

RURAL URBAN TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Accessible transportation within the Calgary region

Target: Develop a sustainable accessible transportation model for the region (region 3)

- Improve coordination of accessible transportation within the Calgary region
- Improve access to social and health services within the Calgary region

Accessible transportation is becoming a regional issue. Municipalities in the Calgary region are challenged to facilitate access to Calgary-based health and social services, especially when residents cannot safely drive themselves. The Rural / Urban Transportation Issues committee proposes the following course of action to develop a regional

The first step to is to assess the problem. An assessment would meet with stakeholders, providers, care agencies, etc.:

- identify supplier resources and current services
- meet with representatives of users, agencies and others on the demand side to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the existing resources (service delivery, funding and administration)
- identify the full range of potential services and expected demand
- identify gaps in service - short-term and long-term

The next steps are to:

- prioritize the gaps
- identify options to fill the priority gaps and others
- evaluate options based on locally developed criteria.
- Make recommendations for stakeholders consideration.

For any evaluation of options (service delivery, funding and administration), collaboration and input from key stakeholders will be critical. Without collaboration, the assessment process may develop viable recommendations that are difficult to adopt by stakeholders.

Financial:

- Estimated cost of study \$35,000 - \$45,000
- Study would rely on the groundwork developed by RUTI group, allowing consultants to concentrate on evaluation phase.
- May be eligible for matching “Green” funds from Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- May be eligible for Alberta Regional Partnership funding

Status:

- This study is seeking funding for a Jan 2004 implementation

Action:

- [insert name] consider funding regional accessible transportation

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