

Paul Jewel

Principal

Mr. Jewel is an experienced Public Transit Project Manager and Lead Planner. His areas of expertise include bus transit planning, bus operations and planning for “customer experience” features such as bus stops, vehicles and transit centers and information services.

Master of Public Administration with Emphasis on Urban Policy and Transportation,
San Francisco State University

Bachelor of Arts, History/Political Studies,
Pitzer College

Experience

Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates Inc.

*Associate, Senior Associate 1993–1999;
Principal, 1999–Present*

Project work includes:

Comprehensive Operational Assessments and Line by Line Studies – These studies, which usually include complete passenger ridechecks and surveys, tend to focus on transit network service planning and the identification of near-term opportunities for increasing ridership and improving productivity without necessarily increasing revenue hours and/or peak vehicle requirements. Recent clients include SamTrans, Culver CityBus, VIA Metropolitan Transit (San Antonio, TX), Vallejo Transit, Spokane Transit Authority, Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority and Foothill Transit.

Long Range Transit Plans – L RTPs generally have a 20-year timeframe and focus on issues related to fleet and facilities, long-term travel patterns, changing market trends and the identification of appropriate transit technologies and High Capacity Transit Corridors. Recent clients include the City of Fresno (Fresno Area Express), Stanislaus County (StaRT) and SamTrans.

Short Range Transit Plans – S RTPs typically cover a variety of issues and tasks including the assessment of transit demand, customer and general public outreach, marketing, service planning, financial and capital planning. Recent clients include the Reno RTC, SamTrans, and the City of Flagstaff.

Transit Centers Studies – Mr. Jewel is often asked to address specific operating questions like: 1) what happens to the transit network if the central transfer center is moved to a new location or 2) is it possible to improve the operational efficiency of our existing facility? Clients include the Cities of Vallejo, Santa Rosa and Visalia.

Passenger Amenity Assessments – These studies include assessments of passenger amenities and information systems at bus stops. Recent clients include the Cities of Flagstaff, Norwalk, plus Capital Metro Transit (Austin) and SamTrans.

Shuttle and “Hybrid” System Evaluations – These studies involved assessing the potential for new shuttle sources (commuters, shoppers and tourists) and/or incorporating new “hybrid” services like DART (Direct Access Rapid Transit) into an existing transit system network. Clients include the Cities of San Leandro, Belmont, Ventura, Vallejo and the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority.

Stakeholder Interviews, Focus Groups and Facilitation Exercises with business leaders, politicians, multiple transit agencies, citizens groups and the general public. Recent examples of this work include the Los Angeles County-Wide Short Range Transit Plan and the Fresno Long Range Transit Master Plan.

Recent Articles and Presentations

- “Service Allocation Policy” – Presentations CalACT’s Fall 2004 conference and the New York Public Transit Association’s Summer 2003 Conference
- “Sunline Transit - Social Service Transportation Resource Center” – Presentation at CalACT’s Fall 1998 Conference.

Memberships and Affiliations

APTA (American Public Transit Association), CalACT (California Association for Coordinated Transportation), CTA (California Transit Association) and NYPTA (New York Public Transit Association).



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