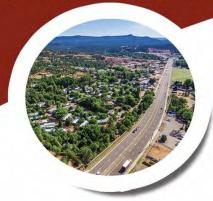


HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION PLAN 2017 - 2019

The purpose of this plan is to identify the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults and people with low incomes; provide strategies for meeting these needs; and prioritizing transportation services for funding and implementations



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The Central Arizona Governments (CAG) Region serves the Gila and Pinal County areas, which includes seventeen (17) Municipalities, two (2) County Governments and four (4) Native American Communities. The CAG Region's population in 2015 was 443,402 people in and is over 10,000 square miles.

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Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization

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The Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) provides transportation planning services to the communities of Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy and rural portions of Pinal County that covers 1,155 square miles with an estimated population of nearly 110,000.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

Federal Transit Law requires that projects selected for funding under the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) programs begin with a locally developed coordinated public transit human services transportation plan. The purpose of this type of plan is to identify the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults and people with low incomes, provide strategies from meeting these needs and prioritize transportation services for funding and implementation.

The Central Arizona Governments (CAG) and the Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) recognize that the transit environment is dynamic and dependent on stakeholder involvement. As a result, CAG and the Sun Corridor MPO reviews and updates the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan (the "Plan") every three years with annual updates to follow in order to capture annual adjustments. This Plan update is the three-year update for the State Fiscal Years 2017 thru 2019 and includes updated regional demographic information as well as the status of new and existing transportation providers serving the transportation dependent and disadvantaged populations in the region.

CAG and the Sun Corridor MPO utilize a process that includes representatives of public, private and nonprofit transportation and human service providers, elected officials and public participation to identify transit needs/service gaps and to establish priorities in order to make informative funding decisions for specialized transportation services.

1.2 REGION

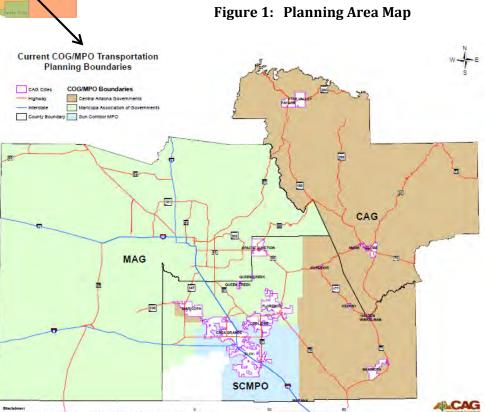
The CAG and the Sun Corridor MPO Region includes two Counties, Gila and Pinal. However, Pinal County is split into three primary transportation planning authorities – CAG, Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and Sun Corridor MPO. Figure 1 Planning Area Map and Figure 6 in **Section 2.2** helps define the boundaries where all three borders converge.

CAG, incorporated in 1975, is one of six regional planning districts, or Councils of Governments (COGs), and was established by Executive Order 70-2 and signed by the Governor of Arizona to provide effective regional planning services to Gila and Pinal Counties. The goal of Executive Order 70-2 was to promote a "community of interest" and to preserve the boundaries of the Region. The Executive Order established a population base throughout the Region, sufficient to support a number of planning activities, while complying with federal planning requirements and addressing the concerns of local government officials.

The CAG Region is comprised of Gila and Pinal Counties, and includes the seventeen (17) incorporated communities of Apache Junction, Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Florence, Globe, Hayden, Kearny, Mammoth, Marana, Maricopa, Miami, Payson, Queen Creek, Star Valley, Superior and Winkelman. The Ak-Chin Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community, San Carlos Apache Tribe and White Mountain Apache Tribe are also members of the Region. The 2010 Census determined that the City of Casa Grande, and its environs, had reached a population over 50,000. As a result, federal law required formation of a Metropolitan Planning Organization to provide transportation planning within designated boundaries. The Sun Corridor MPO now provides transportation planning services to the communities of Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy and rural portions of Pinal County, covering 1,155 square miles, with a current estimated population of nearly 112,699.



Nestled between two Transportation Management Areas; MAG and Pima Association of Governments (PAG), along with three Native American Tribes; the Sun Corridor MPO is in a unique position of developing relationships that will enhance the corridor's ability to provide goods, services, economic development strategies, improve local regionally significant roads, regional and local transit systems, and identify transportation needs and improvements along Interstate 8, Interstate 10, the future Interstate 11 and working with the Region's railroads.



1.3 LAWS & REGULATIONS GUIDING THE PLAN

Federal Initiatives and Legislation

2003 GAO Report

A June 2003 report from the Government Accountability Office (GAO), entitled "Transportation Disadvantaged Populations: Some Coordination Efforts Among Programs Providing Transportation Services, but Obstacles Persist," identified 62 Federal programs that provide funding for transportation services for transportation-disadvantaged populations, and found significant variation in the extent to which the programs coordinated their efforts.

Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility

In response to the GAO Report, President Bush signed an Executive Order on February 24, 2004, "to enhance access to transportation to improve mobility, employment opportunities, and access to community services for persons who are transportation-disadvantaged." The Executive Order also established the Interagency Transportation Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM) to:

- Promote interagency cooperation and the establishment of appropriate mechanisms to minimize duplication and overlap of Federal programs and services so that transportationdisadvantaged persons have access to more transportation services;
- Facilitate access to the most appropriate, cost-effective transportation services within existing resources;
- Encourage enhanced customer access to a variety of transportation and available resources;
- Formulate and implement administrative, policy and procedural mechanisms that enhance transportation services at all levels; and
- Develop and implement a method for monitoring progress on achieving the goals of the Order.

United We Ride

The CCAM developed *United We Ride*, a Federal interagency initiative aimed at improving the availability, quality and efficient delivery of transportation services for older adults, people with disabilities and individuals with lower incomes, by advancing the following goals:

- Simplify customer access to transportation;
- Reduce duplication of transportation services;
- Streamline federal rules and regulations that may impede the coordinated delivery of services: and
- Improve the efficiency of services using existing resources.

The Gila-Pinal Rides Transportation Coordination Committee (Gila-Pinal Rides Committee) comes from the United We Ride and Arizona Rides program with the same focus of improving transportation options to the residents of the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region.

