



8.0 IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

This plan was prepared through a study that had a long-term vision. As the stakeholders in the region move forward to implement improved transit service, more detailed implementation work will be needed. This section describes the major activities that need to be undertaken.

A. Challenges to Transitioning the Service to Public Operation

The initial challenges are the greatest as the system will need to establish a stable financial and institutional structure and to invest in capital equipment and facilities. A summary of these challenges are:

- ▶ Determining institutional structure and obtaining voter approval for financing that will support the system growth and development.
- ▶ Negotiating a transition and financial support from the resort.
- ▶ Transitioning the system from private operation to public operation, and upgrading as needed to comply with federal regulations.
- ▶ Improving fleet with a phased plan to purchase and / or lease vehicles.
- ▶ Building a new maintenance facility as the current site will be re-developed.

The completion of an implementation plan is recommended to assist in identifying options in each of the key areas – service plan, institutional structure, financial planning, and capital planning. This detailed planning process would be geared to getting the agreements in place and making the transition from a private sector operation to a public sector operation. This planning process would be used to develop service plans, obtain public comment, negotiate agreements, and adopt budget and IGA agreements. The results of the implementation plan would then be used to refine the region's application for funding, once awards are announced.

B. Timing Issues

The timing of the grant cycle is important. In late Spring of 2007, CDOT will accept applications for grant funding in 2008-2009. In order to apply for federal funds, it will be important for the region to move forward with implementation planning in the Spring of 2007 and to submit a grant application at the same time. A draft schedule of activities for making the transition to general public service is presented in **Figure 8.1**.

