

Outline for the WASHINGTON COUNTY TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Chapter I. INTRODUCTION

- Provides an overview of the study including the its purpose, scope, and the role of the Advisory Committee.

Chapter II. EXISTING TRANSIT SERVICES AND TRAVEL PATTERNS

- Describes existing services provided by Washington County and other public and major non-profit and private services, including a recent history of changes to the systems (both WCCE and the Shared-Ride Taxi) since the previous Transit Development Plan.
- Discussion of the existing travel patterns on the three shared-ride taxi systems in the County utilizing passenger origin-destination information gathered in May 2012, and existing travel patterns on the WCCE using boarding information from Riteway.

Chapter III. SERVICE OBJECTIVES AND STANDARDS

- Provides a set of transit service objectives, supporting performance standards, and design criteria that will be used in evaluating the performance of the existing bus and taxi services; in designing any changes to the existing transit services; and in evaluating the service alternatives.

Chapter IV. EVALUATION OF EXISTING TRANSIT SERVICES

- Presents an evaluation of existing services based on the described service objectives and standards from the previous chapter.
- Compares the existing system to national peers to judge performance and service levels.
- Evaluates the Shared-Ride Taxi system's policies and performance against the statistics and suggestions listed in Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) Report 136: Guidebook for Rural Demand-Response Transportation: Measuring, Assessing, and Improving Performance.

Chapter V. TRANSIT SERVICE ALTERNATIVES

- Identifies, describes, and evaluates potential service changes based on previously established service objectives and standards, and provides forecasts of ridership, service levels, and costs for each alternative.
- Includes a discussion of how the land use of Washington County influences the viability of transit service alternatives.

Chapter VI. RECOMMENDED TRANSIT SERVICES

- Identifies a recommended alternative, and describes an implementation plan for the chosen alternative.

Chapter VII. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- Provides a brief overview of the significant findings and recommendations of the study.

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