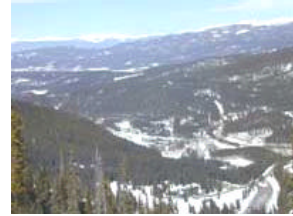


# Introduction

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This report represents the second of two technical memoranda prepared for the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) in Grand and Jackson Counties. This Technical Memorandum #2 analyzes possible alternatives to meet the future demand for transit. The estimates and analysis are based upon the data presented in Technical Memorandum #1 and an open house workshop held at the end of May. That first report discussed the community setting, including socioeconomic trends in the area, and reviewed the existing transportation services provided within both counties. This report concludes with a set of preliminary recommendations.



Chapter II presents the results from the surveys that were administered within Grand and Jackson Counties. These included the Onboard Survey for The Lift and Grand County Council on Aging, Resident Survey, Lodging/Visitor Survey, Employer Survey, and the Employee Survey.

Chapter III and Chapter IV offer long-range and short-range service alternatives for meeting increasing future demands. The alternatives range from no changes to the existing conditions to major modifications like starting new services. Each alternative is evaluated in terms of its anticipated costs, ridership, and performance as related to the existing operations.

Chapter V introduces the capital alternatives for Grand and Jackson Counties. Chapter VI presents the institutional and possible financial alternatives. Existing funding sources are reviewed. Additional funding sources are identified, some based upon the experience of similar agencies in other states. The advantages and disadvantages of each financial alternative are discussed.

Transit-friendly land use planning concepts are presented in Chapter VII. The concepts are related both to general transportation issues in Grand and Jackson Counties, as well as transit-specific issues. Many of the concepts improve auto safety and traffic flows while at the same time improving transit efficiency and effectiveness.

Finally, Chapter VIII presents the preliminary recommendations. These recommendations are presented with the expectation that they will be discussed, debated even, until they are refined and/or modified to the satisfaction of the population and leaders within each of the communities.

This document should be reviewed by all concerned with the future of transit in Grand and Jackson Counties. Comments should be submitted to either LSC or the TAC. Comments on this report and on Technical Memorandum #1 will be incorporated into a Draft Report. The Draft Report will synthesize the work of the two technical memoranda plus a detailed operating plan for the recommended alternatives, presenting the whole effort for one more review before presenting the final plan.