

KALTRAN

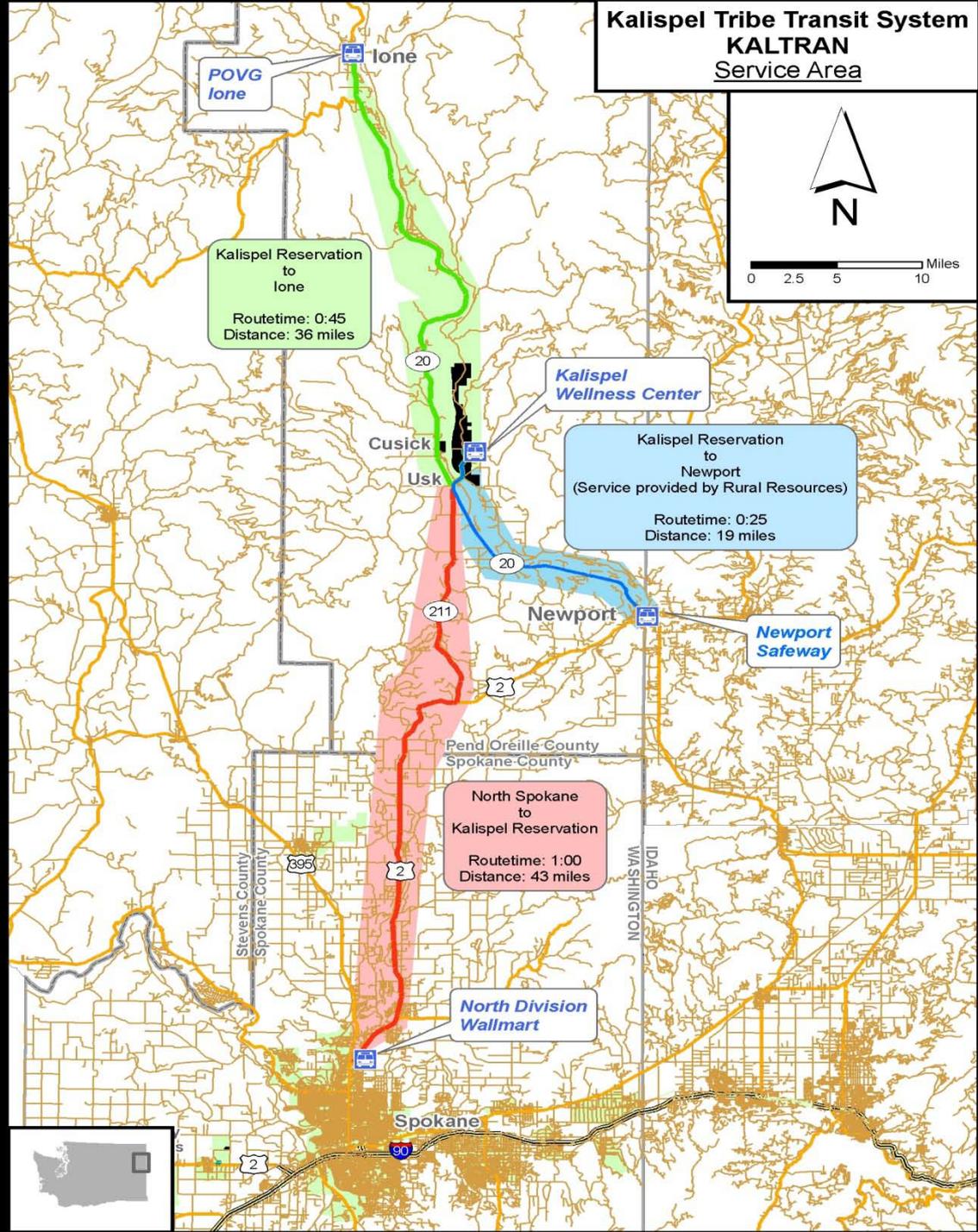
Kalispel Tribal Transit System



Mission Statement

- At Kaltran our mission is to enhance the economic and social well being of the Kalispel Tribal people and surrounding communities through the delivery of safe, reliable, efficient, and friendly transportation services.

