

Seeing Where It Can Take You in 2012

Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority Annual Report Fiscal Year 2011-2012



A Political Subdivision of the State of Arizona consisting of the City of Yuma, City of Somerton, City of San Luis, Town of Wellton, Yuma County, Arizona Western College, Northern Arizona University, Cocopah Indian Tribe and Quechan Indian Tribe

Message from the Chairman



On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to welcome you to the Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA). The YCIPTA was formed in December of 2010 as a prospective host organization for the Yuma County area Transit (YCAT) bus system, which is responsible for moving over 1,500 passenger trips to destinations throughout Yuma County. The YCIPTA membership is comprised of Yuma County, Cities of Yuma, Somerton and San Luis, Town of Wellton, Northern Arizona University Yuma, Arizona Western College, the Cocopah and Quechan Indian Tribes. Our ongoing mission is to provide Yuma County with clean, affordable, reliable, efficient and safe public transportation services that aid in economic development, enhance the quality of life and ensure mobility and independence for our community. This past fiscal year has seen many significant accomplishments for our organization. Perhaps the most significant of these accomplishments was the obtaining of grantee status from the Federal Transit Administration. This was the key factor in establishing YCIPTA as an independent organization, and provided the foundation on which all future activities will be built. Once grantee status was obtained, staff was hired and training begun. YCIPTA is now fully staffed with four full-time employees and an intern. The addition of three new members (Cocopah Indian Tribe, Arizona Western College and the Quechan Indian Tribe) has expanded YCIPTA's membership to its maximum allowable number

of nine. A master intergovernmental agreement has been completed with all nine member entities. A restructuring of transit service has resulted in a 49% increase in passenger trips over the past fiscal year, including new service on behalf of the Quechan Indian Tribe and a plan to restore limited service to unincorporated areas of Yuma County. Discussions have also begun with Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) regarding a new bus shelter in Winterhaven and transfer of their El Centro-Winterhaven service to ICTC.

We expect to see many new and exciting developments occur in the next fiscal year, including a new look for our fleet of busses. Our newly designed and award winning website will allow greater access and keep residents constantly informed about what we're doing and where we're going. We encourage you to let us know what your needs are in regard to public transit, and on behalf of the Board I thank you for your continuing support of YCIPTA and YCAT.



Message from the Transit Director



Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board: In accordance with A.R.S. 28-9122 et seq. to establish an intergovernmental public transportation authority, this annual report will serve to advise the Board of Directors of the activities, transactions, and finances for the preceding fiscal year as well as recommended plans for future services. The report contains a summary of the activities, including performance for the public transportation system in Yuma County. The report provides an overview of revenues and expenditures along with a financial statement for FY2012. This is YCIPTA's second year of operations and the fiscal year was dedicated to managing the Yuma County Area Transit (YCAT)

system on behalf of YMPO as well as transitioning the transit operation to YCIPTA effective July 1, 2012. YCIPTA was also able to add three new members to the Board, increase contributions from new member agencies and increase ridership by 49% over FY 2010-2011. I look forward to an exciting FY 2013 as we stabilize the transit system and start preparing for a future transit sales tax.



Who is the Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority?

The Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) was formed by the Yuma County Board of Supervisors on December 13, 2010 after receiving petitions from the Cities of Yuma, San Luis, Somerton, Town of Wellton and Northern Arizona University to form a separate intergovernmental public transportation Authority in Yuma County for the purposes of managing the Yuma County Area Transit (YCAT) system. Cocopah Indian Tribe, Quechan Indian Tribe and Arizona Western College has since joined YCIPTA. YCAT got its start with two routes under the name Valley Transit in 1999, evolving to YCAT in 2002. Greater Yuma Area Dial-A-Ride got its start in 1996, evolving to YCAT OnCall in 2012. Both programs were initiated by the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization, the metropolitan planning organization for the Yuma Urbanized Area. Starting July 1, 2012, YCIPTA will assume the administration and operations of YCAT. Presently, YCAT is operated under contract to First Transit, Inc. YCIPTA is governed by nine Board of Directors appointed by the each of the member entities. There are three sub-committees that also provide guidance to staff and the Board of Directors **Statistics are below :**

FY 10-11	6	7	264,547	30	516,687	65	0	96	37	35,589	\$59.04
FY 11-12	9	13	312,857	28	623,306	65	3	316	32	31,494	\$52.35
Fiscal Year	Member Agencies & Board Members	Number of routes	Total Riders	Total Fleet	Total Revenue Miles	Total Service Area	Total Staff	Total Bus Stops	Total Contractor Staff	Total Vehicle Service Hours	Operating Cost per Hour

Financials & Statistics for Fiscal Year 2011-2012



Revenues	
City of Yuma	\$ 200,000.00
FTA Section 5307	\$ -
Total	\$ 200,000.00

Expenses	
Salaries/Wages	\$ -
General Administratio	\$ -
Operations	\$ -
Maintenance	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -
Total	\$ -

Since YCIPTA managed YMPO's transit program in FY 2012, all financial expenses made were passed through YMPO's accounting system. The only revenues received to YCIPTA was revenues from the City of Yuma, which will be reported in YMPO's accounting records.

Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) Board of Directors

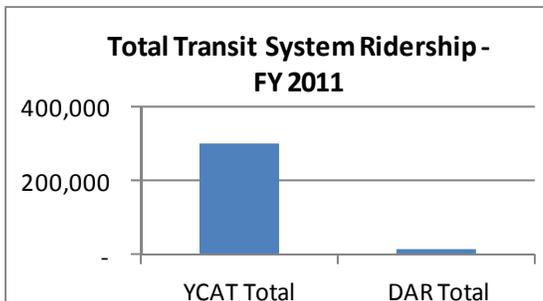
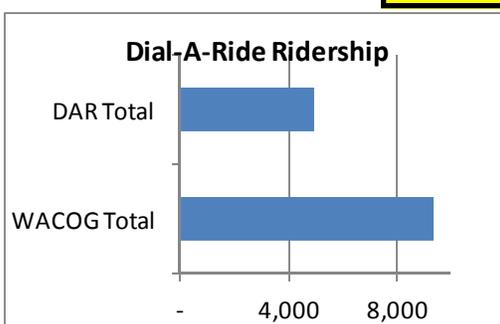
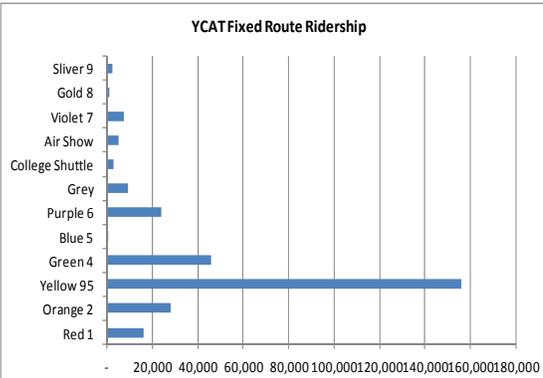
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YCIPTA Staff

- John Andoh, Transit Director
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First Transit, Inc Contract Staff

- Don Kilner, General Manager
- Rudy Reyes, Former Operations Manager
- Fernando Mena, Maintenance Manager



Passenger trips increased in Fiscal Year 2012 to 312,857, but still a decline from a high of 358,233 for the transit system combined in FY 2010. The increase over FY 2011 to 2012 is attributed to redesigned routes, new partnership arrangements with Arizona Western College, Northern Arizona University, Aztec High School and YPIC. Dial- A-Ride productivity declined due to a change in the program delivery from senior/persons with disabilities dial-a-ride to a pure ADA paratransit system in January 2012



Looking Ahead

The Transportation Authority will continue to evolve into a fully-functioning transit oversight agency in fiscal year 2013. Several projects that are underway include the rebranding of transit vehicles, purchase of additional bus stop amenities, including bus benches and shelters, completion of a five year Short Range Transit Plan with bus stop standards, rehabilitation and potential purchase of property for a transit maintenance facility. The City of Yuma is also pursuing funding to restore the Hotel Del Sol as a transit facility which will benefit YCIPTA. Staff will also continue to work to improve the YCAT transit system,

monitor service to ensure efficiency, apply for grants through the new Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), including additional using FTA Section 5311 and 5337 funding. As YCIPTA builds a bigger, better YCAT service, staff will strategize to go before the voters to implement a transit sales tax based on the recommendations from the Yuma Regional Transit Study. As we move into Year 3, excitement continues as YCAT evolves to be the premier transportation system of choice in Yuma County.



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Mission Statement

The Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority is committed to providing Yuma County with clean, affordable, reliable, efficient and safe public transportation services that aid in economic development, enhance the quality of life and ensures mobility and independence for our community.

Vision Statement

The Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority provides a cost effective public transportation system that improves the environment, air quality and the quality of life for our residents and visitors in the region.

Operated By:

First  **Transit**



Accomplishments In Fiscal Year 2012

- Became the Greyhound agent – generating \$35,000 in commission in FY 2011-2012
- Obtained Grantee status from Federal Transit Administration
- Obtained additional funding sources from AWC, NAU, Cocopah and Quechan Indian Tribe
- Added three new members – Cocopah, Quechan and AWC to the Transportation Authority
- Hired Administrative Assistant and Intern
- Transit Director started employment
- Entered into management agreement with YMPO to manage transit system on their behalf
- Applied for and received FTA Sections 5307, 5311 and 5316 grants
- Restructured transit service resulting in a 49% increase in passenger trips over the past fiscal year
- YMPO entered into new Agreement with First Transit based on request for proposals released in April 2011
- Set up policies, procedures, processes and protocols

- Restructured dial-a-ride services and partnered with WACOG and Saguaro Foundation to provide trips that are not defined as ADA eligible
- Revamped website and added trip planning features on www.ycat.az.gov
- Restructured the First Transit Agreement to reduce costs
- Implemented new service on behalf of the Quechan Indian Tribe
- Started work on the YCATPass Smart Card Project in conjunction with Acumen Transit
- YMPO completed the FY 2010-2011 audit with improved results over FY 2009-2010 for the transit fund
- Transitioned transit program finances into a separate account within Yuma County
- Established banking relationship with 1st Bank Yuma
- Executed new legal services, advertising services and independent auditor services, fueling services agreements
- Completed the Yuma Regional Transit Study
- Completed the Master Intergovernmental Agreement with all nine entities
- Started discussions with Imperial County Transportation Commission regarding a new bus shelter in Winterhaven and transfer of their El Centro-Winterhaven service to YCIPTA
- Carried 1,638 passenger trips on the Dump The Pump Day in June, 2012
- Provided Yuma Air Show shuttles for MCAS.

