

Trade Union, Local #49, was chartered in 1927 as a result of the amalgamation of Twin Cities Locals 84 and 86, and re-issued to cover 300 members in Minnesota, holding meetings above Witts Grocery on Hennepin Ave. In 1946 North Dakota joined the fold when local #723 of Fargo joined local #49. In 1950, local #49 grew to include South Dakota, when locals 560 and 560A of Rapid City, amalgamated with local #49, thus, giving the charter territorial jurisdiction over Minnesota as well as North and South Dakota. In the late 1960s a Pension Plan and Health & Welfare plan went into effect for members working under the Builders and Highway-Heavy agreement, plans which are flourishing and currently among the most robust in the industry.

As Local #49 celebrates its 90th anniversary, the trade union features its highest membership numbers in decades with over 13,500 members, and is a leading Labor Organization for the transportation industry.

Learn more about their story at local49.org/about-us/