KALTRAN SERVICE AREA



CURRENT SCHEDULE.....**Morning Routes**

	Arrive	Depart
Walmart on Division	5:45am	5:55am
Riverside	6:15am	6:20am
Wellness Center	7:00am	7:05am
Tribal Court	7:15am	7:20am
Ione	8:10am	8:20am
Wellness Center	9:20am	9:45am
Panther Pit,Cusick	9:55am	10:00am
Usk	10:05am	10:10am
Wellness Center	10:15am	11:30am
Ione	12:30pm	12:40pm
Wellness Center	1:40pm	

Afternoon Routes

	Arrive	Depart
Wellness Center	1:40pm	1:50pm
Panther Pit,Cusick	2:00pm	2:05pm
Usk	2:10pm	2:15pm
Wellness Center	2:20pm	2:50pm
Ione	3:40pm	3:55pm
Tribal Court	4:45pm	4:50pm
Wellness	5:00pm	5:05pm
Riverside	5:45pm	5:47pm
Walmart	6:15pm	6:25pm
Wellness Center	7:25pm	7:27pm

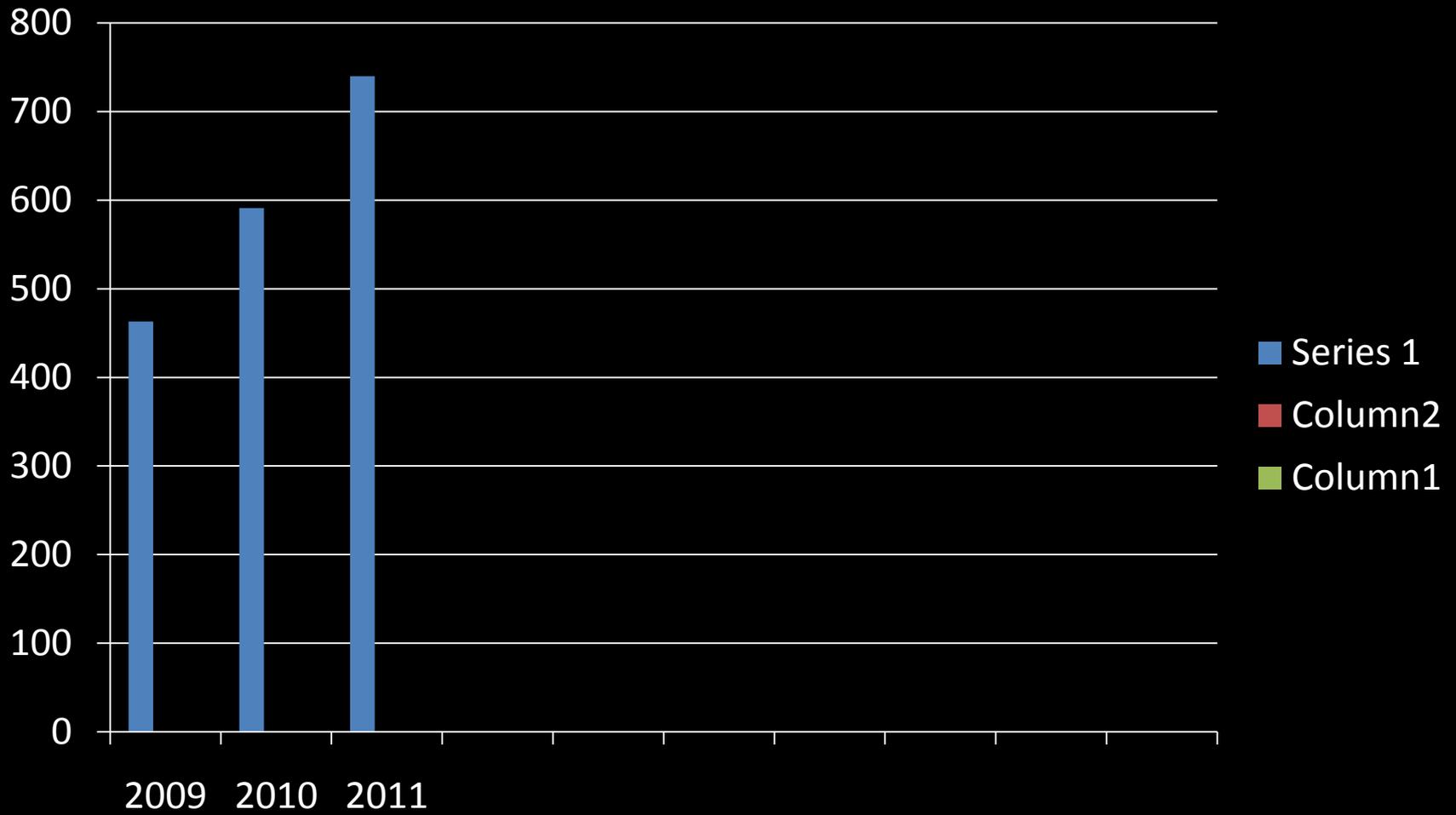
Spokane/Newport AM

	Arrive	Depart
Newport	6:20am	6:30am
Wellness Center	7:00am	8:00am
Riverside	8:40am	8:45am
Walmart	9:10am	9:20am
Riverside	9:45am	9:50am
Wellness	10:30am	

Spokane/Newport PM

	Arrive	Depart
Wellness		2:30pm
Riverside	3:10pm	3:15pm
Walmart	3:40pm	3:45pm
Riverside	4:10pm	4:15pm
Wellness	4:55pm	5:05pm
Newport	5:30pm	5:33pm

Current Ridership Trends



Current Funding Resources & Current Funding Issues

KALTRAN operations is currently funded by the Federal Transit Administration and the Washington State Department of Transportation. Below is a history of the funding that was awarded by year.

2006	FTA	\$167,547	Operational
2007	FTA	\$208,296	Operational
2008	FTA	\$208,296	Operational
2009	FTA	\$417,896	Operational & Construction Remodel
		\$335,600	Procurement of 3 vehicles and Fleet Management Equipment
	WSDOT	\$62,084	Operational for 2 years
2010	FTA/SGR	\$15,876	Procurement of Preventative Maintenance Software/All Data
	CTAA	\$25,000	Technical Assistance

Next potential funding cycles

2011	FTA	In August of 2011 FTA applications will be due. Award notification will occur in December and the money will be available for expenditure in July or October of 2012.