Federal Funding Sources

Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST Act), signed into law in December 2015, is the current federal surface transportation legislation that supersedes the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). Sections 5316 (Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program), and 5317 (New Freedom Transit Program) were repealed under MAP-21. The new legislation strengthens the requirement for coordination, funding limits and asset management and continues to require that all funded projects are included in a coordinated human services transportation plan. See the existing two key Federal funding sources described below.

Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (FTA Section 5310)

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 program enhances mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities by providing funds to programs that serve the unique needs of transitdependent populations. These services are in addition to those found under traditional public transportation services and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary para-transit services. The 5310 Program under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) was a "capital only" program with a match of 80/20. However, under the FAST Act operational costs are now eligible for up to 45 percent of the allocated funds. Projects previously funded through Section 5317 may be a source for operating assistance under Section 5310.

In Arizona, the Section 5310 Program also receives an infusion of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds each year that can be used for capital projects in rural areas.

The Federal government allocates funds to each state and large urban areas based on the population of elderly and residents who are disabled. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is responsible for distributing funds to the rural and small urban areas of the state. With the corresponding funding changes found under the FAST Act, Arizona is evaluating how to distribute these funds to its rural regions in the future.

Rural Areas (FTA Section 5311)

FTA Section 5311 is a formula grant program for transportation services throughout rural areas (population under 50,000). The 5311 Program provides a source of funding to assist in the design and implementation of support services intended to meet the needs of transit operators in nonurbanized areas. The FTA specifically cites the use of coordination in an effort to make the best use of Federal funds. The match continues to be set at 80/20 for capital projects and 50/50 for operating expenses. ADOT is the designated recipient for Program 5311 funds and distributes them with a sliding scale https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/fta-(see link circulars/formula-grants-rural-areas-program-guidance-and-application).

ADOT Coordinated Mobility Program

In rural portions of Arizona, ADOT manages the Section 5310 grant program. In response to the Federal United We Ride initiative and FAST Act requirements, ADOT began its coordinated mobility program to administer the grant programs and provide assistance and oversight for locally coordinated efforts.

Beginning in 2007, all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Councils of Governments (COGs) in Arizona were required to adopt and annually update a coordination plan that inventories existing transportation services for elderly individuals, individuals with disabilities and low-income individuals; identifies unmet transportation needs and provides strategies for improving coordination to meet those needs. Each COG receives funding to carry out these responsibilities.

The coordination plan must be developed and approved through a process that includes seniors, people with disabilities and transportation providers, among others. The plan must also be coordinated, to the maximum extent possible, with the transportation programs of other Federal departments and agencies. All MPOs and COGs in Arizona must have a coordination plan in place in order for programs in their respective areas to be eligible for funding through the Section 5310 Program.

Eligible Recipients:

Formula funds from FTA are apportioned to ADOT as the direct recipient. In addition:

- States for rural and small urban areas (small Urbanized Areas or UZAs) and designated recipients chosen by the Governor of the State for large urban areas (large Urbanized Areas or UZAs);
- State or local governmental entities that operates a public transportation service;
- Direct recipients have flexibility in how they select sub-recipient projects for funding, but their decision process must be clearly noted in a state/program management plan;
- The selection process may be Formula-based, Competitive or Discretionary and subrecipients include States or local governmental authorities, private non-profit organizations, or operators of public transportation. (For details, see Chapter 7 Priorities: Project Evaluation and Selection).

Eligible Activities:

At least 55 percent of program funds must be used for capital or "traditional" 5310 projects. Examples include:

- Buses and vans; wheelchair lifts, ramps, and securement devices; transit-related information technology systems including scheduling/routing/one-call systems, and mobility management programs.
- Acquisition of transportation services under a contract, lease or other arrangement. Both capital and operating costs associated with contracted service are eligible capital expenses. User subsidies are considered one form of eligible arrangement. Funds may be requested for contracted services covering a period of more than one year. The capital eligibility of acquisition of services as authorized in 49 U.S.C. 5310(b)(4) is limited to the Section 5310 program.

The remaining 45 percent is for other "nontraditional" projects. Under MAP-21, the program was modified to include projects eligible under the former 5317 New Freedom Transit Program, described as "Capital and operating expenses for new public transportation services and alternatives beyond those required by the ADA, designed to assist individuals with disabilities and seniors."

Examples include: Travel training; volunteer driver programs; building an accessible path to a bus stop including curb-cuts, sidewalks, accessible pedestrian signals or other accessible features; improving signage, or way-finding technology; incremental cost of providing same day service or door-to-door service; purchasing vehicles to support new accessible taxi, rides sharing and/or vanpooling programs, and mobility management.

1.4 PLANNING PERIOD

This Plan for the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO will be the three-year update for Fiscal Year 2017 thru Fiscal Year 2019. Annual updates to this three-year Plan will be provided until the next three-year plan update takes effect. A broad range of jurisdictions are affected by the development of transit in the region and therefore approval of this program goes through multiple committees for review and approval. The activities in this Plan's development are according to the following tentative schedule:

Gila-Pinal Rides Review	09/19/18
SCMPO TAC - 30-day Notice Approval	10/18/18
SCMPO Executive Board - 30-Day Notice	11/13/18
Approval	, ,
Start of 30-Day Public Notice	11/14/18
End of 30-Day Public Notice	12/14/18
CAG TTAC for approval	01/10/19
SCMPO TAC for approval	02/21/19
CAG Management for approval	03/07/19

SCMPO Executive Board for approval	03/12/19
CAG Regional Council for approval	03/27/19
Submit Final DRAFT to ADOT.	03/28/19

See additional details of the adoption Timeline in Appendix 1.

1.5 DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

This document is an update to the Plan developed in coordination with CAG, the Sun Corridor MPO, the Gila-Pinal Rides Committee (Coordinating Council), area transit providers, human services agencies, area transportation committees, system users and other interested stakeholders. Surveys were conducted by using email lists and directly calling interested stakeholders. A copy of the survey questionnaire can be found in Appendix 2 of this document. Both the "providers" and "stakeholder" survey instruments were combined and distributed in August 2016, completed in September 2016 and compiled for use in this study prior to the 3-year draft submittal in October 2016.

