



CENTRAL YAVAPAI IN *MOTION*

Central Yavapai
Metropolitan Planning
Organization

Summer 2007

REGIONAL TRANSIT PLANNING STUDY

The CYMPO entities (City of Prescott, Town of Prescott Valley, Town of Chino Valley, Yavapai County and ADOT) along with consulting firm Nelson/Nygaard have worked together in studying the transit needs within our region and various transportation opportunities to benefit our communities.

The scope of work included the following major elements and tasks:

- Existing conditions report
- Formulation of goals and objectives for providing transit services in the region
- Summary of comparable areas and information on provision of transit services
- Governmental and community involvement program
- Transit demand analysis
- Coordination of human services and public transit services
- Transit service alternatives
- Institutional and managerial alternatives for implementing transit Grant funding opportunities and requirements

Since the Study's commencement in June 2006, data and information was collected through multiple committee work sessions, public open houses, citizen and stakeholder meetings, and information compiled from public comments. The collection and analysis of all compiled data has now resulted in the completion of the CYMPO Final Transit Study. This study is available for review at the following locations:

- Prescott Public Library and the City of Prescott's Town Clerk's Office
- Prescott Valley Public Library and the Town of Prescott Valley's Clerk's Office
- Chino Valley Public Library and the Town of Chino Valley's Clerk's Office
- CYMPO website: www.cympo.com

The Final Transit Study, along with a brief document summary prepared by CYMPO's Transit Working Group was forwarded to each member entity the week of April 30, for review, discussion and determination of possible action. CYMPO's Executive Board requested that each jurisdiction return a written response resulting from each entity's extensive review of this Study and to include study findings, potential level of service to be provided within each jurisdiction's affordable and sustainable funding availability and implementation timeline. Responses were requested on or before August 3, 2007.

CYMPO would like to take this opportunity to thank all the citizens, organizations and agencies within our region who participated in our Study. Your comments, all of which are documented within the Final Transit Study, added invaluable information and insight. Thank you for your contribution to this comprehensive effort.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Executive Board

August Recess

September 19, 2007

October 17, 2007

November 28, 2007

December 19, 2007

Executive Board Meetings are held at

6:00 p.m. in the Yavapai County

*Supervisors Board Room at 1015 Fair St,
Prescott, AZ*

Technical Advisory Committee

August Recess

September 6, 2007

October 4, 2007

November 1, 2007

December 6, 2007

*TAC Meetings are held at 8:00 a.m. in the
Prescott Council Chambers, 206 S. Cortez
St, Prescott, AZ.*



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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

One of CYMPO's responsibilities is to inform and coordinate with our member entities, regional non-profit and private organizations of educational and capital assistance opportunities offered through Arizona Department of Transportation and the Federal Government. Some of the programs include:

Section 5310 – Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program.

This program provides capital equipment such as vehicles and communications equipment to private non-profit agencies, Tribal governments and related Tribal community agencies to be used in public transportation programs that primarily service individuals who are over age 60 or persons of any age that have disabilities. Public agencies may also be eligible for funds when there is no private non-profit agency able and willing to provide the service and meet ADOT requirements and awarded approval. Grant funding typically provides up to 80 percent with a required 20 percent match from applying agencies.

Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program

This program is under the Federal Transit Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Its purpose is to assist states and localities in developing new or expanded transportation services that connect welfare recipients and other low-income persons to jobs and other employment related services. Job Access projects target developing new or expanded transportation services such as shuttles, vanpools, new bus routes, connector services to mass transit, and guaranteed ride home programs. Reverse Commute projects provide transportation services to suburban employment centers from urban, rural and other suburban locations for all populations. Grants include capital, operating and planning expenses of services, equipment, facilities, and associates capital maintenance items related to providing access to jobs, promoting the use of transit vouchers, employer-provided transportation and the use of transit by workers with nontraditional work schedules. Federal funds provide for up to 80 percent of capital projects and 50 percent of operating projects.

Section 5317 New Freedom Program

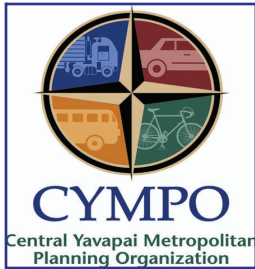
The purpose of the New Freedom grant program is to encourage services and facility improvements to address the transportation needs of persons with disabilities that go beyond

The Arizona Department of Transportation received statewide submissions for these three Programs:

Section 5310 Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program received 152 vehicle requests.

For the new Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program; 11 applications were received.

Eight applications were received for the new Section 5317 New Freedom Program .



