

Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority

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YUMA COUNTY AREA TRANSIT HAS NEW TROLLEY VEHICLES

YUMA, AZ (December 5, 2013) - The Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) received three trolley vehicles owned by Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for use on Yuma County Area Transit (YCAT) routes. Originally, the trolleys were in Sedona, then they were transferred to Lake Havasu City and are now in operating in Yuma.

The 31-foot trolley vehicle feature bicycle racks for up to two bicycles, a fare box, stop request system, destination signs, rear doors, wheelchair lift, ability to remove the side panel for an open air environment, is on a Freightliner chassis using a diesel powered Cummins engine. The vehicles delivered each have under 150,000 miles on them. The trolley seats 20 people with standing capacity for up to 30. In addition, there are two wheelchair positions on the trolley.

There was no cost to YCIPTA for obtaining these trolleys, as they were originally funded through a grant provided by ADOT from the Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 program in 2006.

For the month of December, if passengers find a trolley on the Red Route 1, Orange Route 2, Brown Route 3, Green Route 4 or Purple Route 6, the ride is free. Trolleys will also be used on HolidayCAT Holiday Light Tours later in the month of December and for special events and special shuttles.

A ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the trolley vehicles arrival in Yuma will occur on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. at the Hotel Del Sol, 200 Gila Street in Yuma.

For YCAT transit information and YCAT OnCall reservations call 928-783-2235. Interested parties can also visit the YCAT online at <u>www.ycat.az.gov</u>.

About Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority

YCIPTA is the public transportation provider for Yuma County, formed as an intergovernmental public transportation authority as defined in the Arizona Revised Statutes by the Yuma County Board of Supervisors, YCIPTA is governed by a nine member Board of Directors consisting of all of the municipalities, the County government, Indian tribes and higher educational institution in Yuma County. 381,000 passengers' trips were made on YCAT buses in FY 2013. YCIPTA operates, maintains and administers Yuma County Area Transit (YCAT) fixed route, deviated fixed route, vanpool and paratransit services and contracts services to Transportation Concepts of Irvine, CA, vRide of Troy, MI and Enterprise Rideshare of Tempe, AZ. See where it takes you at <u>www.ycat.az.gov</u> or call 928.783.2235.

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