How to get around in Saint Paul and Minneapolis

We suggest you plan your trip to the Twin Cities Friends Meetinghouse (1725 Grand Ave., Saint Paul) before you arrive. There are several alternative modes of transportation.

A good place to begin is Rome2rio.com, which provides a quick idea of the costs and travel time of alternatives (walk, bike, Uber, taxi, transit, personal vehicle) for given starting and ending points. This is the link for Union Depot to the Meetinghouse (bit.ly/AMTRAKtoTCFM) and here’s the one from the airport to TCFM (bit.ly/MSPtoTCFM).

The Metropolitan Council’s Trip Planner transit page (bit.ly/BUStoTCFM) allows you to designate your location, destination, and departure or arrival time, then provides one or more alternative. Their TC Next Bus app is very useful to plan trips by transit once you’re here and get your bearings. You can learn more about this using this public transit system, including how to purchase tickets (bit.ly/BUStips).

Taxis are widely available in town and are easy to find on your browser, as are Uber and Lyft.

Bicycling is big in the Twin Cities. Minneapolis is among the best cities in the US for biking, and Saint Paul is working on moving up in the standings. We know you’re coming for the QEW Spring Steering Committee meeting, but if you bring your bike or use Nice Ride here, be sure to check out the biking maps (see info below) and bring and wear a helmet.

**MSP Airport**

Taxi service is available at all times at both Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. Lyft and Uber operate there, too, — follow their directions to your pickup spot. For taxis, follow the signs, tell the dispatcher when you arrive where you are going, and she/he/they will point you to the next cab. Many drivers are recent immigrants, so please be patient with their language skills. Tell the driver the address of your destination (for example, 1725 Grand Avenue in Saint Paul, near the corner of Grand and Snelling). The shortest way after crossing the Mississippi River is to drive North on Fairview Ave., then East on Grand. The trip will be about 20 minutes and cost about $30.

**Metro Transit:** from the MSP Airport, follow the signs to the Blue Line light rail, get off at the 46th Street Station, transfer to the A Line Bus, which goes North on Snelling Avenue, and get off at Grand Avenue. The Meetinghouse is across Snelling Avenue from the bus stop and about three blocks to the west, just past the playground of Ramsey Middle School.

**Union Depot (Amtrak and bus lines)**
**Metro Transit:** The 63 bus toward Grand Avenue/Westgate picks up about 2 blocks NE of the Depot on Kellogg Ave and Broadway. If you are bringing your bike, buses generally have bike racks on the front. Alternatively, you can catch the Green Line light rail just in front of Union Depot, transfer to the A Line rapid bus (going South toward the 46th St. Station) at Snelling Avenue, and disembark at Grand Avenue, a few blocks away. You may take your bike on board the light rail (bit.ly/BikeTRANSIT); enter at the middle of the car and place the bike in a rack.

**Bicycling** from Union Depot in Saint Paul to TCFM is a bit problematic. The elevation difference is about 190 feet, and there are no easy connections that reduce the climb while being a safe route in traffic between the two. The latest bicycling interactive map for Saint Paul with the topographic details is here (bit.ly/BIKESinStPAUL).

**Arriving by automobile**
There are two seasons in Minnesota: winter and road repair. If you are driving to Saint Paul from outside the Twin Cities, we recommend you use the *Minnesota 511* app or their online version (bit.ly/QEW_MN511), both of which show traffic, accidents, construction, icy conditions, etc.