

MOOSE JAW CITY TRANSIT

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An Alternative Route.

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A Private Study

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(Note: This study was undertaken during the 1981 Consultant Study but independent of that study and completed prior to the Consultant's presentations to Council)

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PRESENT, POLICIES AND PROPOSALS : An Alternative Route.

This unsolicited private study draws its source data from:

- a review of a February 1972 private study and studies carried out by Atkinson, Reid Crowther and Associates, and others;
- an examination of financial and operating data from 1963 up to and including the City Commissioner's estimates and recommendations for 1981;
- a physical survey of routes and facilities carried out between June 23 and July 6, 1981;
- system studies in Toronto, the United States and the United Kingdom undertaken in the Winter of 1980-81;
- relevant literature.

Background:

It is presented at a time when municipalities and senior level governments have finally realised that two decades of escalating costs, losses and subsidies are not reversible within 'traditional' systems of operation; nor are they acceptable to the general taxpayer.

The recent financial failure of several US urban transit operators has been a clear warning against maintaining services 'at any cost'.

Major UK systems from London Transport down have found shifts in both managerial and political attitudes to be necessary to overcome untenable cost positions and these have led to unprecedented innovativeness.

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The study parallels one authorised and subsidised from provincial, municipal and educational tax sources.