



City Of Maricopa  
Express Transit (COMET)  
FY15/16 5311 Grant Application

City Council Regular  
Meeting

February 17, 2015



# COMET Expansion Of Service

- Transit service began in 2007
- In FY 14/15 Council approved expansion of service with purchase of three minivans
- FY 14/15 contract service amount **(\$160,950) based on 9 months** of expanded service (Jan – Sep)
- FY 15/16 contract service amount **(\$204,400) based on 12 months** of expanded service (Oct – Sep)



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- Contract service for 12 months is an increased cost of \$25,789 in local match in budget line item 53340 Technical Services
- **Last year transit local match was \$116,032** (less cap. = \$91,964) to leverage \$363,578 (less cap. = \$247,546) in grant funds
- **This year the transit local match request is \$113,536** to leverage \$294,404 grant funds
- Service Enhancement Request Form for line item 53340 completed and is in budget review

# Transit Demand

- As of April 2014, ridership was 2,695
- In June-July 2014 we operated the Special Summer Shuttle (Fixed Route) for 6 weeks
- Over 6 weeks, we provided 831 trips
- Represents an annual ridership increase of 29 percent
- Conclusion: Fixed route (part of expanded service) will greatly increase ridership
- FY 15/16 budget is contingent upon council approval

