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**BlueXpress and SouthWest Transit Partner To Alleviate Flood Woes for Riders**

BlueXpress Bus and SouthWest Transit which provide transit service in Scott County and the southwest metro area will collaborate to offer a number of transportation alternatives during flooding this spring beginning on Thursday, March 31, 2011.

The partnership will include two additional BlueXpress coach buses staged at Southbridge Crossings Transit Station in the morning to handle additional riders. While there will be no additional times or routes, the extra buses will be used if the current buses overflow. There will also be two additional buses in downtown Minneapolis for the afternoon return trips.

BlueXpress will also offer shuttle service to SouthWest Transit’s SouthWest Station at Hwy. 5 and Prairie Center Drive. Buses will leave the Marshall Road Transit Site (formerly Denny Hecker) at 1615 Weston Court in Shakopee at the following times:

Depart Shakopee	Arrive SouthWest Station
5:30 a.m.	6:15 a.m.
6:00 a.m.	6:45 a.m.
6:45 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
7:15 a.m.	8:00 a.m.

SouthWest Transit will offer frequent connecting service to a variety of locations, including Downtown Minneapolis, the University of Minnesota and various worksites in Eden Prairie. Check the SouthWest Transit website at [www.swtransit.org](http://www.swtransit.org) or call SouthWest Customer Service at 952-949-2287 for route information. Reverse service from SouthWest Station to Shakopee will be offered at the following times:

Depart SouthWest Station	Arrive Shakopee
3:45 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
4:15 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.	5:45 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	6:15 p.m.

Ample parking is available at the Marshall Road site including parking for car pools during the spring flood event. Form a car pool or find interested participants through Metro Transit Rider Services at 612-349-7369.

The additional service will continue throughout the period of spring flooding, or as needed. Check the BlueXpress website at [www.blueexpressbus.com](http://www.blueexpressbus.com) for regular updates, or call BlueXpress Customer Service at 952-496-8800.

Additional information about transit options, visit the following websites:

- [www.blueexpressbus.com](http://www.blueexpressbus.com)
- [www.smartlinktransit.com](http://www.smartlinktransit.com)
- [www.swtransit.org](http://www.swtransit.org)
- [www.mvta.com](http://www.mvta.com)
- [www.metrotransit.org](http://www.metrotransit.org)