ACTION'. The main content area is a bright yellow-green box with the following text:

Show your support for a Livable Lyndale

Hennepin County is reconstructing Lyndale Avenue South in 2026, presenting a once-in-a-generation opportunity to redesign this critical corridor to be a safe and inviting place to bike, walk, roll and take transit!

A red arrow points to a white button that says 'Sign on to show your support!'. To the right of the yellow-green box is a graphic featuring a large blue star, a bus, a person on a bicycle, a person walking, and a person on a wheelchair, all set against a background of stylized trees. Below this graphic, the words 'LIVABLE LYNDALE' are written in large, bold, blue and green letters.

Clicking on “Take Action” takes you to this pre-canned letter to send to Hennepin County Commissioners and community leaders.



Read the Letter and Co-Sign Below

Hennepin County and Metro-Area Leaders:

Lyndale Avenue South is a crucial corridor in South Minneapolis, where many people live, work, eat, and play. However, Lyndale is too often dangerous, unwelcoming, and inaccessible because the infrastructure for walking, rolling, busing, and biking is so inadequate. Speeding traffic, narrow sidewalks, and hectic crossings make it difficult to get around and discourage enjoying all the area has to offer.

Hennepin County's 2026 reconstruction of Lyndale from Franklin Avenue to Lake Street presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to ensure this pivotal corridor is welcoming and livable for all. **We ask that Hennepin County and metro leaders prioritize people and climate throughout this redesign process with protected bikeways, convenient bus rapid transit service, and a walkable, accessible streetscape.**

To make Lyndale Avenue South a place that neighbors and visitors can enjoy, businesses can thrive, and all of us can get around, we support a reconstruction that will:

- Make more space for people through wider sidewalks, curb-level bike lanes, and full-day bus lanes.
- Include all essential infrastructure for the coming Lyndale Bus Rapid Transit Line.
- Complete the bikeway gap and fix the inaccessible sidewalk between Franklin Avenue and the Loring Greenway so it meets ADA standards and works well for people of all abilities.

The redesign of Lyndale Avenue South will likely stay in place for decades to come, so it's important we seize this moment with a forward-looking design that will strengthen community vitality now and well into the future. We are excited for the Lyndale we know is possible with this reconstruction: a Lyndale that is more inviting for people to move, linger, dine, reside, relax, and recreate; a Lyndale where it's easy and safe to walk, roll, bike, and bus; a Lyndale that protects our air and climate and is welcoming for people of every age, race, and ability.

Sincerely,

The Livable Lyndale Team, Move Minnesota

and co-signers

This is where you submit your name.

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Sign On:

I support improvements that will make it easy to walk, roll, bike, and bus on Lyndale Avenue South in Minneapolis!

First Name* Last Name*

Email Address*

Street Address*

City* State* Zip Code*


Cell Phone

Optional: Share a story or comment about why a Livable Lyndale matters to you!

Yes, I'd like to stay updated with emails from Move Minnesota.
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Add Your Name



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SIGN ON!

Partner Letter of Support for a Livable Lyndale

Co-sign to support improvements that will make it easy to walk, roll, bike, and bus on Lyndale Avenue South in Minneapolis!

Hennepin County plans to reconstruct Lyndale Avenue from Franklin to Lake Street in 2026. This is a huge opportunity to create a better Lyndale where neighbors and visitors can enjoy, businesses can thrive, and all of us can get around. Signing on as an organization or public official will help us get this busy street redesigned with people in mind!



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[AND CO-SIGNING ORGANIZATIONS & PUBLIC OFFICIALS]

Sign On:

Lobbying the Met Council on more
striping and signal prioritization for buses

Here they ask people to lobby the Met Council to add more bus striping and signal preemption. Clicking on “Sign the Petition..”



Tell Metro Leaders to Boost the Bus

It's time to paint more bus lanes and give buses a green light to make Twin Cities bus service quick and convenient. Add your name to show support!

[Sign the Petition](#)

...takes you to this petition that will be sent to the Met Council.

https://www.movemn.org/action/boost-the-bus-petition/



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We all deserve bus service that is quick and convenient. But, right now, even the Twin Cities' busiest bus lines aren't serving people like they should. Many metro residents struggle every day to reach jobs, housing, healthcare, childcare, or education because our buses are too slow. Only six percent of jobs in the metro are even accessible to transit riders in under 45 minutes —yikes!

