

# We're On A Roll in Yuma County!

## Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority Annual Report Fiscal Year 2010-2011



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 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 1,500 passenger trips to destinations throughout Yuma County on fixed route bus and dial-a-ride services. 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 and the Cocopah Indian Tribe. The Board of Directors, which numbers eight as of today, consists of administrative professionals from each of the member entities.

Since its inception, the YCAT has been funded by a combination of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grants and matching revenues from the local municipalities within Yuma County. The Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) has acted as the program host. As a metropolitan planning organization, the YMPO focus is on transportation planning. With an eye toward having an entity that would be responsible for transit only, the YMPO member entities decided it would be appropriate to form the YCIPTA to exclusively manage the YCAT system. Accordingly, the entities requested the Yuma County Board of Supervisors to authorize formation of the YCIPTA, which it did by unanimous vote.

Obtaining FTA grantee status in order to become an entity independent of YMPO has been the primary, initial mission of the YCIPTA. Our ongoing mission will be 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.



### 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 FY2011. This is YCIPTA's first year of operations and most of the fiscal year was dedicated to the formation

of the Transportation Authority and entering into IGA's for funding and administrative support. In FY2012, there will be more activity and funding to support the operation of the Yuma County Area Transit. I look forward to an exciting FY 2012 as we work towards the transition of the transit system to YCIPTA.



### 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. 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. Both programs were initiated by the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization, the metropolitan planning organization for the Yuma Urbanized Area. Starting in FY 2013, YCIPTA will assume the administration and operations of YCAT from YMPO. Presently, YCAT is operated under contract to First Transit, Inc. YCIPTA is governed by 8 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, including a transit riders advisory committee to review operational issues. **Statistics below are for FY 10-11:**

FY 10-11	6	6	7	264,547	30	516,687	65	0	37	35,589	\$59.04
Ending June 30, 2011	Member Agencies	Board Members	Number of routes	Total Riders	Total Fleet	Total Revenue Miles	Total Service Area	Total Staff	Total Contractor Staff	Total Vehicle Service Hours	Operating Cost per Hour

# Financials & Statistics for Fiscal Year 2010-2011



Revenues	
LTA II	\$ 75,764.08
FTA Section 5307*	\$ 180,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 255,764.08</b>

\*On a reimbursable basis from YMPO.

Expenses	
Salaries/Wages	\$ -
General Administration	\$ -
Operations	\$ -
Maintenance	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Since the Transportation Authority began operations on December 13, 2010 and held its first meeting on January 24, 2011, there has been no expenditures in FY 2011, as there was no staff and YMPO burdened the expenses.

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

- Robert Pickels Jr, Chairman—Yuma County
- Greg Wilkinson, Vice Chairman—City of Yuma
- Ralph Velez, Director—City of San Luis
- Bill Lee, Director—City of Somerton
- Rodney Rinehart, Director—Town of Wellton
- Dr. Larry Gould, Director—Northern Arizona University
- Dr. Glenn Mayle, Director—Arizona Western College (9/2011)
- Paul Soto, Director—Cocopah Indian Tribe (10/2011)

## Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority Staff

- John Andoh, Transit Director
- Wayne Benesch, Interim Legal Counsel
- Barry Olsen, Interim Legal Counsel
- Christy Isbell, Board Secretary\*
- Gilberto Villegas, Assistant Finance Director\*
- Erlinda SanRoman, Employment Analyst\*
- Yuma County Information Technology\*
- Yuma County Support Staff\*

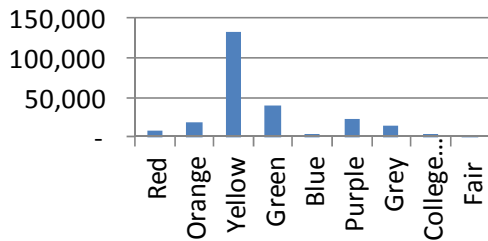
## Interim YCIPTA Staff—2011

- Charlene FitzGerald, Executive Director, YMPO
- Jessie Segovia, Interim Transit Director

