



City Of Maricopa Express Transit (COMET)

City Council
Regular Meeting
April 16, 2019



COMET – Current Services

- **Route Deviation Service**
- **Local Demand Response**
- **Regional Demand Response**
- **Limited Demand Response**

COMET – Ridership

- 2013: 2,695
- 2014: 2,714
- 2015: 3,142
- 2016: 4,814
- 2017: 6,739
- 2018: 7,069 (4.9 percent increase over last year – all services)

COMET – Ridership By Mode

- Demand Response: 3,410
 - Route Deviation Service: 2,529
 - Summer Shuttle: 759
 - Special Events: 371
- Total 7,069
- Route Deviation Service: Increased ridership by 13.3 percent over last year (2017: 2,231)

COMET – Ridership By Mode

- Efficiency Measurement
 - Route Deviation Service ridership of 2,529 achieved in 30 hours of service per week. (1.62 riders per hour-annualized)
 - Demand Response Service ridership of 3,410 achieved in 43 hours of service per week (1.52 riders per hour-annualized)

COMET – Special Events

- COMET Supported these Special City Events in 2018:
 - Salsa Festival
 - Great American Fourth
 - Veterans Day Parade
 - Merry Copa
 - Shop With A Cop

COMET – New Developments

- Increased to full schedule on the Route Deviation Service effective March 25, 2019
- New R/D Service hours 7 am – 5:30 pm
- Added new stop – Shea Way – Future site of multifamily housing development
- Put new 15-passenger bus into service – Dedicated to Route Deviation Service
- Transit Coordinator

COMET – Status of Existing Services

- Local Demand Response – No Planned Changes
- Tues & Thurs Demand Response – No Planned Changes
- Regional Demand Response – No Planned Changes
- No proposed fare changes on any service

COMET – Future Plans

- Re-name all Services for easy recognition
- Add Feeder Shuttles to connect all neighborhoods to the core Route Deviation Service route
- Increase Demand Response to full service
- Monday – Friday
- Continue to study commuter demand to Phoenix Metro area (cost/benefit)
- Continue to study connection to Central Arizona Regional Transit (CART)



COMET – Proposed Budget Mid-Cycle Adjustment FY19-20

- Total Proposed Budget: \$506,750
 - Total Federal Share: \$332,155
 - Total Local Share: \$174,595
- Local share (general fund) is \$746 less than last year's request
- Seeking Council approval: May 7, 2019*

*** May 7, 2019 Council Transit budget approval is subject to modification in normal city budget process.**

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