To protect our climate and to improve access and connection in our communities, the Twin Cities needs better, faster bus rides for more people. To make it happen, it's time to paint more dedicated bus lanes on our streets and give buses a green light with transit signal priority at local intersections. These are simple, effective, low-cost solutions. They speed up service, save time, and keep bus riders moving!

Political will is standing in the way. To boost the bus, we have to speak up. Add your name now to show support!



I support adding more bus lanes and giving buses a green light in the Twin Cities:

Lobbying the Minneapolis City Council and Mayor on Hennepin Avenue

Here is them lobbying the Minneapolis City Council and Mayor on Hennepin Avenue

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Tell Minneapolis City Council to Support Bus Lanes and Bike Lanes on Hennepin Ave S

With a City Council vote expected in coming weeks, keep up the pressure for a street designed for people.



We are so close to getting dedicated bus lanes and protected bike lanes on Hennepin Avenue South. We need your help now to get these improvements across the finish line!

The City Council is expected to vote on this street redesign project in coming weeks. Their support is critical. In the meantime, a new Minneapolis Public Works Director has publicly questioned the full-time bus lanes Move Minnesota and allies have been fighting for (and that city Public Works staff and the Minneapolis Transportation Action Plan say we need), raising renewed concerns that decision-makers could attempt to water down or delay these improvements at the eleventh hour.

Make sure City leadership knows where you stand. Send a message now to strongly support full-time dedicated bus lanes and protected bike lanes on Hennepin Avenue South.

It took months of organizing and advocacy to secure these bus lanes and bike lanes in the

The signup for the pre-canned email

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It took months of organizing and advocacy to secure these bus lanes and bike lanes in the recommended design from City staff—but together we did it. Keep up the pressure with a message to your City Council Member and Mayor's Office today.

Keep fighting with us for a Hennepin Ave designed for people—not just for cars. Insist on easy and enjoyable bus and bike routes that will protect our air and climate and connect us to the places we need to go to live, work, and enjoy our city.

Contact Your Minneapolis City Council Member and Mayor:

First Name* Last Name*

Email Address*

Address, line 1*

City* State* Zip Code*

Cell Phone

The text of the pre-canned email...

“I’m writing to express my strong support for full-time dedicated bus lanes and protected bike lanes on Hennepin Avenue South. Both of these improvements recommended by City staff are critical to ensure Hennepin is a street designed for people—not just for cars.

We need more bus lanes, bike lanes, and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure across all of Minneapolis to protect our air and climate, encourage thriving neighborhoods that can better support our local businesses, and to connect us to the places we need to go to live, work, and enjoy our city. Minneapolis has committed to this vision for the future in plan after plan—now it is time to put those plans into action.

Delaying or scaling back the 24/7 bus lanes or bike lanes in the recommended design for Hennepin Avenue South would be completely unacceptable. I look forward to the recommended design with full-time bus-only lanes and protected bike lanes passing the City Council as soon as possible, and with your support and leadership. Thank you!”

The outcome of their lobbying the City Council and Mayor from their website...

https://www.moveMN.org/path-forward-for-full-time-bus-lanes-and-bike-lanes-on-hennepin-ave-south



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Path Forward for Full-Time Bus Lanes and Bike Lanes on Hennepin Ave South