2012	WSDOT	In December of 2012 WSDOT applications will be due. Award notification will occur in April of 2013 and money will be available for expenditure in July 2013.

In order to extend transit operations KALTRAN staff has reviewed multiple rout cut options. Below we have listed the most feasible options to keep based on ridership statistics and cost. KALTRAN staff, in partnership with a committee consisting of non partial tribal members are recommending that we continue to provide service to Spokane 4 days per week (morning/evening) and to lone 2 days per week. This option is represented in the fourth column.

	2 days lone/2 days Spokane	4 days Spokane	4 days lone	4 days Spokane/ 2 days lone
Salary/fringe	\$8,247	\$8,347	\$7,973	\$10,309
Fuel	\$1,180	\$1,520	\$804	\$1,932
Preventative Maintenance	\$1,300	\$1,400	\$1,200	\$2,000
Supplies	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,200
Travel	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
TOTALS:	\$12,127	\$12,467	\$11,177	\$15,641
Months of Projected Funding	11.4 months	11 months	12.6 months	9 months

What will the route cuts impact?

In moving forward with the proposed plans to provide service to Spokane four days per week and to lone two days per week, there will be multiple aspects affected. They are listed below:

Routes to be eliminated

- 1). Service to Newport (am/pm)
- 2). Service on the regular Cusick & Usk routes (am/pm)
- 3). Service in the afternoon to lone

Other Impacts

- 1). Employment of drivers. With the proposed changes and new route implementation, all 3 of our current full time drivers will move to part time status with no benefits.
- 2). KALTRAN will be unable to work with the local school districts to provide afternoon return transit service from the Kalispel Tribal Trade School.
- 3). Employees and youth utilizing KALTRAN for transportation from Newport to Cusick, will no longer have this service. We will do our best to work with Rural Resources to meet this demand if possible.