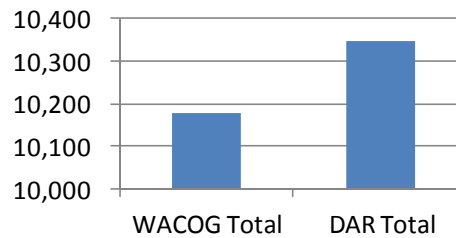
## First Transit, Inc. Contract Staff

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

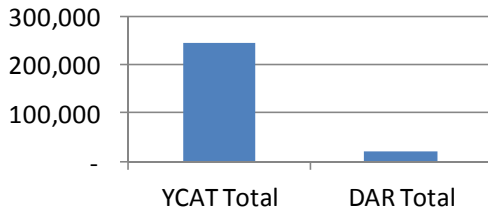
### YCAT Fixed Route Ridership



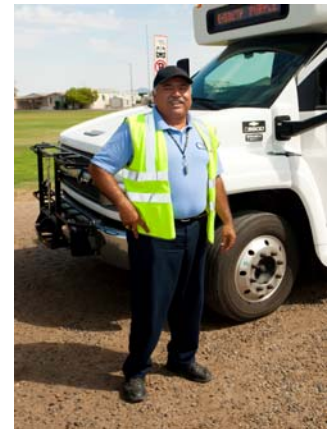
### Dial-A-Ride Ridership



### Total Transit System Ridership - FY 2011



Ridership declined in Fiscal Year 2011 to 264,527 from a high of 358,233 for the transit system combined. The decline in ridership is attributed to the reduction of transit service hours by four hours and the elimination of two routes in the City of Yuma.



## Looking Ahead

The Transportation Authority will continue to evolve into a fully-functioning transit oversight agency in fiscal year 2012. The hiring of staff, establishment of policies and obtaining grantee status from the Federal Transit Administration is critical for the Transportation Authority success. In addition to these tasks, the Transportation Authority will begin its oversight of the transit system under an

Intergovernmental agreement with YMPO, start the process of transitioning of assets, files and agreements to the Transportation Authority, implement recommendations from the Yuma Regional Transit Study to improve the transit system, continue to seek grants for the future sustainability of the transit system and start the process to develop a bus maintenance facility and transportation center in downtown Yuma. Excitement is on the way as the Transportation Authority grows 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 2011

- Through the petitions of the municipalities of Yuma County and NAU, the Yuma County Board of Supervisors formed YCIPTA on December 13, 2010.
- Started discussions with Federal Transit Administration regarding obtaining grantee status.
- Appointed interim Transit Director, legal counsel, a Board Secretary and an intergovernmental agreement with YMPO for IPTA staff and Treasurer's office for a public transportation fund.
- Started discussions with Arizona Western College regarding participation in the IPTA.
- Started functioning as a Board of Directors at its first meeting on January 28, 2011 and started the process to appoint Board members, terms, processes, policies and procedures.
- Received funding from the City of Yuma and YMPO to begin the process to hire staff and created two positions—Transit Director and Contract Administrator.
- Appointed a new Transit Director.

- Received approval from YMPO Executive Board to serve in an advisory capacity until receiving formal grantee status from FTA.
- YMPO Implemented new day pass on YCAT.
- YMPO selected First Transit to operate YCAT on an emergency basis in September 2010 and awarded a three year Agreement with two one year options to First Transit in May 2011.
- Formed a bylaws and personnel subcommittee.
- Developed a master intergovernmental agreement and bylaws.
- Worked to amend ARS 28-9102 to include Indian nations and community colleges on IPTAs.
- Started Yuma Regional Transit Study in conjunction with Yuma County and ADOT.
- Restructured services based on reduced funding to keep transit operating in Yuma County.
- Established meeting schedule and time for the Board.
- Received funding from all municipalities General Fund except Yuma for continued transit operations at a reduced level until an IPTA was formed.
- Implemented Acumen Smart Card System for educational institutions.
- Released request for proposals for redesigned YCAT and YCIPTA website.

