



# City Of Maricopa Express Transit (COMET) Update Presentation

City Council  
Work Session  
February 6, 2018



# COMET Current Services

- Local Demand Response: 9-5 Mon-Fri
- Regional Demand Response 9-5 Tuesday & Thursday
- Limited Local Demand Response  
9:30 am – 1:30 pm Tues & Thurs
- Limited Route Deviation Service 7-10 am  
and 2-5 pm Monday - Friday

# COMET – Historical Ridership (trips)

Year Ending:

June 2013: 2,695

June 2014: 2,714

June 2015: 3,142

June 2016: 4,814

Latest Year Reported: Jan – Dec 2017

Ridership = 6,739

# COMET – Ridership By Service Mode Jan – Dec 2017

- Demand Response: 3,012 45%
  - Route Deviation Service:
    - Daily Route Dev. 2,231 35%
    - Summer Shuttle 1,406 20%
- 6,739 100%

# COMET – New Development

- Pinal Regional Transportation Authority
  - Transportation Plan and 1/2 cent sales tax approved by voters Nov 7, 2017
  - Will distribute \$1 million per year for 20 years to support transit in Pinal County
  - Priority goes to existing transit systems
  - Can be used to supplement local match
  - No word yet on distribution time frame

# COMET – Where Are We Now?

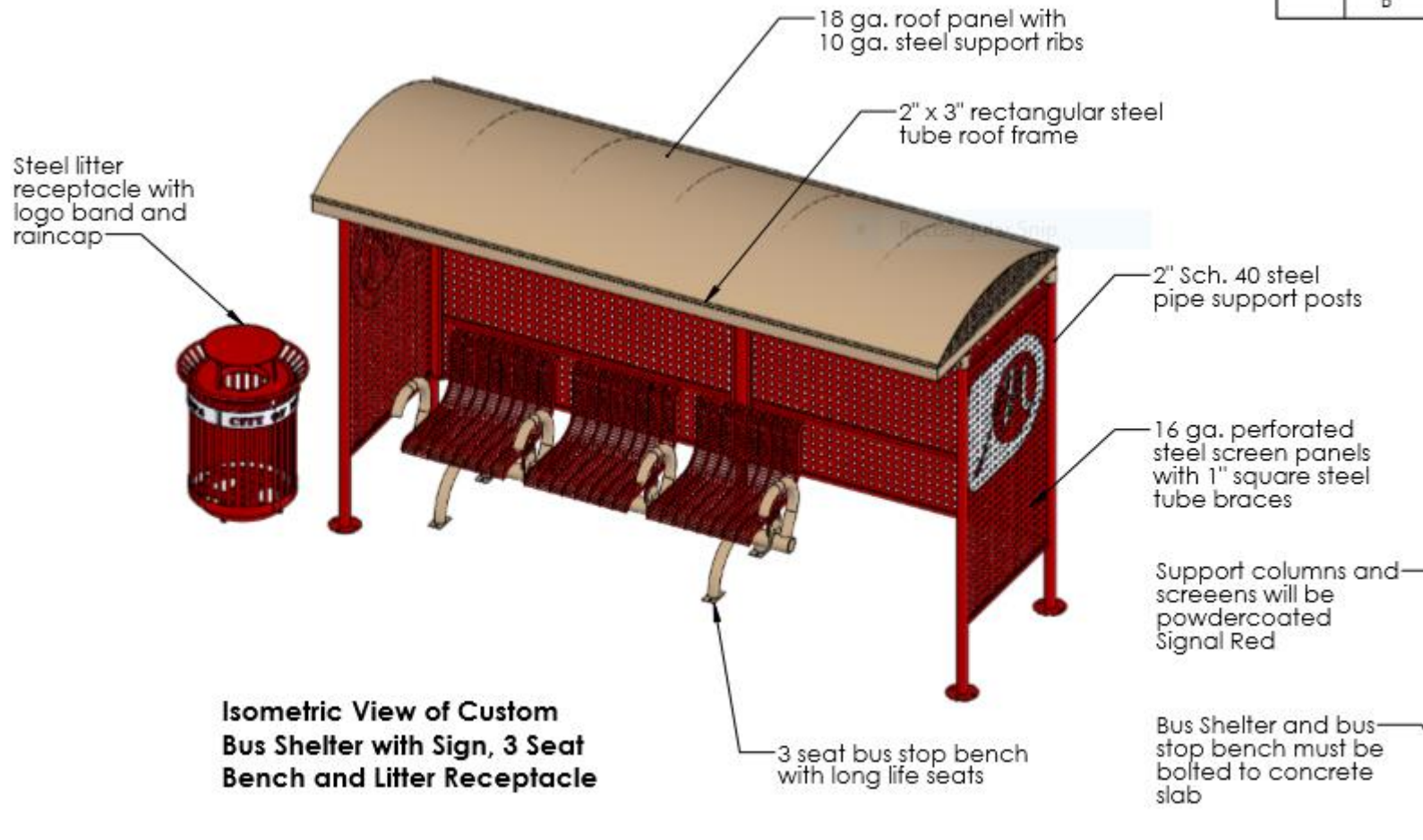
- Have grown the COMET slowly and carefully for last four years
- Ridership has responded to COMET growth with corresponding demand
- On the cusp of a dedicated funding source (PRTA 1/2 sales tax revenue)

# COMET – Proposals for Service

- Increase Route Deviation Service to 11 hours per day 6 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 6 pm. Mon – Fri
- Continue current levels of Demand Response Service
- Add six more bus shelters (brings total to 12, enough for all bus stops and one in reserve)

# Proposed COMET Bus Shelter

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# COMET – FY 18-19-20 Budget Proposal – First Year

- FY 18/19: \$483,775 \*
  - Federal Share: \$308,434
  - Local Share: \$175,341

\*Contingent upon Council approval during the normal budget cycle

# COMET – FY 18-19-20 Budget Proposal – Second Year

- FY 19/20 \$440,235 \*
  - Federal Share: \$271,210
  - Local Share: \$169,025

\*Contingent upon Council approval during the normal budget cycle

# COMET – Total Two Year Budget FY 18-19-20

- FY 18/19: \$483,775  
FY 19/20: \$440,235\*  
**\$924,010**
  - Federal Share: \$579,644
  - Local Share: \$344,366

\*2<sup>nd</sup> year may require mid cycle adjustment

# COMET – Reasons To Increase Service

- Growth in transit demand followed COMET slow increases over four years
- We now have a dedicated source of transit revenue (PRTA 1/2 cent sales tax)
- New development expects candidate cities to have transit in place
- Housing tax credits for development where transit is fully in place
- Strong correlation between development and transportation/transit

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