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YUMA COUNTY AREA TRANSIT EXPANDS TO EL CENTRO STARTING MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013, REPLACES IMPERIAL VALLEY TRANSIT SERVICE TO WINTERHAVEN

YUMA, AZ (January 2, 2013) - Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) in partnership with Quechan Indian Tribe and Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) will be implementing a new transit service to connecting downtown El Centro, Quechan Casino Resort, Winterhaven, CA, downtown Yuma, AZ and the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation ending at the Paradise Casino. Thanks to a \$232,007 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant received by the Quechan Indian Tribe and a \$10,591 contribution from ICTC, this new three-way partnership will allow for Quechan Tribal members, eastern Imperial County and Yuma County residents and visitors better access to central Imperial County and the county seat, El Centro.

As a result of the new partnership and extension of Yuma County Area Transit (YCAT) services to downtown El Centro, the once-weekly Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) Route 3 extension between Holtville, CA and Winterhaven, CA on Wednesdays will be discontinued and replaced by YCAT Turquoise Route 10. This new route will allow passengers to receive direct access between eastern Imperial County, Yuma and El Centro.

The last operating day for IVT Route 3 between Holtville and Winterhaven is Wednesday, January 2, 2013. The first operating for YCAT Turquoise Route 10 between El Centro and Yuma is Monday, January 7, 2013.

The new YCAT Turquoise Route 10 starts at Paradise Casino, travels to the Downtown Yuma Transit Center, through Winterhaven and the Quechan Casino Resort to downtown El Centro at the IVT transfer terminal located at State and 14th Streets. The route will operate three days a week, Monday, Wednesday and Saturday with two round trips. There is a trip departing Yuma/Winterhaven at 9:15 am (10:15 am Saturday) and again at 3:05 pm. The trip from El Centro departs at 9:30 am (11:20 am Saturday) and again at 3:20 pm.

The fare is \$2.00 one way for adults and \$1.00 for students, seniors, persons with disabilities and Medicare card holders. In addition, there are 1-Day, 10-Ride, and 31-Day Passes available for this route.

For YCAT transit information and YCAT OnCall reservations call 928-783-2235. You can also visit the YCAT online at www.ycat.az.gov.

For IVT transit information call 760-482-2900. You can also visit the IVT online at www.ivtransit.com.

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