TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Montana Department of Transportation Rail, Transit and Planning Division Transit Section



Each local transportation service area must have a Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). There should be <u>ONE</u> TAC per service area.

An agency's transportation board is different from a TAC. The transportation board is a governing body for an agency. The TAC is <u>not a governing body</u> but rather an **advisory group** that cooperatively assists the local transit operator in assessing and prioritizing local needs.



TACs should include consumers and/or representatives from the following:

- Developmental Disabilities Organizations
- Senior Citizens Centers
- Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Retirement Facilities
- Local Elected Public Officials
- General Public or Other Community Advocates
- Low Income & Minority Groups

MDT recommends that TACs meet at least quarterly to discuss and make recommendations on various transit related issues. TAC's must inform the public via newspaper and Internet of future meeting dates, times and locations as well as the purpose for the meeting.

Each TAC should elect a chairperson who will be responsible for calling meetings on a quarterly basis. The TAC also should elect a person to record and distribute minutes.

Coordination is a high priority at the Federal, State, and local levels.

Coordination is:

A process through which representatives of different agencies work together to achieve any one or all of the following goals: more cost-effective service delivery; increased capacity to serve unmet needs; improved quality of service; and, services which are more easily understood and accessed by riders.

- Coordinating transportation means providing more services with existing resources by working with other agencies.
- Coordinated transportation services must be tailored based on each community's unique needs, skills, and resources.

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