

## Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority

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## PRESS RELEASE

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## NEW SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO YUMA COUNTY AREA TRANSIT TO IMPROVE ON TIME PERFORMANCE, EXPANDS TO FORTUNA FOOTHILLS AND SAN LUIS

**YUMA, AZ (January 2, 2013)** - The Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) is in need to make service changes to improve the overall reliability and performance of the routes. There will be reduction in route miles to several routes. In addition, three new services/routes will be implemented.

Some highlights of the service change include:

Implementation of Brown Route 3 which would operate in the Fortuna Foothills as a checkpoint deviation service, Monday through Saturday with connections to YCAT Orange Route 2 at Arizona Western College. This route would provide door to door service throughout the entire Fortuna Foothills area. Fare ranges from \$2.00 to \$4.00.

Implementation of Turquoise Route 10 which would operate on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from Paradise Casino, through Downtown Yuma, Winterhaven and the Quechan Casino Resort to El Centro with two round trips each operating day funded in partnership by the Quechan Indian Tribe and Imperial County Transportation Commission.

Implementation of WelltonCAT which would operate one day a week service within the Town of Wellton for local intracity trips during a four hour period, starting in February or March 2013.

Orange Route 2 will be revised to provide service via 32<sup>nd</sup> Street between Araby Road and Avenue 3E, as well as provide direct service to the Yuma Community Food Bank. This route revision will allow for improved on time performance to the route. In addition, Wi-Fi is available on board the route and a Next Bus service will be available to where passengers can see in real time when the bus is due to arrive whether it is

online, through a text message or on signs at the bus stop located at Arizona Western College.

Purple Route 6 will be revised to provide southbound service on Avenue C between 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 24<sup>th</sup> Street, opposite of the Green Route 4 to provide this area with two way service to Yuma Regional Medical Center and Walmart on Avenue B. Service on Avenue A and 8<sup>th</sup> Street will travel in the northbound direction only.

Silver Route 9 will provide southbound service to Somerton upon request and serve the new neighborhood in San Luis off Avenue F between Highway 195 and County 24<sup>th</sup> Street.

Yellow Route 95 will operate every 45 minutes all day long, Monday through Saturday, an improvement from the 60 minute service today and serve more locations in San Luis, such as 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, County 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and operate closer to the US/Mexico Border.

All other YCAT routes will have rescheduling to improve its on time performance, connectivity to other routes and some routes will be shorten/

More details are available at the YCIPTA offices, on board YCAT buses, or online at <u>www.ycat.az.gov</u>. If you have any questions or want to provide comment on the upcoming service changes, please call (928) 783-2235 or email jandoh@ycipta.az.gov.

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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