

Regional Public Transportation Service Plan Proposal for the Texas Panhandle

Demographics

- Area consists of the northernmost 26 counties
- Considerable distance between cities
- Major Interstate/US Highways
 - I-40 - Runs east/west through Panhandle bisecting Amarillo
(major southern US corridor)
 - I-27 – Primary route running south from Amarillo to Lubbock
 - US 287 – Runs north/south from top of the Panhandle through Amarillo extending southeast
(major gateway to Dallas/Ft. Worth area)

Major Public Transit Providers

- Urban (Amarillo City Transit)
 - Fixed Route
(12 vehicles)
 - Spec-Trans (curb-to-curb for mobility impaired)
(5 vehicles)
- Rural (Panhandle Community Services)
 - Curb-to-curb service in all rural areas
(57 vehicles)

Steering Committee

- Panhandle Transportation Consortium
 - Key transportation stakeholders that meet on a monthly basis and provide guidance and coordination to the planning process

Lead Agency

- Panhandle Regional Planning Commission
 - Fiscal and administrative agent for the project, providing staff assistance for project coordination.

Advisory Group

- Panhandle Transportation Consortium will submit nominations for an 11-member focus group to provide specific guidance and support to the Lead Agency and consultants responsible for plan development.

Consultant Procurement

- Develop RFP for consulting services
(Turnkey project for plan development)
- Consultant selection based on
recommendations from the Advisory Group
- Consultant will coordinate closely with Lead
Agency support staff and Advisory Group

Work Plan

Project Structure

- Transit Market Profile

(Clarify market and measure unmet need)

- Transit Programs Evaluation

(Profile providers and identify strengths/weaknesses)

- Coordination Review

(Identify new opportunities and explore strategies)

- Implementation Plan

(Create coordination plan identifying long-range goals)

- Final Report

(Detail all findings and recommendations)

Budget

Personnel Costs (1.0 FTE)	\$48,994
Travel	2,000
Consulting Services	120,000
Internal Services	4,235
Other Operating Expenses	4,074
Indirect (12% of direct non-contract/non-equipment costs)	7,116
Equipment	3,500
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Total Administrative & Operating Budget	\$189,919