

## Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## YUMA COUNTY AREA TRANSIT EXPANDS TO CALIFORNIA

**YUMA, AZ (June 12, 2012)** - Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) in partnership with Quechan Indian Tribe has implemented new transit service to the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, including Winterhaven, Paradise Casino, The "Q" and within walking distance of Alagdones, Mexico. Thanks to a \$232,007 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant received by the Quechan Indian Tribe and their recent membership as a participant in YCIPTA, new services were able to be implemented to their reservation.

The new Blue Route 5 starts at Paradise Casino and traverses through the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, through Winterhaven to the Quechan Casino Resort. There passengers can walk to Agaldones, Mexico. The bus then continues back to Winterhaven, through Downtown Yuma terminating at Paradise Casino. This route operates every 60 minutes between 7:15 am and 7:08 pm, Monday through Friday and again from 9:15 am and 5:08 pm on Saturday.

In addition, the Red Route 1 was revised to direct all trips to Paradise Casino instead of Winterhaven except the first trip in the morning on weekdays and the last on request trip at night on Wednesday.

The fare is \$2.00 one way for basic fare (Adults) and \$1.00 for students, seniors, persons with disabilities and Medicare card holders – Countywide with new 10-Ride, Day and 31-Day Passes.

In addition, dial-a-ride service is provided to the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation within a <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile radius of the route and NightCAT provides AWC and NAU students and employees with the opportunity to get home after evening classes to the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation. That bus departs at 8:10 pm and 10:10 pm when both Arizona Western College and Northern Arizona University is in session.

For YCAT Transit Information call 928-783-2235 and Greater Yuma Area Dial-A-Ride reservations call 928-539-7076. You can also visit the YCAT online at <u>www.ycat.org</u>.

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