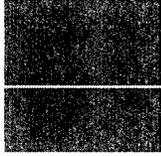


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Good evening Mayor and Council, at this weeks' meetings you will be considering use of LATF funding for a few bus route enhancements. It is listed as Consent Agenda item #19. The extension of route 112 East on Pecos to the Hamilton turn-round will be very helpful for many of the patients and employees of the Chandler Family Health Center. The Center is one of the Maricopa Special Health Care District neighborhood clinics that has quietly served thousands of our residents for many years. In FY2013 we expect almost 22,000 patient visits. Of course, we serve a lot of children so this bus service will really help many of our community's neediest families. In Chandler we provide Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics and Ob/Gyn as well as pharmacy, dental, ultrasound, radiology, laboratory and diabetic education. We are also working with ICAN – just across the street.

We structure our Financial Assistance Program (CopaCare) for uninsured patients on a sliding scale basis tied to their annual income. The care is affordable to residents in Maricopa County-regardless of their financial situation or insurance status. I hope you will approve the #112 bus route that will allow our patients to reach our health center without walking from Arizona Avenue.

If you would like to know more about the Maricopa Special Health Care District, <http://www.mihs.org/> please let me know.

Thanks

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MEMORANDUM Transportation & Development Department– Memo No. TN13-10

DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL

THRU: RICH DLUGAS, CITY MANAGER *RD*
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SUBJECT: USE OF LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FUNDS (LTAF II) REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$536,000 ANNUALLY TO FUND NON-ADA DIAL-A-RIDE AND BUS SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS ON ROUTES 96 (DOBSON), 104 (ALMA SCHOOL), 112 (ARIZONA), 542 (EXPRESS) AND EXTENDING ROUTE 112 SOUTH TO PECOS ROAD AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that Council approve the use of Local Transportation Assistance Funds (LTAF II) revenue in the amount of \$536,000 annually to fund non-ADA Dial-A-Ride and bus service enhancements by adding trips to routes 96 (Dobson), 104 (Alma School), 112 (Arizona), and 542 (Express) as detailed in Attachment 1 and extending Route 112 south to Pecos Road as detailed in Attachments 1 and 2.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: In January 2012, the State restored LTAF II funding, which can only be used for transit related operations or capital projects. As a result, Chandler will receive \$692,821 for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

Although the amount of funding will be \$692,821 in the upcoming fiscal year, future LTAF II amounts may not necessarily be as high. LTAF II funds are based on Powerball revenue and can vary from year to year. Since 1998, LTAF II funds have averaged about \$400,000 annually, from a low of \$0 in FY 02/03 to a high of \$682,000 in FY 06/07. Moving forward, it is anticipated by the State and Valley Metro that LTAF II funds distributed to cities will be less variable. Consequently, approximately \$550,000 of this year’s LTAF II funding could be seen as ongoing funding that can be applied to operation costs. The remainder should be treated as

one-time funds for capital projects and planning studies. If in future years LTAF II revenue appears stable at approximately \$690,000, additional service enhancements can be made at that time.

Staff has put together a proposal for the use of LTAF II funds. Under this proposal, the newly restored LTAF II revenue would fund the non-ADA Dial-A-Ride program (for senior citizens) as well as approximately \$300,000 annually for new fixed-route bus service.

A majority of the new bus service can be implemented in January 2013 (the next Valley Metro scheduled service modification period). Some of the proposed service (Route 104 evening and Saturday service and Route 112 evening service), however, can only be implemented if the City of Mesa agrees to fund an extension of their bus service to the City of Chandler border. If Mesa decides to fund this service, the new service will be implemented in July 2013 or later. It is important to note that all of the service additions proposed for local bus routes (96, 104 and 112) will connect to light rail in Mesa after the completion of the three-mile extension currently under construction.

The staff proposal is as follows (see Attachment 1 for more details on the staff proposal):

January 2013 Implementation

Route 96 (Dobson) – Extend 1 additional AM trip and 2 additional PM trips in each direction to Snedigar Sports Complex in south Chandler (currently, only 12 trips in each direction serve south Chandler).

542 (Express) – Add one trip in each direction.

112 (Arizona) – Extend route south by ½ mile to Pecos Road. Turnaround at Hamilton Street (see Attachment 2). Service extension would serve the Wal-Mart Shopping Center, ICAN, and Chandler Family Health Center.

July 2013 or Later Implementation (Pending Mesa Decision)

Route 104 (Alma School) – Extend evening service until 9PM (add 2 northbound and 1 southbound trips). Add hourly Saturday service (13 trips in each direction).

Route 112 (Arizona) – Improve weekday evening service to 30-minute frequencies through 9:30PM (add 2 northbound trips and 3 southbound trips). Expand Saturday evening service through 9PM (add 1 northbound and 2 southbound trips). Expand Sunday evening service through 9PM (add 1 northbound and 1 southbound trip).

Staff presented this proposal and received feedback at a public meeting held on August 21, 2012. Five citizens attended. Citizen feedback received at this meeting and via email/ telephone has generally been supportive of the staff proposal.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION: At the June 21, 2012 Transportation Commission meeting, the Commission recommended approval of bus service enhancements. Since that time, the staff recommendation has been modified to add the Route 112 Extension to Pecos Road.

PROPOSED MOTION: Move that Council approve the use of Local Transportation Assistance Funds (LTAF II) revenue in the amount of \$536,000 annually to fund non-ADA Dial-A-Ride and bus service enhancements by adding trips to routes 96 (Dobson), 104 (Alma School), 112 (Arizona), and 542 (Express) and extending Route 112 south to Pecos Road as recommended by staff.

ATTACHMENT 1

LTAf II - Staff Recommendation

LTAf II Revenue - FY12/13

\$692,821

Fund Existing Service

Route	Service	Annual Cost
EVDAR	Non-ADA Dial-A-Ride	\$ 210,000

Jan. 2013 Service Additions

Route	Service	Annual Cost
96 (Dobson)	Extend 6 Additional Trips to Snedigar	\$ 45,000
542 (Express)	Add 1 Round Trip	\$ 74,000
112 (Arizona)	Extend Route to Pecos Rd. with a turnaround at Hamilton St.	\$ 110,000
Service Addition Subtotal		\$ 229,000

Jul. 2013 or Later Service Additions (Pending Mesa Decision)

Route	Service	Annual Cost
104 (Alma School)	Almost Match Mesa's Service Level	
	...Saturday - 60-minute freq.	\$ 41,000
	...M-F Evenings - until 9:00PM	\$ 22,000
112 (Arizona)	Match Mesa's Service Level	
	...M-F Evenings 30-minute freq.	\$ 27,000
	...Sat./Sun. Evening until 9PM	\$ 7,000
Jul. 2013 Service Addition Subtotal		\$ 97,000
TOTAL ONGOING EXPENSES		\$ 536,000
REMAINING FUNDS		\$ 156,821

