

## **SSM research indicates that older adults are concerned about transportation to:**

- Get to medical and other appointments
- Get groceries, prescriptions and other items
- Participate in community activities
- Visit family and friends

### **Rural**

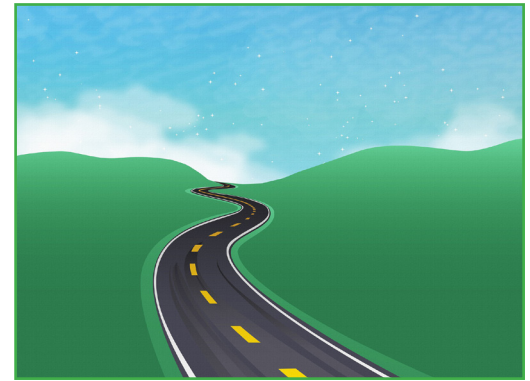
The current approach in Saskatchewan is too ad hoc, scattered, expensive and incomplete to meet the needs of rural residents. Too often people are forced to relocate, as they cannot find acceptable, affordable transportation options.

### **Cities and Towns**

Accessible, affordable options are not always available:

- Schedules may not meet people's needs
- Taxis, where available, can be expensive
- Families and friends cannot satisfy all transportation needs

People need additional transportation options in winter e.g. some don't drive in winter; bikes, scooters or wheelchair use is difficult; those who walk may not be able to do so.



## **TRANSPORTATION**



Funding for resource provided by SRA

## **Dependable, affordable transportation systems are essential.**

Collaborative efforts across communities, organizations and all levels of government are needed to develop plans.

### **You are invited to engage others on this topic:**

- Meet with your local MLA and/or candidates
- Write letters – to politicians or local papers
- Organize a local discussion group
- Talk with your friends and neighbours

**Include examples from your personal experiences**

*SSM is a provincial organization that partners with other organizations to address issues and to promote quality of life for all older adults in Saskatchewan. Based on two years of research, SSM believes a provincial Seniors Strategy is imperative in order to support and empower our population of older adults as they continue to contribute to their local communities and to our province.*

SSM Member Organizations include: Canada Post Heritage Club - Golden Sheaf Chapter; Carp - Regina Chapter; Fédération des aînés fransaskois; Lifelong Learning Centre; Moose Jaw & District Seniors Association; National Association of Federal Retirees; Power Pioneers Association of Saskatchewan Inc.; Regina Seniors Citizens Centre Inc.; Saskatchewan Union Retirees Federation; Saskatchewan Retirees Association; Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc.; Saskatchewan Senior Fitness Association; Saskatoon Council on Aging; Saskatoon Services for Seniors; SaskTel Pioneers Chapter 59; Senior Power; Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan; Women of the Dawn.