The study review process included input and comments from the Gila-Pinal Rides Committee, the CAG Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) and Management Committees, the Sun Corridor MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Executive Board, as well as regional human service agencies whose clients reside and travel in Gila and/or Pinal Counties.

1.6 ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN

ADOT requires that each coordination plan, at a minimum, consist of:

- An assessment of available services that identify current transportation providers (public, private and nonprofit);
- An assessment of transportation needs for individuals with disabilities and older adults;
- Strategies, activities and/or projects to address the identified gaps between current service and needs as well as opportunities to achieve efficiencies in service delivery; and
- Priorities for implementation are based on resources, time and feasibility.

FTA requires that projects applying for 5310 program funds must be identified in a coordination plan. As such, the following chapters of the Plan are organized to present these required elements and other information that supports the overall planning process.

- **Chapter 1:** Introduces the Section 5310 program and purpose, the region, law and regulations guiding the Plan, the planning period, the process and the elements of the Plan.
- **Chapter 2:** Discusses current conditions in the region including organizational infrastructure, demographics, geographical information and the backgrounds for the Central Arizona Governments, Sun Corridor MPO and regional transit providers.
- **Chapter 3:** Provides vehicle inventories and identifies unmet transit needs of the Region.

Chapter 4: Incudes conditions assessment, provider feedback, performance data, gaps in service and service redundancies, organizational capacities, partnerships, coordination activities and infrastructure.

Chapter 5: Identifies trip generators for regional transit.

Chapter 6: Identifies barriers, opportunities and strategies in community transportation.

Chapter 7: Identifies performance priorities.

Chapter 8: Project evaluation and selection for federal funding

Chapter 9: Outlines the public input process for the Plan.

2. CURRENT CONDITIONS

2.1 ORGANIZATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Central Arizona Governments

CAG is a quasi-governmental entity serving as a forum for public officials, citizens and other interest groups within Gila and Pinal Counties to adopt policies and plans that address various transportation issues. The role of CAG is to coordinate the activities of Federal, State, and Local agencies, provide assistance and encourage public participation in the long-term development of the area.

Although CAG serves Gila and Pinal Counties, the transportation coordination planning processes for rural and urbanized areas are shared by three different agencies. **Table 1: Population by Transportation Boundary within Gila & Pinal Counties** breaks down the estimated populations by the transportation boundaries in which the agency serves. The estimates originate from the American Community Survey 5-year estimates from 2012-2016.

Table 1: Population by Transportation Boundary within Gila & Pinal Counties

Community	Population
CAG	
Ak-Chin Indian Community	1,351
Gila County – (Remainder of unincorporated County)	17,584
City of Globe	7,369
Town of Hayden	519
Town of Kearny	2,306
Town of Mammoth	1,553
Town of Marana (Pinal County Portion)	0
Town of Miami	2,153
Town of Payson	15,297
Pinal County – (Remainder of unincorporated County within CAG Transportation Boundary)	22,233
San Carlos Apache Tribe – (Gila County portion)	5,950
Town of Star Valley	1,976
Town of Superior	2,895
White Mountain Apache Tribe – (Gila County portion)	2,049
Town of Winkelman	282
TOTAL:	83,517
SUN CORRIDOR MPO	
City of Eloy	17,128
City of Coolidge	12,073
City of Casa Grande	51,571
Pinal County – (Remainder of unincorporated County within Sun Corridor MPO)	31,927
TOTAL:	112,699

MAG				
City of Apache Junction – (Pinal County portion)	37,532			
Gila River Indian Community – (Pinal County portion)	8,826			
Town of Florence	26,221			
City of Maricopa	45,473			
Town of Queen Creek – (Pinal County portion)	330			
Pinal County – (Remainder of unincorporated County within MAG Transportation Boundary)	136,185			
TOTAL:	254,567			
GRAND TOTAL:	450,783			
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates; Table B01003: Total Population				

CAG is working as a partner in coordination with the Sun Corridor MPO and other cities and towns in Gila and Pinal Counties. Several agencies operate transportation services within the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region, therefore a unified plan supporting the development of coordinated services would be appropriate. For the purposes of the ADOT grant application cycles from this point forward, unless otherwise noted in the future, this Plan will also include the Sun Corridor MPO providers and projects.

Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Sun Corridor MPO is responsible for Transportation Planning within the MPO, including coordination planning. The Sun Corridor MPO was formed in 2013 in Pinal County. The CAG transportation boundary primarily borders the Sun Corridor MPO on the east side. The Sun Corridor MPO is also bordered to the south by the PAG Region while MAG primarily borders the north and west sides. MAG's transportation planning boundary encompasses some cities and unincorporated areas within Pinal County. Facilitating trips across COG and MPO boundaries will be an important focus of coordination efforts. **Figure 2** displays the COGs and MPOs of the State while **Figure 3** displays the transportation boundaries for Gila and Pinal Counties.

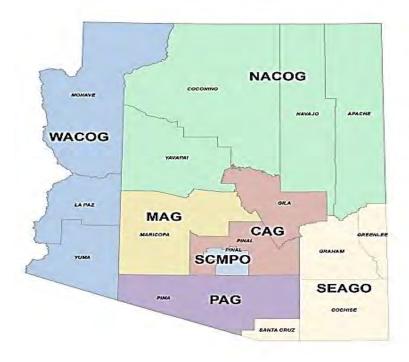


Figure 2: Planning Organizations and Councils of Government

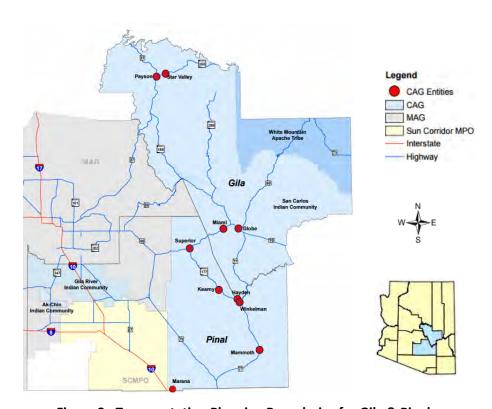


Figure 3: Transportation Planning Boundaries for Gila & Pinal

CAG Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)

The CAG Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) is the advisory council on all transportation issues within the CAG transportation boundary. All major transit issues from the Gila-Pinal Rides Committee are presented to the TTAC for information purposes. The TTAC does not make decisions on transit-coordinated issues; however, the TTAC ultimately does make recommendations to the CAG Regional Council.

