

Appendix E: Agency Transportation Survey Results



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Total Number of Survey Responses	21
Q1. Is there a need for public transportation on the Flathead Reservation?	Yes - 20 No - 0
If yes, what is the greatest public transportation need?	Work/job hunting - 11 Appointments - 5 Bus service - 3 Low income - 3 Out-of-town medical - 2 Youth - 1 School -1 Elderly - 1 Shopping - 1 Youth to middle age - 1 “Program eligibility welfare GA CA” - 1
Q2. Who would benefit from transit service?	Elderly - 10 Entire community - 8 Employees - 8 Youth - 6 Disabled - 3 Low income - 2 Unemployed - 1 College students - 1
Q3. Who should pay for public transportation on the Flathead Reservation?	Everyone - 10 (Individual/Public/Everyone/ Every Household/Taxpayers) Tribes - 4 State - 2 Fed - 2 County - 1 City - 1 \$ based on need - 1 Participants if possible, then agency providers. Model after all public transit where riders pay a share and government subsidizes the remainder - 1
Q4. Should the Tribal Council financially support public transportation?	Yes - 16 No - 1 In part - 1 Council should direct programs to coordinate transportation like HS, Two Eagle, SKC, DHRD - 1

<p>Q5. What should be the highest priority for public transportation?</p>	<p>Jobs - 9 Elderly - 7 Medical appointments - 2 Handicapped - 2 Low income - 2 Youth - 1 Young adult - 1 College students - 1 School - 1 General public - 1 Consistent availability - 1 Scheduled runs - 1 Fixed-route system - 1 Employees & their children - 1 So they could get to other towns for their needs - 1 To fulfill program eligibility for services - 1</p>
<p>Q6. What would you suggest as appropriate goals for Flathead Reservation public transportation?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buses in each community (day shift - night shift) • Buses available throughout the Res from 5 a.m.-8 p.m. • Monthly passes • Daily transportation for low income, elders, people w/ disabilities & youth • Van/bus service for low-income households; disabled/elderly • Full-time department; dispatcher; appropriate vehicles • Full-time dispatcher/coordinator (transportation); more vehicles • Dispatch with an 800 # • A fixed-route system between Reservation towns (Arlee-Elmo; Central to Ronan, Pablo, Polson) • Buses that can hold at least 40 people with pick-up & drop-off points. Transportation to Missoula would be a good idea – for medical appts./shopping/employment. • To provide transportation to people who are working, going to college, or elderly in need of transportation. • To achieve affordable transportation for those who need it most. To influence legislation to allocate transportation funds to rural reservations. We are seeking everything available out there – a % of job access funds should be dedicated to TANF Tribes. • Transporting tribal members to employment, needed appointments with community agencies, medical appointments, employment. • Public transportation – pay based on ability to pay

<p>Q7. What percentage of your clients would use public transportation?</p>	<p>100% - 2 90% - 1 85% - 1 80% - 1 75% - 2 60 - 75% - 1 60% - 1 50% - 3 35% - 1 20% - 1 Majority - 1 Would hope a high percent - 1</p>
<p>Q8. Where do most of the clients live?</p>	<p>Ronan - 10 Arlee - 8 Polson - 7 Elmo - 5 Pablo - 5 Hot Springs - 3 St. Ignatius - 3 Dixon - 2 Mission - 2 Charlo - 1 Reservation-wide - 2 Lake County - 1 Rural - 1 In town - 1 South & north at Pablo - 1</p>
<p>Q9. Where would they need to go?</p>	<p>Pablo - 10 Polson - 7 Ronan - 4 Missoula - 3 (to access med./soc. serv./shopping, etc.) Work/job search - 4 Shopping/grocery - 5 Medical - 3 St. Ignatius - 2 Kalispell - 1 Missoula thru Kalispell - 1 End-to-end to Reservation - 1 Counseling - 1 Social - 1 Complex SKC THHS - 1</p>

<p>Q10. Would your agency be willing to contribute funding to support public transportation for your clients?</p>	<p>Yes - 9 (Comments: >We have dedicated TANF & voc. rehab. funds >DHRD already does >We are funded to do this No - 1 (too many budget cuts) Limited - 1 Unknown - 5</p>
<p>Q11. Approximately how much funding would your agency be able to provide annually?</p>	<p>\$6,000 - 1 \$1,000 - 1 limited - 1 0 - 1 ?/Unknown - 11 (w/ 1 comment: Want to explore this!) • Depends on needs generated or identified • Unable to determine yet – based on increasing indirect but transportation is a huge “key” in self-sufficiency • Do not know if funding is available</p>
<p>Q12. Does your agency like the idea of public transportation for the Flathead Reservation?</p>	<p>Yes - 20 No - 0</p>
<p>Q13. Would your agency financially support public transportation for the Flathead Reservation?</p>	<p>Yes - 8 No - 1 Unknown - 8 Probably - 1 Limited funds available - 1</p>

<p>Q14. What type of service would most benefit your agency?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus/mass transit/bus service - 2 • 10-12 buses (16-passenger); 20-24 CDL drivers • Public transit system with a minimal charge – equipped for bicycle racks/wheelchair lifts; like the Mountain line in Missoula • Van pick-up and drive to appt. an back on a daily • Fixed routes • Not sure at this time • Arlee to Pablo, Polson, R/T • Getting clients/tenants in Ronan to service agencies in Polson (LCOPA/Working Innovations/job service) • A fixed-route system between Reservation towns (Arlee-Elmo, central points to Pablo & Polson) • Demand response • Shopping and recreation transportation for sr. citizens • Transportation to appointments • Public transportation would be an awesome opportunity • A variety of daily “demand” routes and a major fixed route • Transportation to employment, to Alternative Resource Community agencies & medical appointments • Transporting • Bus service at least two round-trips north and south per day • If there was a ride to town around 9 a.m. and back at noon or to Polson from noon to 3 we could use that service
<p>Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You would be amazed how many people don't have driver's licenses. • There are more employment opportunities in the Missoula area for Reservation residents; however, the cost of transportation is not worth working in that area unless however transportation provided (buses) with a minimal cost could be beneficial and would provide unemployed people with more jobs. The ideal means of transportation would be a train (metro) running from Kalispell to Missoula with stops in between. That would be the best form of transportation for this area.