Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) is the new solution to the public’s transit hassles.

Here’s how it works:

You / your group rents a vehicle, not a seat
(think cabin of a family sedan)
ride on dedicated guideway
(doesn’t add to ground traffic)
to a destination chosen by the user
(knowledge of system not required)
automatically
(it’s computer controlled)
safely
(no crossings with other
modes or pedestrians)
without stopping
(every trip is an express)
and using emission-free vehicles
(small environmental footprint)

Hop on board today!

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Citizens for Personal Rapid Transit

CPRT is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, education-based group. We inform the public of advancements in the transportation industry.

CPRT supports multi-modal transportation. We believe PRT can make other forms of mass transportation more effective.

Transportation and access to transportation should be a right - not a privilege. We work toward the goal that everyone will have equal and affordable access to quality choices in transportation.

Personal Rapid Transit is the best transportation mode choice to achieve our goals, while preserving our environment and urban spaces for generations to come.
### Upcoming Events in Minnesota

**Thursday, January 20 at 6:30 p.m.**
CPRT Board Meeting - Public is Welcome
Van Cleve Recreation Center

**Tuesday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m.**
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**Tuesday, March 1**
Transportation Career Expo
University of Minnesota

**Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m.**
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**Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9**
Sustainable Communities Conference
Central Lutheran Church

**Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m.**
CPRT Board Meeting - Public is Welcome
Van Cleve Recreation Center

**Saturday and Sunday, May 7 and 8**
2011 Living Green Expo
Minnesota State Fairgrounds

**Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m.**
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Elections for Executive Board Positions

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### PRT Updates from Minnesota

**JPods**
Hull, MA passed a resolution supporting PRT. JPods expects to lease private land and build the first leg there in the next 4 months. New Jersey is considering declaring performance standards, allowing anyone access to public rights of way that can privately finance transport networks that exceed 120 mpg.

**PRT International**

Dr. Ed Anderson has been working for many years to acquaint planners and decision makers with the potential of an optimized version of PRT for solving urban transportation problems. He gave a presentation to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority in December 2010.

Dr. Anderson works on advising a number of people in various locations around the world on various PRT projects or pending projects. He is willing to give courses on PRT of any desired depth.

**PRT Minnesota**

PRT Minnesota’s current focus is on preparing a patent submission for their PRT mechanical design. PRT Minnesota is still seeking funding to complete the technical development program and achieve manufacturing readiness.

**PRT Partners**

PRT Partners is based in the Minneapolis area and is headed up by Robert Jacobs. PRT Partners assembles teams, technology, and projects that solve specific urban transportation and land use challenges.

**Taxi 2000 and Skyweb Express**

Currently, Taxi 2000 is working with two financial institutions interested in implementing Skyweb Express projects using a private public partnership agreement. They are also working with corporations for implementing system on corporate campuses. Taxi 2000 continues to work with Winona, Minnesota to build a PRT demonstration and laboratory facility.

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### PRT Updates Worldwide

**Masdar City PRT**

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**ULTRA PRT at Heathrow Airport**

The four recent weeks of “Simulated Revenue Service” trial - intended to mimic real operating conditions - using Terminal 5 staff as passengers - is now complete. This involved operation of the system for 10.5 hr each day of the trial period.

During these trials ULTRA achieved a System Availability - defined as the ability for any passenger to travel to any station during any given minute -- of 99.6%. All elements of the automatic control system worked extremely well throughout. The Automatic Vehicle Protection (AVP) safety system, vehicle control, and central control, routing and scheduling systems recorded 100% availability.

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