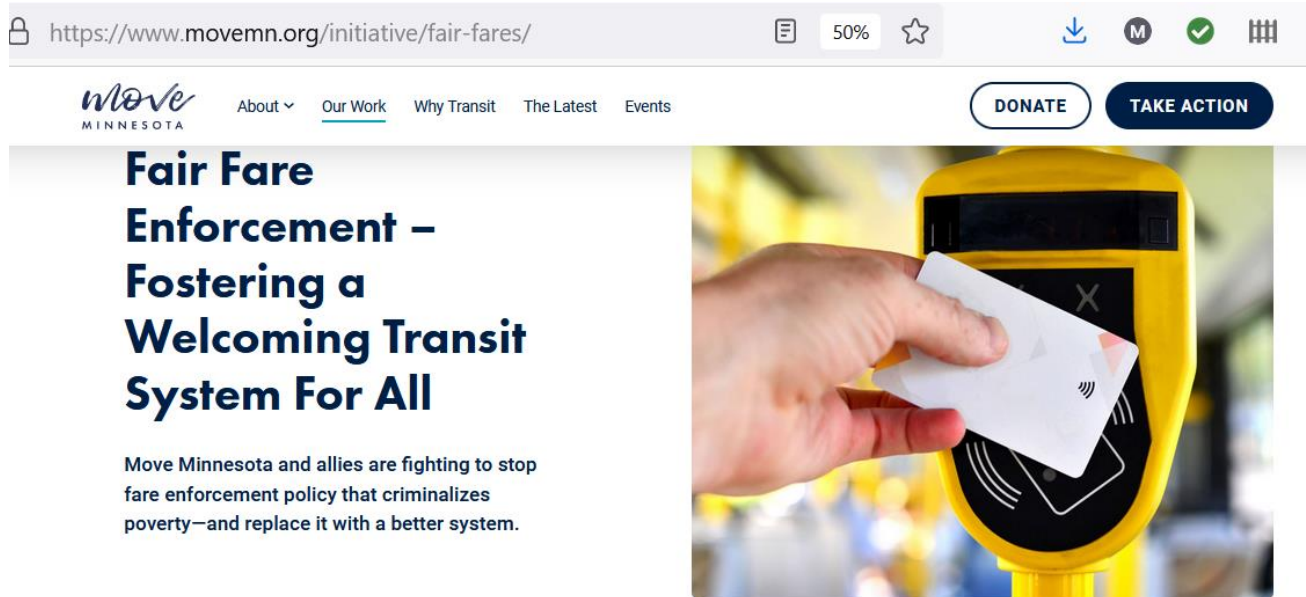
MAY 21, 2022



We are excited to share that we're ending this week with a path forward for full-time bus lanes and bike lanes on Hennepin Ave South! This is thanks to the hard work of Move Minnesota supporters, our amazing partners, and elected allies. But we still have some challenges to overcome with the City of Minneapolis to make these lanes a reality—and we're

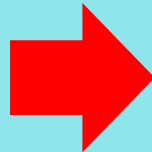
Fare Enforcement with the Met Council

Here they are talking about their success in lobbying to take away penalties for not paying transit fares.



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the URL <https://www.moveMN.org/initiative/fair-fares/>. The page header includes the Move Minnesota logo and navigation links: About, Our Work, Why Transit, The Latest, and Events. There are also buttons for 'DONATE' and 'TAKE ACTION'. The main content area features the title 'Fair Fare Enforcement – Fostering a Welcoming Transit System For All' and a sub-headline: 'Move Minnesota and allies are fighting to stop fare enforcement policy that criminalizes poverty—and replace it with a better system.' To the right of the text is a photograph of a hand holding a white transit card over a yellow fare reader.

Success!



Move Minnesota achieved major policy victories for fair fare enforcement in 2023. Together, our advocates, allies, and staff secured transit ambassadors to create a safe and welcoming transit system for all, fully decriminalized fare enforcement to end the astronomical fines and unjust criminal penalties disproportionately hurting Black and Native riders, and a free fare pilot on two Metro Transit lines to better understand the impact free fares can have for community members and transit operations.

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They even have a legislative intern for the
Minnesota State Legislature for their
lobbying...

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Thanks to big wins at the legislature this year, our transit system is poised for transformation. As transit riders and future builders, young adults have critical perspectives and essential leadership in helping us seize this once-in-a-generation opportunity to create a transportation system that works for everyone.

That's why our legislative intern, Grace Bassekle, created the "Listen, Share, Lead Sessions," creating space for young folks (aged 15-30 years old) and young adults of color to come together and envision what transit justice looks like now — and for years to come.

Join us this Wednesday at 6pm at the Hosmer Library for the final summer session! A light meal will be provided, along with a \$10 Metro Transit Go-To Card (ride credit) at the end of the session. RSVP here: <https://buff.ly/45bmtj5>

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Young Adult Listening Sessions on Transit Justice

for community members 15-30 years old!

Wednesday, Aug 23 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Hosmer Library, Room L-19

347 E. 36th Street, Minneapolis, 55408



Light meal and \$10 Metro Transit Go-To Card (ride credit) provided



There are many more examples of
Move Minnesota lobbying...

All of these things are being done through Move Minnesota, a 501c3.

