

**CITY OF GOODYEAR
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

SUBJECT: Transit Update	STAFF PRESENTER: Rebecca Zook, Director of Engineering, Christine McMurdy, Administrative Services Supervisor CASE NUMBER: None. OTHER PRESENTER: Scott Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Valley Metro/RPTA
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PROPOSED ACTION:

Council will receive a presentation regarding the status of Transit services currently offered in Goodyear, options for Senior transportation, workforce transportation and innovation opportunities.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

During the 2018 Budget Retreat, the City Council requested an update on transit services in Goodyear. Valley Metro staff will present updates on current services, including the Zoom extension, Express bus Route 562, local and regional Dial A Ride services (Paratransit) and RideChoice, which is a new Senior service currently offered in the city of Surprise.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

The Avondale Zoom Circulator service rolled into Goodyear on October 26, 2015. The extension begins at the Goodyear Community Park, and proceeds southbound on Litchfield Road, and eastbound on McDowell Road to the end of the Palm Valley Boulevard cul-de-sac, making stops along the way. It turns around and follows the route in reverse before rejoining the Zoom route in Avondale. Service hours are Monday through Friday from 5:21 a.m. to 9:15 p.m., and Saturday from 5:47 a.m. to 6:44 p.m. There is no Sunday service but Valley Metro is proposing adding Sunday service in April 2019. The fare is fifty cents. The buses can accommodate up to 22 passengers, in addition to two wheelchairs and two bicycles.

The 562 Express is a commuter route that operates Monday-Friday between the Goodyear Park-and-Ride and Downtown Phoenix in the morning and in the evening for \$3.50 for one ride or \$6.50 for an all-day pass. The 562 Express provides four inbound trips between 6am-8am and four outbound trips from 4pm-6pm. Funding for the 562 Express is covered by Proposition 400 (½ cent sales tax) and is managed by Valley Metro.

In July 2016 the Valley Metro Board of Directors adopted a regional paratransit plan allowing ADA certified individuals to travel on paratransit throughout the region without making a transfer between jurisdictions. Regional ADA paratransit service is provided for trips that cross boundaries

from one Dial-a-Ride service area to another. A passenger trip may begin anywhere within a community's locally designated ADA service area but their destination must be within the federally mandated ADA service area.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Expenses for the Zoom extension and operations and maintenance of the Park and Ride are paid for with Arizona Lottery Funds (ALF). Expenses for Express Route 562, Local Route 17 on McDowell Road and Paratransit service are paid by Valley Metro with Proposition 400 revenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

This presentation is for information and feedback only. At the May 21, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting, staff will be requesting Council action on the renewal of the City's Intergovernmental Agreement with Valley Metro to continue Zoom and Paratransit services for FY2019.

ATTACHMENTS:

Valley Metro PowerPoint