



Maricopa Transit Program

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What is Section 5311?

- Enhance the access of people in areas to health care, shopping, education, employment, public services, and recreation.
- Assist in the maintenance, development, improvement, and use of public transportation systems.
- Encourage and facilitate the most efficient use of all transportation funds through the coordination of programs and services.
- Assist in the development and support of intercity bus transportation.
- Provide for the participation of private transportation providers public transportation.

History of Public Transportation in Maricopa

- Council partners with AZDOT in 2006-2007 to study transit, including 80/20 funding split
- Public Participation
- Preferred destinations to Phoenix, Chandler, Tempe and Casa Grande
- April 2008 – MaricopaXPRESS begins
- Commuter Service to downtown Phoenix and downtown Tempe
- Contracted Service for vehicles and operators



History - Continued

- Contracted commuter service for 2 1/2 years
- FY 2009 Council selects local service alternative from multiple options
- FFY 2010 Maricopa adds local fixed route service
- FY 2010-2011: Council votes to suspend commuter service, implement demand response; partner with VM Vanpool program
- FFY 2011 implemented Demand Response service

Demand Response

- January 2011 COMET begins
- Trips provide independence to residents to access health care, employment, shopping, senior center, schools, recreation, social activities
- Open to the general public; preference given to Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

Demand Response - Continued

- Service
 - 9:00 am-5:00 pm
 - Curb-to-Curb
 - 24 hour reservation or same day
 - Monday, Wednesday and Friday (Maricopa)
 - Tuesday (Chandler)
 - Thursday (Casa Grande)
- Ridership

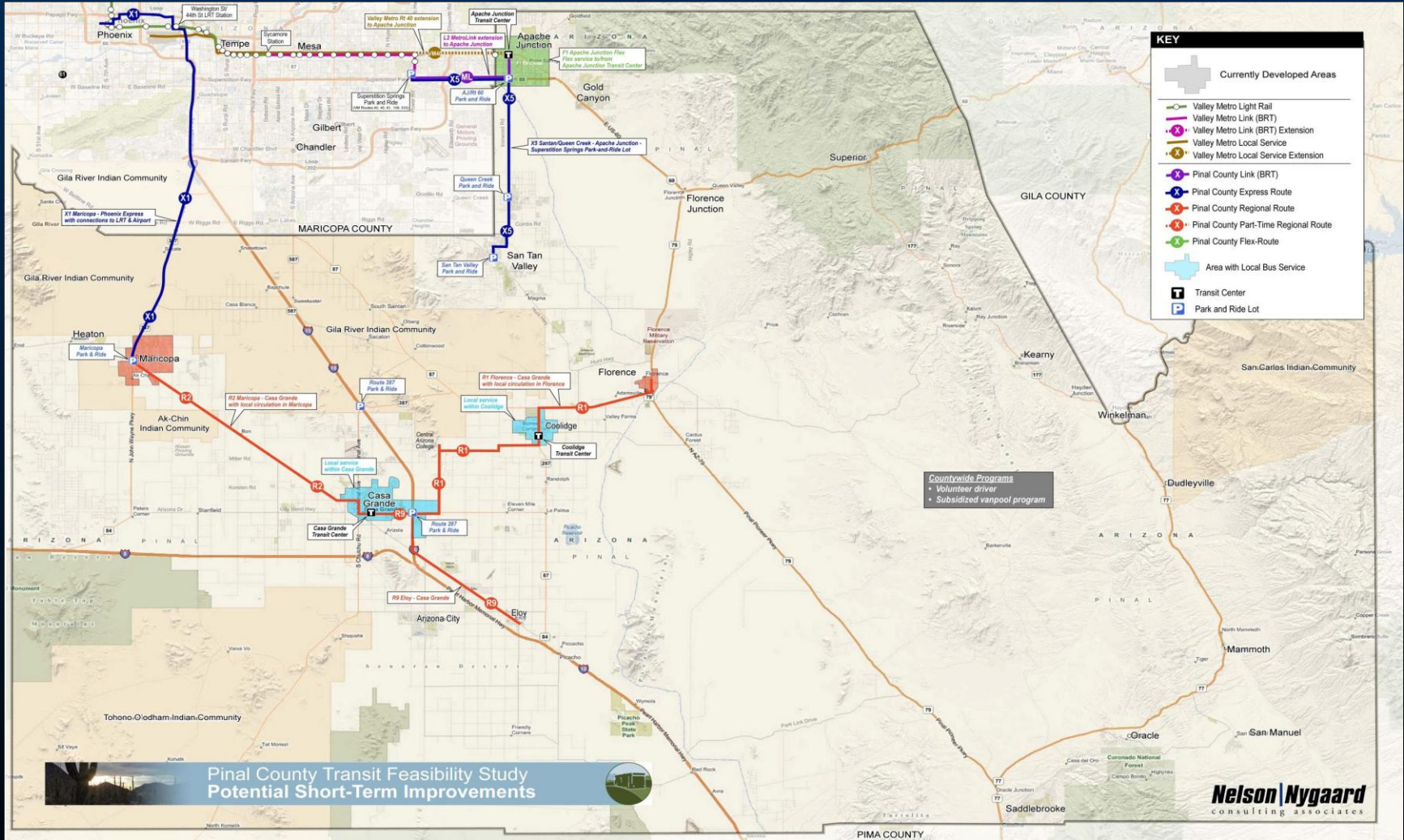
Demand Response - Continued

- November 2011 - Council approved the submission of the FFY 2012-2013 application and budget for Demand Response service
- June 2012 – AZDOT approves application for funding
- September 2012 – Total Transit's contract expires for Demand Response service
- November 2012 - Staff to request to Council to submit application and dedicate funding for FFY 2013-2014

Regional Coordinated Service

- 2006 Pinal County updates Small Area Transportation Study with a Transit component
- 2011 PC Board of Supervisors adopts results of Transit Feasibility Study
- Travel between Maricopa and Maricopa County will more than double from 32,000 trips per day to 76,000; travel from Maricopa to Casa Grande will more than quintuple and be the same as the trips to Maricopa County
- Transit Coordinating Council (TCC) established with potential to establish a Joint Powers Organization to manage county transit; Maricopa to be designated as a voting and funding partner

PCTFS - Alternative Routes



Questions for Staff

