



Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority

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PRESS RELEASE

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YUMA COUNTY AREA TRANSIT TO PROPOSE SERVICE CHANGES

Great opportunity to learn about YCIPTA's Short Range Transit Plan, future bus service changes and YCIPTA's proposed financial plan

YUMA, AZ (May 20, 2014) - Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) is developing a five year Short Range Transit Plan which will entail making YCAT bus service faster and even easier to use. As a result, there will be changes to the transit system, which would take effect on Monday, August 18, 2014. There will be better-timed connections to routes at Cocopah Casino, AWC/NAU/UA Transfer Hub, West Yuma Transfer Hub, and Downtown Yuma Transit Center. YCIPTA wants input from riding public and the community on this matter. Please join YCIPTA's consultant and staff at the following opportunities:

COMMUNITY MEETINGS (TWO HOUR SESSIONS)

- Arizona Western College East Meeting Room in 3C Building on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Heritage Branch Library, 350 3rd Avenue, Yuma on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- City of Somerton/Public Safety Building on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Wellton Public Library on Thursday, May 29, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- City of San Luis City Hall Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday, May 29, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Cocopah Community Center, 14251 S. Veterans Dr, on Friday, May 30, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Quechan Community Center, 604 Picacho Rd, Winterhaven, CA on Friday, May 30, 2014 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

AT YCAT TRANSFER POINTS (TWO HOUR SESSIONS)

- AWC/NAU/UA Transfer Hub Bus Stop at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2014.
- San Luis - Main Street @ Factor Warehouse Bus Stop at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2014.

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- Downtown Yuma Transit Center Bus Stop at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2014.
- West Yuma Transfer Hub Bus Stop at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2014.
- Yuma Palms Regional Center Bus Stop at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2014.
- Somerton - Main Street @ State Avenue (northbound) Bus Stop at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 29, 2014.

ON-BOARD SELECTED BUS TRIPS

- On Orange Route 2 departing AWC/NAU/UA Transfer Hub at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2014.
- On Turquoise Route 10 departing Yuma Palms Regional Center at 10:20 a.m. on Saturday, May 31, 2014.
- On Yellow Route 95 departing Downtown Yuma Transit Center at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, 2014.
- On Silver Route 9 departing AWC/NAU/UA Transfer Hub at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2014.
- On Purple Route 6A departing West Cocopah Reservation at 7:49 a.m. on Monday, June 2, 2014.
- On Green Route 4 departing Downtown Yuma Transit Center at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 2, 2014.
- On Gold Route 8 departing AWC/NAU/UA Transfer Hub at 2:55 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2014.
- On Yellow Route 95 departing Downtown Yuma Transit Center at 5 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2014
- On Brown Route 3 departing AWC/NAU/UA Transfer Hub at 9:55 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2014.
- On Blue Route 5 departing Downtown Yuma Transit Center at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2014.
- On Red Route 1 departing Downtown Yuma Transit Center at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2014.

PUBLIC HEARING

- YCIPTA Board of Directors Meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2014.

Some of the service changes being contemplated includes the following:

- Two way service on Orange Route 2, Green Route 4, Purple Route 6A, Gold Route 8 and Yellow Route 95
- 30 minute service during the peak period (6:00 am to 9:00 am and 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm) on Yellow Route 95, weekdays.
- Discontinuance of service to Z Fun Factory, Sierra Pacific and El Prado Mobile Home Parks and on 1st Avenue, 24th Street between Pacific and 4th Avenues, 16th Street east of Atlantic Avenue due to low ridership through surveys.
- Reschedule of all routes to have true timed hubs at Downtown Yuma Transit Center, West Yuma Transfer Hub and AWC/NAU/UA Transfer Hub.
- Addition of flex service on Blue Route 5 on the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation

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- Seasonal Saturday service on Brown Route 3 in the Fortuna Foothills.
- Realignment of Silver Route 9 to travel through Somerton with additional morning trips from South County to AWC/NAU/UA.
- Additional service to AWC Wellton on request via Gold Route 8 and ACCT Call Center in San Luis via Yellow Route 95.
- Movement of Mesa Verde and Orange Grove service from Purple Route 6A to Yellow Route 95.
- Better connection between YCAT Turquoise Route 10 and Imperial Valley Transit routes at El Centro Regional Bus Transfer Terminal.

Passengers can also submit comments in writing to: John Andoh, Transit Director, YCIPTA, 2715 East 14th Street, Yuma, AZ 85365, email to jandoh@ycipta.az.gov, fax to: 928.783.0309 or call to: 928.539.7076, ext 237. Please submit any comments by Friday, June 6, 2014 by 12:00 p.m.

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

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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, vRide, Enterprise Holdings and Saguaro Foundation. See where it takes you at www.ycat.az.gov or call 928.783.2235.

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