

REGIONAL AND EXPRESS TRANSIT



Regional and Express Transit services generally travel longer distances than typical local fixed-route service. Regional services are key to connecting communities and providing access to jobs and services. Express services generally cater to commuters and must be fast and convenient, making few stops in communities and connecting passengers to job centers. Nelson\Nygaard has the tools and staff experience necessary to plan regional and express services that cater directly to community needs.

Data Collection

A detailed evaluation of current transit activity is the basis for all planning. Nelson\Nygaard begins its transit assessment with ridechecks, surveys, and on-time performance evaluations. The firm ensures its route planning reflects local needs and values, combining data collection with extensive public outreach and participation.

Operations Planning

Nelson\Nygaard creates comprehensive operations plans that include route planning and recommendations for staffing levels and scheduling to ensure that proposed services can operate under real world conditions. We work within specified parameters but also provide an “out-of-the-box” look at planning regional and express services, proposing innovative and unique options that may serve communities better than “conventional” options. Whether

modifying current services or building a new system, Nelson\Nygaard creates plans that can be fully implemented within financial and operating constraints.

Network Connectivity

Regional and express routes must complement the current route network. To provide the maximum level of convenience to passengers, Nelson\Nygaard ensures seamless connections between regional and express routes and local services and integration of existing park-and-ride locations into transit planning. Our experienced staff will also provide guidance on future park-and-ride locations to better serve passengers using regional and express services.

Recent Projects include:

- **Port Authority of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, PA** — Transit Development Plan
- **Community Transit, Snohomish County, WA** — Long Range Transit Plan
- **Salem Area Mass Transit District, OR** — Specialized Transportation Plan Marion and Plk Counties