



City of Maricopa

Legislation Text

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The Mayor and City Council shall hear public comment for the purpose of considering a Section 5311 Transit Program Section 5311 grant application from the Federal Transit Administration, through the Arizona Department of Transportation, that will be used to continue operations of the transit system. Interested persons or agencies shall be heard with respect to social, economic, and environmental aspects of the project. Interested persons may submit oral or written evidence and recommendations with respect to the project.

This agenda item is for the public hearing only. The request for Council approval to apply for the FY 21/22/23 Section 5311 grant application is included as a separate agenda item in the February 4, 2020 Regular Council meeting.

The city has operated a transit system comprised of various services since 2008. Today we operate Local Demand Response, Regional Demand Response, and Route Deviation (fixed route) Service. The FY 21/22/23 application (two-year application) will request Local and Regional Demand Response to be funded at near current levels (a modest 3 percent COLA) and a request for additional bus shelters and vehicle replacements. The cost split will remain as it has over the last two years with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) at 58 percent and city 42 percent for operations, FTA at 80 percent and city at 20 percent for administration, and the FTA at 80 percent and city at 20 percent for capital purchases. **All improvements are contingent upon Council approval during the normal budget cycle.**

As a requirement of this application, the City of Maricopa is required to hold a public hearing and seek public comment on the grant application for transit services in the community. Additionally, letters are sent to current service providers in the Maricopa area for support or protest.

This item is presented by Deputy City Manager Kazi Haque and Judy Ramos, Revitalization and Transit Coordinator.

Staff recommends the Mayor and Council hear public comment for the purpose of considering a Section 5311 Rural Transportation Program grant from the Federal Transit Administration through the Arizona Department of Transportation.