

## Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## YUMA TRANSIT NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONTINUE BETWEEN FIRST TRANSIT AND AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION LOCAL 1433 IN MARCH

**YUMA, AZ (February 13, 2013)** - Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) has been advised the negotiations between First Transit and the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 1433 have concluded today (as of February 13, 2013) and will reconvene in March to further continue the negotiations towards a final collective bargaining agreement.

At this time, Yuma County Area Transit (YCAT) bus routes will continue to operate as normally scheduled.

YCIPTA continues to urge passengers to stay informed of the status of the negotiations between First Transit and ATU Local 1433 by visiting <u>www.ycipta.az.gov</u>, call (928) 783-2235 or email <u>info@ycipta.az.gov</u> every so often. If the situation changes, YCIPTA will advise its passengers via local media outlets, online, through customer service representatives and notices on the buses.

If a work stoppage was to occur, First Transit management has developed contingency plans to ensure as much transit service is provided as possible. The proposed contingency plan will remain available online at <u>www.ycat.az.gov</u> and by calling (928) 783-2235.

**About YCIPTA:** The Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) is an IPTA that was formed on December 13, 2010 by the Yuma County Board of Supervisors to administer, plan, operate and maintain public transit services throughout Yuma County, including within the political jurisdictional boundaries of the Cities of Yuma, San Luis, Somerton, Town of Wellton and the unincorporated Yuma County areas. YCAT services are operated by First Transit, Inc of Cincinnati, Ohio under contract to YCIPTA, which ends on June 30, 2014. YCIPTA owns all vehicles for fixed-route and demand-response service as well as leases the East 14th Street and Atlantic Avenue maintenance facility.

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

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