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Those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Funds are available to support the capital and operating costs of new public transportation service targeted toward persons with disabilities. Grant funding provides up to 80 percent for capital projects and 50 percent for operating projects with a required local match of 20 percent and 50 percent, respectively.

Complete information including all Program handbooks and applications are available at www.azdot.gov/ptd/ProgGuide.asp.

Stemming from the CYMPO/ADOT Application Workshop held in February 2007, six applications were submitted to ADOT: Four application submissions for Section 5310 Grant Funding, and one each for 5316 and 5317 Grant Funding. ADOT is now in the process of reviewing all applications submitted. These grant opportunities are offered statewide and are highly competitive. Once the final ADOT review is completed, all submitting agencies will be notified of their status. In the meantime, preliminary findings indicated that five (5) of our regional transportation providers are to receive grant awards, in whole or in part.

!!CONGRATULATIONS!!

**INTERMOUNTAIN CENTERS FOR
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

PRESCOTT SAMARITAN VILLAGE

**NEW HORIZONS INDEPENDENT
LIVING CENTER**

ADULT CARE SERVICES, INC.

PRESCOTT TRANSIT AUTHORITY

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS)

This program was developed to enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school; to make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and to facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools. The latest federal highway bill passed by Congress in August 2005 mandates the Arizona SRTS program.

Schools, school districts, government agencies and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding from this ADOT program consisting of two submission cycles: Cycle One provides \$400,000 in funding for education, encouragement and enforcement activities in support of SRTS goals. Cycle Two, commencing in September 2007 provides \$1,000,000 for infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects.

In May 2007, the Arizona Department of Transportation announced the recipients of the Cycle One statewide SRTS grants. Prescott Alternative Transportation (PAT) is one of the eleven Arizona groups to receive one of these competitive grants.

**!! CONGRATULATIONS!!
PRESCOTT ALTERNATIVE
TRANSPORTATION**

For additional information on the Safe Routes To School program, contact Brian Fellows, ADOT, Program Coordinator, at (602) 712-8010, bfellows@asdot.gov, or find complete information at www.azdot.gov/saferoutes.



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TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Transportation Enhancement (TE) program was developed to enhance surface transportation activities by developing projects that surpass what transportation departments typically perform.

The estimated annual TE funds available to Arizona are currently about \$10 to \$14 million per year. The ADOT Transportation Enhancement and Scenic Roads Section administers this federally funded program for the FHWA. The Committee will meet in Yuma this October to determine Round 15 awards.

In Round 13 and Round 14, Prescott Valley was awarded funds for the Central Core Multi-Use Path (MUP) and Pipeline MUP Phase I Southern Terminus, respectively. These two awards amounted to \$856,369 benefiting the Prescott Valley community.

**!!CONGRATULATIONS
TOWN OF
PRESCOTT VALLEY!!**

Round 15 Year application cycle began April 2007, and are due to CYMPO no later than August 8, 2007 with final submissions to ADOT by August 31, 2007. Additional information on the Transportation Enhancement program is available at <http://www.dot.state.az.us/highways/SWProjMgmt/enhancement/index.asp>.



Prescott Valley Central Core
Multi-Use Path

CYMPO UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (FY 08-12 MTIP) - CYMPO is responsible for development the MTIP to serve the area's transportation goals. The MTIP is a financially constrained 5-year program covering immediate priorities for transportation projects and strategies from the 2030 Long Range Plan, also known as the 2030 Travel Demand Model. It is the region's ways of allocating its limited transportation resources among various capital and operating needs of the area, based on a clear set of short-range transportation priorities. The public involvement element of the FY08-12 MTIP concluded May 21, 2007 and has been adopted by the CYMPO Executive Board. The MTIP is available online at <http://www.cympo.com/tip/htm>; a copy is also available at the CYMPO offices.

At the May 16, 2007, Executive Board meeting, the CYMPO FY 2008 **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** was adopted. The UPWP is prepared and submitted in accordance with Federal regulations, which establish Federal transportation planning policies for urban areas exceeding 50,000 in population. The UPWP identifies transportation planning priorities for the Central Yavapai region and allocates resources to particular projects and issues. It also serves as an advisory and coordination catalyst for the various local governments, as well as the State and Federal agencies, involved in activities that are part of the urban transportation planning process such as highway planning and programming, public transportation, and air quality planning. The complete FY08 Unified Planning Work Program is available online at <http://www.cympo.com/CYMPO%20Products.htm>, a copy is also available at the CYMPO offices.

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