Gila-Pinal Rides Committee

The Gila-Pinal Rides Committee is the steering committee for transit coordination issues within the CAG and the Sun Corridor MPO Region. The committee is comprised of transit providers and stakeholders from both Gila and Pinal Counties, and rotates meeting time and locations. Presently, the Regional Mobility Manager brings together all of the 5310 and 5311 providers, as well as interested stakeholders, to help coordinate transit, and to forward innovative ideas for the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region as a whole. The Gila-Pinal Rides Committee holds bi-monthly meetings with attendees from various agencies interested in public transportation. These attendees are representative in the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Regional Transit Providers table shown on page 30. The meetings act as a forum to determine where the greatest needs are, to identify gaps in service, look for opportunities to coordinate services, provide collaboration among providers and help overcome the challenges faced throughout the Region.

Regional Context

The CAG Region and Sun Corridor MPO

The CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region cover over 10,170 square miles of central Arizona. The CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region is comprised of seventeen incorporated communities, and four Native American Communities. Gila and Pinal Counties reflect very different transportation challenges. Gila is primarily rural in nature, while Pinal contains more urbanized populations.

The urban-rural split has important implications for funding. Through coordination meetings, providers identified funding, training, reporting and asset management as major challenges for services in both rural and urban areas. Funding awarded to rural providers cannot be spent in urban areas while funding awarded to urban providers cannot be spent in rural areas. An additional challenge is identifying the overlap in services and resources to meet the needs of clientele, while not violating programmatic fund usage. Client populations vary, and due to medical conditions, may prohibit mixing some riders.

The CAG and Sun Corridor Region is served by several major transportation corridors. Interstate 8 traverses the region from west to east and Interstate 10 traverses from north to south. U.S. Highway 60 extends east through the State of New Mexico. U.S Highway 60 connects with State Route 188 just

west of Globe and continues past Roosevelt Lake to State Route 87. State Route 87 provides travel between Payson and Metropolitan Phoenix.

Amtrak serves the region with a station in the City of Maricopa. Greyhound, in partnership with ADOT and Arizona's rural communities, launched an "Intercity Connector" service between El Paso, Texas and Phoenix, at the end of calendar year 2015. Greyhound Connect brings service to the communities of Apache Junction, Superior, Globe, Peridot, Bylas, Thatcher, Safford and Duncan, Arizona, and connects those smaller communities with the national intercity bus network. For more information regarding Greyhound services and the connection between Casa Grande and Coolidge, see section **2.4 Service Inventory & Transit Agency Profiles**.

Figure 4 depicts the boundaries of the CAG and Sun Corridor Region in relation to one another and its members.

Gila County includes the incorporated communities Globe, Miami, Payson, Star Valley, Hayden and Winkelman. The unincorporated communities of Pine, Roosevelt, Strawberry, Tonto Basin and Young are also within the limits of the County boundary. Gila County covers land area of 4,796 square miles and serves a population of approximately 53,242 (American Community Survey 5-year estimate of 2010-2014).

Pinal County includes the incorporated communities of Apache Junction, Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Florence, Kearny, Mammoth, Maricopa, Superior and portions of Queen Creek and Marana. The unincorporated communities of Arizona City, Gold Canyon, Oracle, Saddlebrooke, San



Figure 4: CAG Member Entities

Tan Valley and Queen Valley are also within the limits of the County boundary. Several communities, such as Casa Grande, Coolidge and Eloy have dual membership with CAG and the Sun Corridor MPO. Apache Junction, Florence, Maricopa and Queen Creek also have dual membership with CAG and the

Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG). Pinal County covers a land area of 5,374 square miles and serves a population of approximately 397,604 (American Community Survey 5-year estimate of 2012-2016).

2.2 **DEOMOGRAPHICS**

Demographic information is presented in this Plan to help provide a better understanding and more complete picture of the population in the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region, and in particular persons with disabilities, older adults and low-income individuals and households.

Census Geography

The Census information provided is available through the American Community Survey 5-year estimates of 2012-2016. For comparative purposes, demographic information for Arizona and the United States are also included where stated.

Population

The total population for Gila and Pinal Counties are listed in **Table 2: Gila & Pinal County Populations by Place**. **Table 3: Population, Land Area, & Density**, illustrates the population growth by density by year. As the American Community Survey 1-year estimates are not done for small communities, the Arizona Office of Economic Opportunities population estimates were used for single year estimates instead. The population growth in Pinal County alone has increased by over 220 percent since the year 2000.

Table 2: Gila & Pinal County Populations by Place

Community	Population
GILA COUNTY TOTAL	<u>53,179</u>
City of Globe	7,369
Town of Hayden	519
Town of Miami	2,153
Town of Payson	15,297
San Carlos Apache Tribe - (Gila County portion)	5,950
Town of Star Valley	1,976
White Mountain Apache Tribe – (Gila County portion)	2,049
Town of Winkelman	282
Gila County – (Remainder of unincorporated County)	17,584
PINAL COUNTY TOTAL	397,604
Ak-Chin Indian Community	1,351
City of Apache Junction – (Pinal County Portion)	37,532
City of Casa Grande	51,571
City of Coolidge	12,073
City of Eloy	17,128

Town of Florence	26,221		
Gila River Indian Community – (Pinal County portion)	8,826		
Town of Kearny	2,306		
Town of Mammoth	1,553		
Town of Marana – (Pinal County portion)	0		
City of Maricopa	45,473		
Town of Queen Creek - (Pinal County portion)	330		
Town of Superior	2,895		
Pinal County – (Remainder of unincorporated County)	190,345		
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates; Table B01003: Total Population			

