

RURAL AND INTERCITY TRANSIT



In rural communities with limited transportation options, transit provides lifeline mobility connecting people with services. Nelson\Nygaard designs successful systems that address the challenges of rural and intercity transit (long distances, minimal funding, limited road networks). Our plans typically include:

Data Collection/Community Outreach

Nelson\Nygaard assesses the real transportation needs of rural and small communities. We combine analysis of census data and current transportation use with comprehensive community outreach: visiting community centers, hospitals, clinics, social service agencies, and tribal communities to determine specific local concerns.

Service and Operations Planning

Our firm develops short- and long-range plans that balance the need for point-to-point transportation services with the need to maximize system efficiency and resource allocation. Nelson\Nygaard creates plans with the full expectation that they will be put into service. Whether the firm is hired to enhance an existing system or build a new system from scratch, we will see the plan through implementation.

Financial Planning

No plan is complete without funding and costing components; all Nelson\Nygaard plans include projections for revenue, capital requirements and a complete 5- to 20- year financial and capital plan. Obtaining operations and capital funds for rural transportation can be challenging; we will help you navigate the funding and grant process to locate new sources of funds.

Recent Projects include:

- **Santa Barbara County, California** — North Santa Barbara County Regional Transit Plan
- **Mountain Area Regional Transit Authority, California** — Operations Analysis
- **Eastern Sierra, California** — Public Transportation Study