They are not being done through Move Minnesota Action, the (non-existent) 501c4.

Move Minnesota brought in \$1.2M.

Move Minnesota Action brought in almost nothing in 2021 or 2022 and only \$25K so far in 2023, according to CFB filings.

It is not possible for Move Minnesota Action to have funded all this lobbying.

If it exists at all.

Perhaps they registered
Move Minnesota Action
as a fig leaf to hide lobbying
being funded through
Move Minnesota.

Move Minnesota is lobbying.

The definition of lobbying is:

What is lobbying?

Lobbying includes attempts to influence

- state legislative action, including actions by the governor with regard to the governor's role in the legislative process,
- actions by officials, agencies, boards, and commissions in the state executive branch in rulemaking, rate setting, power plant and power line siting, and granting of certificates of need under Minnesota Statutes section 216B.243, and
- official actions of a metropolitan governmental unit.

In these examples I showed that Move Minnesota attempted to influence:

- State Legislature
- State agencies, including MnDOT
- Metropolitan governmental units, including the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County and the Met Council.

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Key requirements for registering with the Campaign Finance Board:

- Influence – **Yes!**
- Legislative Action – **Yes!**
- Minnesota: State, Large County, Large City – **Yes!**
- Directly or by urging others to do so – **Yes!**

In fact, Move Minnesota was quite explicit about its lobbying success

We've since won millions in dedicated funding for transit in Minnesota, protected metro riders from cuts to transit service and resources year after year, and worked in coalition for an equitable transit connection between our two downtowns.



Lobbyist Handbook says:

You must register with the Board as a lobbyist if you fall into one of the following categories:

- You are hired by someone other than yourself **and** you are paid more than \$3,000 a year from all sources for your services as a lobbyist;
- You spend more than \$250 of your own money, not including travel expenses, membership dues, or the cost of your own time, on lobbying activities; or
- You are an appointed local official or an employee of a political subdivision and you spend more than 50 hours in a month in your official capacity on lobbying activities.

They have three people listed as lobbyists working for Move Minnesota Action.

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Move Minnesota Action

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Lobbyist	Registration	Terminated	Designated	Disbursements
Carpio, Marie Joyce	1/25/2023		<input type="checkbox"/>	Available 1/16/2024
Nourkadi, Abdinasir	4/12/2023		<input type="checkbox"/>	Available 1/16/2024
Rockwell, Samuel	3/16/2020		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Available 1/16/2024







No lobbyists are listed for
Move Minnesota.

From Move Minnesota website:

The head of organizing and the community organizer are not registered as lobbyists for example.

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Summary

Move Minnesota Action is collecting donations saying they are a 501c4...

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Donations supporting Move Minnesota Action's political activity are not tax deductible. To make a tax-deductible donation, [give to Move Minnesota](#).



Move Minnesota Action Fund does not exist as a 501c4.

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Move Minnesota meets all the requirements of being a lobbying organization:

- Influence – **Yes!**
- Legislative Action – **Yes!**
- Minnesota: State, Large County, Large City – **Yes!**
- Directly or by urging others to do so – **Yes!**

But it is not registered with the Campaign Finance Board as an organization. Neither are its organizers.

Move Minnesota clearly does extensive lobbying, beyond what would be legal for a 501c3.



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Is Move Minnesota using
Move Minnesota Action Fund
to hide the fact that it is paying for
lobbying despite not being registered
with the Campaign Finance Board?

Move Minnesota Action,
maybe a fig leaf
to conceal Move Minnesota's lobbying as
Move Minnesota brings in \$1.3M a year
and Move Minnesota reported \$25K in
lobbying expenditures in 2023.

It would appear that Move Minnesota's extensive lobbying efforts violate IRS regulations for 501c3's.

I believe that the:

MN Attorney General's Office should investigate where the Move Minnesota Advocacy Fund money is going and whether it is fraudulently claiming to have a 501c4 to raise money when it doesn't.

Campaign Finance Board should investigate the campaign activities of Move Minnesota to see if they should be registered as lobbyists and are filling incorrect funding disclosures.

The IRS should investigate whether Move Minnesota actually qualifies to be a 501c3.

Thank you!!!

Move Minnesota

(St Paul Transportation Management Organization)

Non-profit/Lobbying Violations

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