Table 3: Population, Land Area, & Density						
	Pinal County - (5,374 Square Miles)		Gila County - (4,796 Square Miles)			
	Population	Persons/Square Mile	Population	Persons/Square Mile		
AZ State 2016 (Estimates)	413,312	76.9	54,333	11.3		
AZ State 2015 (Estimates)	406,468	75.6	54,406	11.3		
AZ State 2014 (Estimates)	396,237	73.7	54,219	11.3		
AZ State 2013 (Estimates)	393,813	73.3	53,670	11.2		
AZ State 2012 (Estimates)	389,192	72.4	53,626	11.2		
AZ State 2011 (Estimates)	384,231	71.5	53,577	11.2		
Census 2010	375,770	69.9	53,597	11.2		
Census 2000	179,727	33.4	51,335	10.7		
Census 1990	116,379	21.7	40,216	8.4		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Arizona Department of Administration – Office of Employment & Population Statistics (now Office of Economic Opportunity)

Vehicle Availability and Travel Time

In Pinal County, 4.5 percent of housing units that have no vehicles available, whereas Gila County has 7.0 percent of occupied housing units with no vehicles available. The percentage of occupied housing units with no vehicles available is lower in the Region than in the entire country. However, when compared to the State of Arizona, Pinal County's average is lower, while Gila County is slightly above. See **Table 4: Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicles Available, Travel Time to Work.**

Table 4: Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicles Available, Travel Time to Work						
Pinal County Gila County Arizona United States						
Occupied housing units	130,801	21,408	2,448,919	117,716,237		
No vehicles available	5,878	1,493	164,945	10,562,847		
Percent	4.5%	7.0%	6.7%	9.0%		
Median travel time to work	31.1	19.7	24.9	26.1		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates; Table DP04: Selected Housing Characteristics; Table DP03: Selected Economic Characteristics

Although most clients/residents using services provided by 5310 funding are not typically the commuting public, travel to and from work affects travel conditions for all residents. Median travel time to work in Pinal County is higher than the average for Arizona and for the United States while in Gila County is slightly below. See **Table 5: Comparisons of Time Leaving Work.**

Table 5: Comparisons of Time Leaving for Work					
		Pinal County	% of Commuters	Gila County	% of Commuters
Total Commut	ers	130,773	-	16,557	-
12:00AM -	5:59AM	32,981	24.0%	3,706	22.4%
6:00AM -	8:59AM	67,118	51.3%	8,592	51.9%
9:00AM -	11:59AM	8,739	6.7%	1,710	10.3%
12:00PM -	3:59PM	10,580	8.1%	1,612	9.7%
4:00PM -	11:59PM	11,355	8.7%	937	5.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates; Table B08302: Time Leaving Home to Go to Work

Poverty Status

Gila County's poverty rate is 22.2 percent, higher than both the Arizona national rates. Pinal County's poverty rate at 16.5 percent is slightly lower than the Arizona rate and slightly above the national rate. See **Table 6: Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months.**

Table 6: Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months						
	Pinal County	Gila County	Arizona	United States		
Population base*	372,918	52,294	6,573,523	310,629,645		
Population below poverty level	61,430	11,097	1,165,636	46,932,225		
Percent	16.5%	22.2%	17.7%	15.1%		
Population age 65+	71,761	13,808	1,058,417	44,874,586		
Population below poverty level age 65+	5,782	1,234	94,480	4,195,427		
Percent of people age 65+	8.1%	8.9%	8.9%	9.3%		

^{*}The population base for which poverty status is determined does not include unrelated individuals under 15 years of age, people living in college dormitories, or individuals living in institutional group quarters.

Income and Unemployment

Household income for Gila County is significantly less than the Arizona and national averages, while Pinal County has a median household income that is slightly lower than the Arizona average, but lower than the national average.

Average unemployment rates for both Gila and Pinal Counties are higher than those of Arizona and United States. **See Table 7: Income & Unemployment.**

Table 7: Income & Unemployment				
	Pinal County	Gila County	Arizona	United States
Median household income	\$51,190	\$40,593	\$51,340	\$55,322
Percent of civilian labor force unemployed	9.4%	12.1%	8.0%	7.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates; Table S1903: Median Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2016 Inflation-adjusted Dollars); Table S2301: Employment Status

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates; Table S1701: Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months; Table B17001: Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months by Sex and Age.

Age

The Region is composed of a largely diverse age population. In Pinal County, the largest populations are in the 24 to 44 and less than 18 years-of-age ranges. For Gila County, the largest populations are in the 45 to 64 years of age and 65 years and older. These differences in ages of the populations reflect the transportation needs of each County. **See Table 8: Populations by Age Group**.

Table 8: Population by Age Group		
	Pinal County	Gila County
Under 18 years of age	96,391	10,828
Age 18 to 24 years	31,397	3,794
Age 25 to 44	105,730	9,520
Age 45 to 64	91,613	14,999
Age 65 years and older	72,473	14,038
TOTAL:	397,604	53,179

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates; Table B01001: Sex by Age

Disability Status

Approximately 14.2 percent of the civilian, non-institutionalized population in Pinal County has a disability. This is higher than the percentage for Arizona and that of the United States. For Gila County, the percentage of the population with a disability rises to 22.0 percent and is significantly higher than that of Arizona and the national rates. **Tables 9** thru **11** breaks down the populations by disability status, type and age group respectively.

