



**City Of Maricopa
Express Transit (COMET)
FY 15/16 Transit Proposal**

**Transportation Advisory
Committee**

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COMET Transit Service Today

- Today the COMET operates only Demand Response Service (curbside)
- Local service Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- Regional Service Tues and Thurs
 - Tuesday: Service to Chandler Regional Hospital
 - Thursday: Service to Casa Grande Regional Medical Center
 - No local service Tues or Thurs



Ridership

- Comprised mostly of seniors and disabled
 - Service is ADA compliant
 - Ridership base is reliant on service, especially for medical trips
 - Last year we provided 3,531 trips (30 percent increase over prior year)
 - Population of over 45,000 is adequate to support expanded transit services



New Sources of Transit Demand

- Copper Sky MultiGeneration Center
- Central Arizona College–Maricopa Campus
 - Current enrollment over 500 students
 - Sizeable expansion projected next 10 yrs
- Pinal County Public Health-Maricopa Clinic
 - Close to 9,000 trips per year potential

Approved and Funded Expansions of Transit Service (Current Year)

- Introduction of Fixed Route with Deviations
 - Two hours in the morning
 - Two hours in the evening
- Introduction of *additional* Demand Response local service Tues and Thurs
- Special Summer Shuttle introduced in 2014
- -831 trips to and from Copper Sky



Proposed Service for FY 15/16

- Continue all existing service as today
- Operate Fixed Route with Deviations five days per week
 - Two hours in the morning
 - Two hours in the evening
- Continue new local demand response on Tuesday and Thursday (no service today)

* Proposals Subject to approval by council



Service Strategy

- Grow service slowly to ensure sustainability
- FY 15/16 – A year of watch and see for expanded service results
- Watch closely, make adjustments
- Grow when we are sure we can sustain



Proposed Budget

- Same funding levels as last year
 - \$247,546 Overall Transit Budget
 - \$116,032 is Required Local Match from General Fund
- * Budget is subject to approval by council

Questions???



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