Native Americans
On the Move

Challenges and Successes
TCRP Project H-38

Developing, Enhancing and Sustaining Tribal Transit Services
Study Products

- Information Package
- Guidebook
- Research Report
Data Collection

• Phase 1
  – Overview of Tribal Transit Programs
    • 95 Tribes Contacted
    • 67 Tribes Responded

• Phase 2
  – Detailed Information
    • 54 Tribes Contacted
    • 47 Tribes Responded
    • Case Studies
Why Tribes Operate Transit Service

We had a member who was a non-traditional college student and needed to take a class to complete her degree in Great Falls, 160 miles away. By riding the bus, she was able to attend the class two days a week and complete the course.

C. John Healy
Fort Belknap
Why Tribes Operate Transit Service

- Jobs
- Medical
- Dialysis
- Education
- Human Service Programs
- Shopping
Types of Transit Services Provided

- Combination of Services, 53.3%
- Demand Response, 26.7%
- Deviated Fixed Route, 4.4%
- Fixed Route, 15.6%
Tribal Transit Programs

1999: 18

2010: 100+
Challenges

Remote Locations and Low Population Densities
Challenges

Institutional

Roads and Bridges?  Social Service?
Challenges

Leadership and Vision

Values

Vision

Mission

Initiative
Challenges

Vehicle Maintenance
Challenges

Pedestrian Infrastructure
Overcoming the Challenges

One of our biggest challenges has been to get enough funding to meet the transportation needs.

Corky Sias
Confederated Salish-Kootenai
Overcoming the Challenges

Coeur d’Alene
Overcoming the Challenges

Fort Belknap
Overcoming the Challenges

Northern Cheyenne

Northern Cheyenne Transit
Overcoming the Challenges

Makah
Overcoming the Challenges

Transit has significantly turned around our village. We have employed five people, provided access to jobs for five people, and provide access to the University of Alaska Fairbanks extension and health facilities in Tok.

Howard Mermelstein – Tetlin Village
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