

# CHAPTER I

## Introduction

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This report represents the second Technical Memorandum prepared for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of Flathead Reservation (CSKTFR). Technical Memorandum #2 analyzes the future transit options for meeting transit demand within the Flathead Reservation and provides preliminary recommendations. The estimates and analysis are based upon the data presented in Technical Memorandum #1. Technical Memorandum #1 discussed the community setting and socioeconomic trends, and reviewed the existing transportation services provided within Flathead Reservation.



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Chapter II presents the transit service goals and objectives for the Flathead Reservation for the next five years (short term) and ten years (long term).

Chapter III offers service alternatives for meeting the increasing future transit demands. The alternatives range from no changes in the existing service to new service functions and operations to expanded service area. Each alternative is evaluated in terms of its anticipated costs, ridership, and performance as related to the existing operations and the transit service goals and objectives for the Flathead Reservation.

Chapter IV introduces the transit services capital needs and alternatives for the Flathead Reservation.

Chapter V presents the potential financial alternatives, along with their advantages and disadvantages. Existing funding sources are reviewed. Additional funding

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sources are identified, some of which are based upon the experiences of similar agencies in other states.

Chapter VI presents the preliminary recommendations, as a starting point for discussion and debate leading to the selection of a preferred plan. The various alternatives are presented with the expectation that they will be discussed, debated, refined, and modified to the satisfaction of the CSKTFR and the community.

This document should be reviewed by all concerned with the future of transit within the Flathead Reservation. Comments should be submitted to either LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. or the CSKTFR Developmental Human Resource Department. The comments from this report, as well as the three Technical Memoranda, will be incorporated into a Draft Report. The Draft Report will synthesize the work of the two Technical Memoranda, plus provide a detailed operating plan for the recommended alternatives. The Draft Report will be presented for another review before the compilation of the Final Plan.