Public Comment Process

On February 2, 2011 Kalispel Tribal Council approved KALTRAN's Public Comment Policy. As of that date KALTRAN staff immediately put a notice out to the general public requesting their input on the need for potential route cuts. The public was notified through flyers, emails, informational booth located at the Wellness Center, and the Newport Miner.

KALTRAN also hosted 2 public meetings and everyone was encouraged to attend to give us their feedback directly. This also provided us with the opportunity to better evaluate the utilization of the current routes. The attendance rates are as follows:

Meeting #1	17 attendees
Meeting #2	41 attendees

We also received 100 letters and comment forms via emails, general mail, and the comment box located at the booth.

Rider Testimonials

Hi Julia,

I just started riding KalTran a few weeks ago as I have recently moved into Spokane. At first I was just driving to work from Spokane and after I made a few mortgage payments I realized I need to re-evaluate my budget and how I spend my money. An easy fix to my budget was simply riding KalTran to and from work. I cannot speak for everyone else but I'm sure that it's safe to say that KalTran has benefited many of the Tribal Employees and Community Members in this way. By riding KalTran I feel that I can get to work safely, especially in our crazy winter weather ☺ Thank you for giving this opportunity to express how thankful I am that you provide such a great service.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Bluff
Accountant I
Kalispel Tribe of Indians
(509) 447-7424

To Whom It May Concern:

I'd like to tell you how much I appreciate having the Kaltran bus service from Ione to Usk and on to the south.

I've been riding the bus since it started. I ride 2-3 times most weeks in order to get to the fitness center at the Camas Wellness center. Because of physical disabilities the swimming pool is my main avenue of exercise. I'm very limited as to being able to walk or anything of that nature for exercise.

I've noticed that more and more people are taking advantage of the bus service.

Some folks ride up from Spokane to visit family and some folks ride down from here to visit family.

We live in a very depressed area financially and this bus service has greatly helped a lot of us.

We would really like to keep the bus service.

Sincerely,
Linda L. Le Brun

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda L. Le Brun". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

To whom it may concern:

We would like to express our extreme gratitude for the Kaltran services. The Kaltran provides transportation for my son and me every Monday thru Thursday. We use the Spokane route. I work in the dental department for the Camas Clinic and my son attends the daycare.

Of course there is the obvious benefit of utilizing the bus; it saves us financially, both gas and the occasional run in with the deer. Less cars on the road better for the environment etc.

All of the bus drivers are awesome. They are very safe drivers and take great care of us. And, it definitely gives us time to unwind and de-stress after a long days' work.

The BIGGEST part of all, to which I am truly grateful, is I get to spend 2 extra quality hours with my son. He is two years old and he is an awesome bus rider. We spend our time visiting and talking about our day, we read books together (his favorite: Old hat new hat.), Parker loves visiting with all his other buddies on the bus. Sometimes we will take in a few winks after a long day of work and play. That extra time with my son is so Vaaaaaluuuuable and precious too us, I hope and pray there is a solution to keep the Kaltran services in operation.

Thank you,

Candy Jo Holford

To Who It May Concern,

The Kaltran Bus from the Camas Center to lone on Mondays and Wednesdays has been indispensable to me for the last year and half since I began attending the aerobics class at Camas. I am on a fixed income and my doctor warned me it was imperative to get exercise 2-3 times a week all year around. If I had to drive those 80 miles round trip I would not be able to do the class. I could not afford the gas (at over \$3.00 a gallon) and in the winter I do not drive, nor can I walk safely outdoors on the snow and ice. Winter can be so depressing but knowing that I can get out and go swimming no matter what the weather is, is wonderful. It lifts the depression.

Senior citizens need to stay active to stay healthy and the Camas Center fills that need if we can get there and back. I feel safe on the Kaltran bus and Deb is a kind and caring driver.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Nordstrom".

