

Human Service & Paratransit Coordination

Tanana Chiefs Conference Corridor Study (Inter-City)

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RLS & Associates, Inc. is providing technical assistance to the Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC), along with the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA), in improving transit service in five highway corridors around Fairbanks Alaska adjacent to tribal lands of Conference members. The member tribes of the TCC face unique transportation challenges, only nine tribes are connected by road. For some of the villages off the road system, mobility alternatives include boats on rivers in summer, and snow machines overland in winter. The major destination for villages that have access to the road system in Fairbanks. There are also non-Native communities along these highway corridors leading into Fairbanks, which likewise have substantial transportation needs focused on Fairbanks. Transportation services developed as part of this project will serve the non-Native communities as well as the Native villages in order to achieve the critical mass to sustain transportation services. The project kicked-off in March 2011 and will continue through December, 2011. Extensive outreach efforts, including public meetings in the Native and non-Native communities will take place during Spring 2011. Service alternatives and service and organizational implementation strategies will be presented in the fall.

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