Pinal County	Gila County	Arizona	United States
53,230	11,550	833,586	39,272,529
14.2%	22.0%	12.6%	12.5%
	53,230	53,230 11,550	53,230 11,550 833,586

 ${\it *Population is based off of civilian non-institutionalized population}.$

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates; Table S1810: Disability Characteristics

Table 10: Disability Status by Type				
	Pinal	Pinal County Gila County		County
	Population	Percent (%)	Population	Percent (%)
Civilian non-institutional population	374,716	-	52,446	-
With a disability	53,230	14.2%	11,550	22.0%
With a hearing difficulty	17,069	4.6%	4,447	8.5%
With a vision difficulty	9,956	2.7%	2,481	4.7%
With a cognitive difficulty	18,677	5.0%	4,122	7.9%
With an ambulatory difficulty	27,666	7.4%	6,819	13.0%
With a self-care difficulty	9,646	2.6%	2,126	4.1%
With independent living difficulty	17,847	4.8%	3,824	7.3%

NOTE: Percentages (%) are calculated from total civilian non-institutional population. Any given person may have more than one disability and therefore the "disability difficulties" shall not be summarized for final total calculation purposes.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates; Table S1810: Disability Characteristics

Table 11: Disability Status by	Age Group			
	Pinal	Pinal County Gila County		County
	Population	Percent (%)	Population	Percent (%)
Under 5 years of age	101	0.4%	37	1.2%
Age 5 to 17 years	3,987	5.6%	552	7.1%
Age 18 to 64 years	26,136	12.6%	5,320	19.1%
Age 65 years and over	23,006	32.1%	5,641	40.9%
NOTE: Percentages (%) calculated from total civilian non-institutional population of the particular age group.				

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates; Table S1810: Disability Characteristics

Origins and Destinations

This section documents significant travel origins and destinations in the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region for special needs transportation services.

Origins

Travel often originates in residential areas, including low-income rental housing, assisted living facilities or nursing homes, low-income apartments and those classified by the U.S. Census as Group Quarters. CAG collects this data annually from the communities in the region and reports it to the Arizona Office of Economic Opportunities. There are approximately 109 Group Quarter facilities identified within the Region. **See Figure 5: Group Quarter Facilities** for general locations of identified Group Quarters. However, for confidentiality and safety reasons, Domestic Violence shelters not shown.

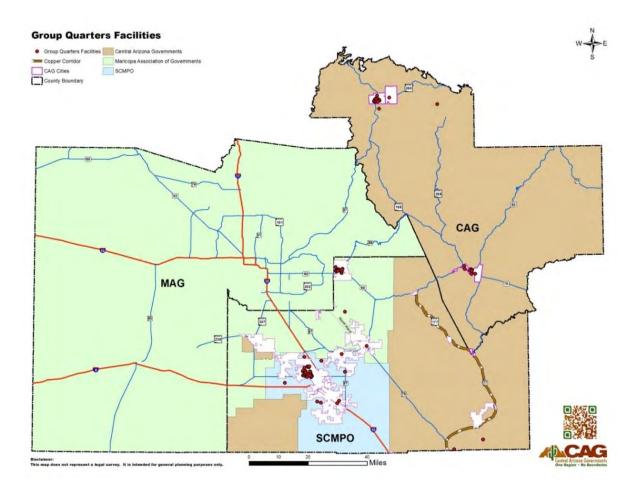


Figure 5: Group Quarter Facilities
Current COG/MPO Transportation Planning Boundaries

Travel Destinations

Travel destinations for special needs populations include large employers, commercial areas, medical facilities, clinics, and human service agencies. Pinal County has a high employment sector within the State Prisons due to the location of fourteen adult prisons and two juvenile detention centers within the County boundary. Destinations of significance are listed by category in **Figure 6**: **Regional Transit Service Map**.

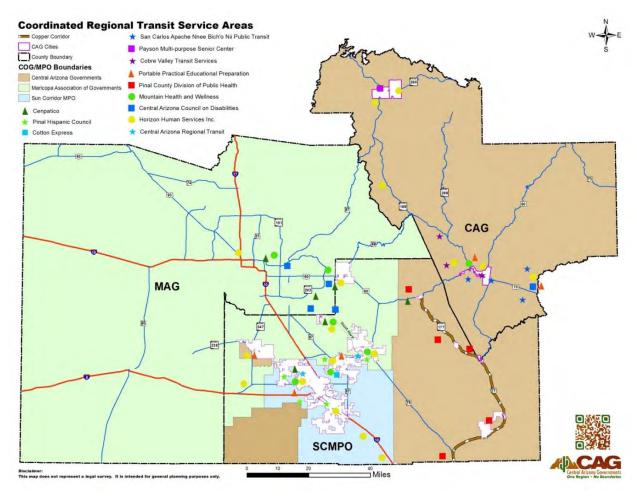


Figure 6: Regional Transit Service Map

Colleges

Colleges that serve the Region include Central Arizona College, Gila Community College, Rio Salado and Mesa Community College.

Medical Facilities

Important medical facilities to note within Gila and Pinal Counties are listed in **Table 12: Major Medical Facilities in the CAG & Sun Corridor MPO Region**. Many residents travel to Maricopa County for medical facilities.

Table 12: Major Medical Facilities in the CAG & Sun Corridor MPO Region		
Facility	Location	
Banner Payson Medical Center	Payson – (Gila County)	
Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center	Globe – (Gila County)	
San Carlos Dialysis	Peridot – (Gila County)	

Apache Junction Dialysis Center	Apache Junction – (Pinal County)
Banner Ironwood Medical Center	San Tan Valley – (Pinal County)
Banner Goldfield	Apache Junction – (Pinal County)
Casa Grande Banner Medical Center	Casa Grande – (Pinal County)
Fresenius Kidney Care & Santan Dialysis	Florence – (Pinal County)
Florence Hospital at Anthem	Florence – (Pinal County)
Fresenius Kidney Care & Mammoth Dialysis	Mammoth – (Pinal County)
Western Skies Dialysis	Casa Grande – (Pinal County)
Casa Grande Dialysis	Casa Grande – (Pinal County)
Gila River Dialysis	Sacaton – (Pinal County)
Banner Heart Hospital	Mesa – (Maricopa County)
Mayo Clinic	Scottsdale – (Maricopa County)
Veteran's Medical Center	Phoenix – (Maricopa County)

Employers

Major employers in the Pinal portion of the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region are in the public administration and retail trade industry. Similarly, in Gila County, retail trade is in the top two industries, while the largest employment sector is other services (except public administration). **Table 13: Top Employers**, lists the top 15 largest job producers within Gila and Pinal Counties by County.

