**Chief Executive Officer**

**SouthWest Transit (Eden Prairie, Minnesota)**

KL2 Connects LLC has been retained by SouthWest Transit (SWT) in Eden Prairie, Minnesota to identify candidates for the position of Chief Executive Officer. SouthWest Transit is an award-winning agency with a committed staff, in a vibrant, and engaged community, serving Money Magazine’s #1 “Best Places to Live in the U.S.” SWT provides express and local bus service to residents of Eden Prairie, Chanhassen, Chaska, Carver, and surrounding communities. As part of the Twin Cities’ Metro Area, this robust suburban transit system is coordinated via regional transit policies administered through the Metropolitan Council. SWT’s seven-person Commission is responsible for agency oversight. The agency’s budget of $10M (2020) is funded by the state’s motor vehicle sales tax revenues and passenger fares. SWT has garnered awards for overall excellence, safety, security, and environmental quality, and it has been recognized for service management, employee management, and financial reporting. Service highlights include one million passengers per year; free wi-fi; an on-site Rider Survey; and its SW Perks App Rewards Program. SW’s CEO oversees all agency functions (operations, finance, planning, marketing, policy development, human resources, contract negotiations, risk management, customer service, labor relations, emergency preparedness, facility management, and real estate development); serves as principal spokesperson for policies and financial matters (to the Commission, the Legislature, and the media), and is responsible for strategic initiatives, operational efficiency, the agency’s financial position, and service improvements. This position requires a minimum of a Bachelor’s degree (Master’s preferred) from an accredited university in transportation, planning, public administration, or business administration; 15 years of demonstrated and progressive transit management experience; and knowledge of program planning, policy formulation, fiscal management, multi-year budgeting, resource allocation, personnel management, strategic planning, and FTA and state regulations. This is an excellent executive opportunity that offers an attractive compensation and benefits package. To be considered, go to https://www.KL2connects.com/openings, select the SouthWest listing, and upload your letter of interest, resume, salary expectations, and 4-5 professional references (preferably *supervisory* and including *name, title, phone, email address*, and *relationship to you*). SouthWest Transit values equal opportunity at all levels of its workforce — diverse candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. For more information contact KL2 Connects LLC’s Bob Babbitt at Bob@KL2connects.com.