

Thinking For A Change (Complete Book Summaries 1)

GENERAL OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION

There is a natural aversion to change among most organizations and this is no less so among transit systems. For example, *TCRP Report 53* states that "Little has changed fundamentally in how transit services have been designed and provided in the last half of the 20th century" and that "The world in which transportation needs arise and are accommodated has changed dramatically." These two statements describe transit organizations as standing still while the world around them changes. While rural transit has only been in operation for the past 20 years, it too is at risk of becoming outdated.

Rural areas have been transformed in many ways. The evidence of a changing rural world includes a number of demographic, land use, economic, communications, and attitudinal changes. For example, almost 100% population growth on the urban fringes of areas such as Northern Virginia and Austin, Texas, have transformed these areas from rural places into large suburban sprawl communities with major employment bases. Yet during the 10 years of this phenomenal growth, federal transit funding for these areas did not change—the areas were still considered rural.

The societal changes have been rapid and dramatic, requiring the transit systems serving these areas to adapt to the new paradigms. How do the rural systems that serve these communities adapt to meet the new paradigms? That is the primary question that was examined in these case studies.

Study Purpose

The purpose of this research is to identify and examine four systems that have adapted to the new rural paradigms. This research examines how and why these sys-

tems adapted to the new paradigms. Each case study will be examined with the intent of serving as a guide for other systems to adapt to the 21st century and its new paradigms. It is hoped that these case studies will inspire managers who read this document and then spur them to action.

The New Paradigms— A New Way of Thinking

The new paradigms constitute a different way of thinking about the business of rural transit. "These paradigms suggest that what rural operators really need to change is how they view themselves and the strategies they employ to provide services" (CUTR, 2003). The underlying theme is that adapting to the new paradigms requires thinking differently about how they operate service. Each of the systems reviewed in the case studies thinks differently, as is demonstrated by the systems' unusual approach to the provision of service and their successful adaptation to change. The systems changed not because they wanted to, but rather because they had to change in order to maintain their relevance in the community. Each changed in reaction to new paradigms in the service area (often demographics), in technology, and/or in funding.

New ways of providing transit are necessary as new commuter patterns develop in response to (1) businesses moving to the urban fringe and (2) growth consequentially pushing even farther into rural areas. In the initial TCRP Project B-22 work, several new paradigms were identified for rural transit. These paradigms were based, in part, on paradigms developed for urban areas and reflect attributes of innovation at rural and small urban areas. They include themes reflecting the community context as well as attributes of innovative transit organizations. They were modified slightly

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