Table 13: Top Employers			
Top Pinal County Employers	Jobs	Top Gila County Employers	Jobs
State of Arizona – (Correctional Institutions)	1,890	ASARCO Hayden Operations	1,370
Pinal County Community College District	760	Bhp Copper Inc	650
Caesars Entertainment Operating Company	700	Walmart Supercenter	350
Casa Grande Community Hospital	630	Gila County Government – (General Support)	330
Walmart Distribution Center	600	Apache Gold Casino	290
Az Training Center, Coolidge	600	Banner Health	280
Walmart Supercenter	540	Banner Health	240
Corrections Corporation of America	500	Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center	230
Corrections corporation of America	450	Walmart Supercenter	220
Marana Aerospace Solutions, Inc.	370	Gila County – (Health Services Department)	160
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection	370	Carlota Copper Company	160
Abbott Laboratories	330	United Parcel Services Inc.	160
Banner Health	300	Banner Health	150
Citizenship Immigration Services Us	300	Home Depot	150
Frito Lay Inc.	300	Gila County – (Police Department)	140

Source: 2016 Arizona COG/MPO Employer Database, Employers with 5 or more emoployees.

Target Market

As background for the Plan, CAG made an assessment of possible transit ridership, jobs-housing balance for the region, services currently available and current service barriers. In addition, the Plan identifies geographic and boundary issues that affect coordination activities.

Certain population types tend to use transit more often than the choice rider, which is a rider who is not dependent on public transportation. Riders who are transit dependent are more likely to use alternative transportation systems than those who own a personal vehicle. This Plan looks to improve transportation services for population types that typically become transit dependent such as people with a disability and seniors above the age of 65.

Before strategies are considered for implementation, it is vital to assess the current demographics and travel modes of rural/urban area residents. Many times individuals fit into a combination or all the categories. During the development of the Plan, CAG collected information to understand where the focus of transit service should be. CAG observed data of these population types to the total population to determine the percentage of the total population type represented. In many instances, improving transportation services for one group could provide corresponding benefits to all groups.

People with Disabilities

For the general population, the ability to drive helps define personal mobility. For people with disabilities, the concept of personal mobility is much more complex.

The disabled population is one of the least likely groups to own a car or have the ability to drive. As such, they must rely on either public transportation or other forms of transit. Based on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) definition, the FTA defines a disability by:

- A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual
- A record of such impairment
- Being regarded as having such impairment

However, the U.S. Census defines disability as a long lasting physical, mental, or emotional condition and is self-reported. Therefore, some discrepancies exist between the two measurements. As Table 9: Disability Status indicates, 14.2 percent or 53,230 people in Pinal County area have a disability and 22.0 percent or 11,550 people in Gila County have a disability.

In addition to transportation (mobility), employment can be a significant contributor to the social well-being within the disabled population. As a large percentage of the disabled population also represent zero vehicle households, transit dependency can have a compounding effect on employment making public transportation and other modes of transit very important for this population.

Low Income

Limited or lack of access to employment centers can become a significant barrier to overcoming poverty, as many low income individuals have limited or no access to a personal vehicle. The FTA defines low income or limited incomes as falling below 150 percent of the federal poverty level. As

Table 6: Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months indicates, 22.2 percent and 16.5 percent of the populations of Gila and Pinal County live below the poverty level respectively. The poverty level for individuals 65 and over is 8.9 percent and 8.1 percent respectively.

Job Location

An efficient and effective public transportation system must reach the location of principal employers. The Pinal County Transit Feasibility Study completed in 2011, demonstrated that long distances between developed areas create long job commutes. With high travel costs, economically challenged individuals and families are particularly sensitive to commute costs and represent a strong potential transit market.

Land use zoning continues to influence future development locations for both commercial and residential uses. Consolidation of similar business purposes such as industrial and heavy industrial are the results of current zoning practices. Casa Grande, as an example, is rezoning industrial areas along their western fringes, with southern portions of Coolidge and western sections of Eloy following the same pattern. The majority of industrial growth in Pinal County is occurring along the interstate and rail corridors. Conversely, residential areas are continuously expanding in San Tan Valley, City of Maricopa and the northern fringes of the City of Casa Grande. This type of urban sprawl will present further difficulties to the public transit system. As a result, longer commute distances between residential areas and employment centers would create larger coverage areas. This in turn would create the need for expansion of the public transit system.

Location of Support Services

It is beneficial to provide access to not only employment and residential centers, but also to support services serving the target clientele of this Plan (people who have a disability and seniors). In many rural areas, it is difficult for the transit dependent community to travel the long distances between social services and their residential communities. Rural transit helps bridge the spatial divide between people and services. In many instances, human service agencies serve as the provider of public transportation. The role of these entities varies, with some agencies engaging in the purchase of vehicles and enlisting drivers while others contract with larger transit providers.

2.3 ENVIRONMENT

The physical landscape of the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region is distinctively unique, ranging from the low-lying desert terrain of southern Pinal County, to the steep hills and mountains characteristic of Northern Gila County. As displayed in **Figure 7: Arizona Geologic Provinces**, the State of Arizona encompasses three geologic physiographic provinces: The Colorado Plateau to the North, the Basin and Range Province to the South, and the intervening Central Heights (Transition Zone) which runs through the central interior region of the state.



Figure 7: Arizona Geologic Provinces

Pinal County

The topography of Pinal County, located in the southern part of the Region, ranges from level and gently sloping foothills located on the valley slopes and floodplains, to more distinctively sloped hills and mountains, which are located throughout the county. Elevations in Pinal County range from approximately 1,000 feet above mean sea level in the lower lying desert areas, to a high point of approximately 6,158 feet in the mountains located in the far eastern portion of the county, which are adjacent to Graham County. **Figure 7: Arizona Geologic Province** reflects the physiographic features and characteristics, which are indicative of the particular zone.

The Basin and Range Province is characterized by extremely dry desert lowlands with annual precipitation ranging from 4 to 12 inches. The Basin and Range Province is comprised of a series of north to northwest trending, fault-block mountain ranges flanked by broad gravel fans, which slope from the foot of the mountains down into the basins. These regional mountain ranges incorporate a diversity of Proterozoic to Cenozoic rock formations, which display very complex structural and metamorphic histories.