Joan Nordstrom

Julia,

I have recently found out that there may be a discontinuation or reduction in services of the KalTran transportation system. As I can appreciate reduction or loss of funding, this resource has become very important to many of us traveling from Spokane to Usk (and returning) daily. I commuted seasonally with others in our personal vehicles for two years prior to securing my current full time position with the Tribe and the inception of KalTran. The KalTran service has reduced the burden, personal expense and fatigue experienced from the two or more hours of my daily commute. Being able to rest both before and after our ten hour work day provides peace of mind through personal safety and reduction in tiredness which ultimately increases productivity for affected employees. I simply ask that if services need be reduced, please consider maintaining the Spokane route for employees at a minimum since it appears that this is most utilized. With that being said, please consider leaving the majority of the service intact since I believe the community and employees of the Kalispel Tribe as a whole appreciate what KalTran provides.

Sincerely,

Nick

Nicholas J. Bean
Fisheries Project Manager

I am a newer employee at the Camas Center Medical Clinic. It is my understanding that Kaltran services could be coming to an end. This is very alarming to me, because this was a major factor in my acceptance of a position here. The savings in gasoline alone is huge, plus wear and tear on my vehicle. I hope that everything possible will be done to keep this service.

I am unable to attend the public meeting this Thursday, but I still wanted my voice to be heard.

Thank you,

Jinny Neil

I use bus to Spokane
for Dr. Appts.
Also grocery & supplies
for the month. To pay
bills.

It takes 2 hrs to get to
Casino after we are dropped
off at Walmart.

Use bus for Concerts and
shows & to play & eat at
Casino.

Cecile Andrews

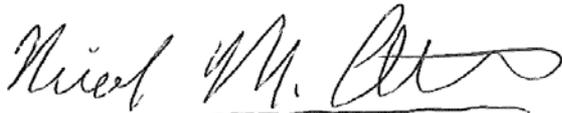
I'm a Kalispel Tribal Member and
I use the Kaltran for transportation to
and from Spokane also to and from the wellness
center because I have no other transportation.

I would appreciate it if possible, that you
could keep the Kaltran going because it is useful also
helpful to me also my daughter for appointments and
shopping needs!

3/2/11
Thank ~ Paulette Andrews ~
Paulette Andrews

Kaltran was like a blessing from God. Before Kaltran was established my mother and I would have to resort to hitch hiking to and from Spokane and/or Newport which ever was our destination. Then Kaltran came along and provided us with a reasonable price and a much safer way for us to travel. I also noticed Kaltran provided our tribal employees' that live in Spokane a ride as well. Not to mention rides for the general public. As you know gas prices are very expensive these days. So please reconsider closing Kaltran down it will be a big loss for not only my family, but to other families that really rely on that ride. You will not only hurt the people you help but you must know we will not give up Kaltran without a fight.

Thanks For Listening,



Nicole M. Augustine

Future Funding Options

KALTRAN staff has been diligently working to seek and obtain other potential funding options. Some of the upcoming funding opportunities include the following:

- 1). WSDOT – In December of 2010 we submitted 3 grant applications for continued funding for the existing mid-day Spokane service, 2 day weekend service to the Resort, and the procurement of dispatch additional fleet management equipment. Award notification will be available mid-April.
- 2). JARC- In February of 2011 we submitted an application to the Spokane Regional Transportation Coalition to try to obtain continued funding for the early am and evening pm routes to Spokane. Award notification will be late April.
- 3). Empire Health- We will be applying for 2 separate grants through Empire Health totaling \$29,000. Award notification will be in May.
- 4). Kalispel Tribal Natural Resources Department- The department has allocated \$10,000 from their budget to assist in continued KALTRAN operations.
- 5). IRR Funding- The tribe may be potentially awarded additional IRR money, which may be used to subsidize continued KALTRAN operations. The amount is approximately \$25,000.
- 6). Fuel Tax- Many other tribe's who were also denied FTA funding are subsidizing their programs through utilization of a percentage of the collected fuel taxes.
- 7). Advertising- KALTRAN staff is currently exploring regulations and options for selling advertising space on the buses to assist in subsidizing current operations.