

LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. Experience and References

ROARING FORK REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FORMATION STUDY

Project/Location

Garfield, Eagle, and Pitkin Counties, Colorado

Client

Roaring Fork Transit Agency
50 Service Center Drive
Aspen, Colorado 81611

Project Manager

Gordon Shaw

Date

1999-2000

References

Dan Blankenship, General Manager
970-920-1905

Description

Growth in population and employment has expanded commuting and other travel patterns in the Roaring Fork Valley and central Colorado River Valley region of west-central Colorado. Encompassing the Towns of Aspen, Snowmass Village, Carbondale, Glenwood Springs, Rifle, Basalt Silt, and Newcastle, this region includes all or portions of three individual counties.

LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. was been retained as a sub-consultant to conduct the operational, capital, and financial analyses associated with the formation of a Rural Transportation Authority, which covered all or some of these jurisdictions. Our tasks included the following:

- A detailed analysis of travel demand and associated transit ridership demand
- Evaluation of a wide range of service alternatives
- Assessment of capital requirements associated with various district options including fleet requirements, improvements to maintenance facilities, and new passenger amenities
- Development of a regionwide methodology to allocate the benefits of transit services
- Calculation of potential revenue generation associated with increases in vehicle registration or sales taxes
- Allocation of costs and financial responsibilities to the eight participating jurisdictions
- Assessment of ridership and environmental benefits associated with service improvement plans that included impact on traffic volumes and parking conditions

Our work has been used as the technical basis for individual ballot issues in each of the participating jurisdictions, which were successful in seven out of eight jurisdictions.