Gila County

The topography of Gila County located in the northern part of the CAG Region ranges from moderately to intensely steep hills and mountains, interspersed with gently to strong sloping valley plains and stream floodplains. Elevations in Gila County range from approximately 1,950 feet above mean sea level near the lower lying desert terrain regions located along the Gila River in the southern area of the County, to a height of 7,915 feet of Promontory Butte, located in the extremely mountainous, northern area of the County along the Mogollon Rim. In direct correlation with topographical elevation, Gila County contains heavily forested areas and numerous grassland

meadows in the northern highlands, and mountainous desert regions in the southern part of the County that are covered with various desert cacti, flora and fauna.

The southern part of Gila County contains desert terrain and is located within the Basin and Range Province. However, the majority of Gila County is located within the Central Highlands zone, geographically situated in between the Colorado Plateau to the north, and the Basin and range Province to the south.

The Central Highlands zone is characterized as being a topographically diverse region, featuring deep canyons, high peaks and contains a number of interspersed mesas, valleys and small mountains. Because this transition zone contains physiographic aspects, which are relevant to both the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Province, it conveys little resemblance to either geologic zone. The geological structure of this zone is extremely diverse, and the numerous types of rock formations have exerted a strong influence upon both the landforms located throughout Gila County and the development of various soil types. The Central Highlands Province also stimulates precipitation by forcing prevailing northerly flows of warm, moist air to the higher and much cooler elevations of the Region.

Climate & Precipitation

The climate of the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region is extremely diverse, and contains various climatic zones ranging from the high altitude, coniferous forests of northern Gila County, to the warm and dry Sonoran Desert located in the southern part of Pinal County. The average annual precipitation ranges from approximately 2 to 9.5 inches in the lower desert regions, to a range of approximately 14 to 25 inches in the mountains and areas of higher elevation. The variability in climate results from vast differences in elevation, regional distribution of topographical features and variations in rainfall. Such variability contributes to the noticeable differences in fauna and flora dispersed throughout both Gila and Pinal Counties.

The CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region is characterized by two distinctive rainy seasons. The winter rain season generally lasts from December to March, and results from precipitation that originates over the Pacific Ocean and the Gulf of Alaska, and moves eastward across California into Arizona. The winter rainy season usually accounts for the majority of the overall percentage of Pinal and southern Gila County's annual average precipitation. In the northern highlands of the CAG Region, this precipitation generally results in several inches of snowfall. The other rainy season, commonly referred to as the monsoon season, occurs between the months of July and September. This particular rainfall is the result of relatively moist, warm air from a seasonal Bermuda high-pressure system geographically situated over the Gulf of Mexico. This established, incoming northwestern airflow from the Gulf of Mexico causes the hot and unstable air located throughout the lower lying desert regions to rise by processes of convection, and typically generates severe thunderstorms and heavy rainfalls within a short duration of time. **Figure 8: Average Annual Precipitation** displays the average precipitation throughout the State of Arizona.

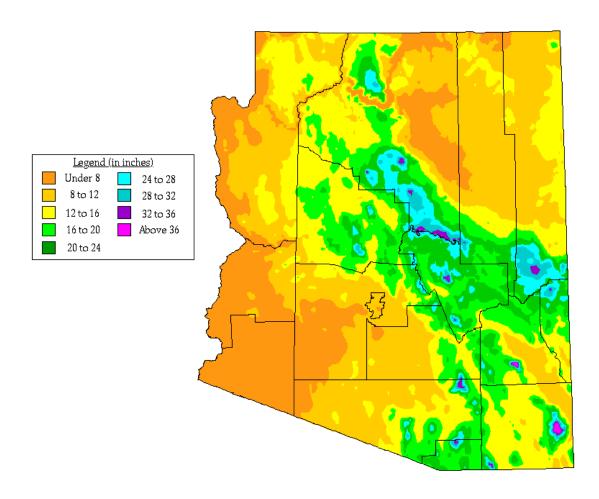


Figure 8: Average Annual Precipitation

The climate in southern Gila County and Pinal County is characterized by mild winters and hot summers. The climate within northern Gila County is relatively mild throughout both the summer and winter seasons. Average temperatures range from a January minimum of 23.7 degrees in Payson to a July maximum of 107.0 degrees in Coolidge. Although the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region is topographically and climatically diverse, most of the precipitation within the Region occurs during the two rainy seasons of winter and summer, with dryer periods of weather occurring during the spring and fall.

2.4 SERVICE INVENTORY & TRANSIT AGENCY PROFILES

Human Services Transportation Level of Service

Many human services agencies provide some form of transportation service to their clients. The level of service provided can vary significantly from agency to agency, depending on the clients' needs and the agencies' resources. Transportation services provided by human service agencies can be placed in one of four categories listed below in descending order of involvement and complexity.

1. Provide transportation by operating vehicles to transport their clients.

- 2. Through formal arrangements, contract with other transportation providers for clients' transportation needs.
- 3. Subsidize transportation by providing clients with bus fare, taxi vouchers, mileage reimbursement, or cash.
- 4. Arrange for transportation by assisting clients with trip planning and information on transportation options.

Coordination, and participation in the coordination planning process, is a potential benefit to all agencies regardless of the level of service provided.

CAG & Sun Corridor MPO Region Transit Providers

General profiles for each of the active Coordinated Mobility Providers are in **Table 14**: **Active Coordinated Mobility (5310 & 5311) Providers**. Active providers are 5310 providers that are involved in the Gila-Pinal Rides Committee and engaged in community cooperation to improve travel opportunities for elders and people with disabilities. Profiles of each of the active providers are listed at the end of this section. **Figure 6**: **Regional Transit Service Map** (referenced earlier in the Plan) can also help to facilitate further coordination between the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO 5310 Program providers.

Table 14: Active Coordinated Mobility (5310 & 5311) Providers	
Providers	Main Office Location
Achieve Human Services	Casa Grande
Arizona Foundation for the Handicapped	Casa Grande
Cenpatico	Yuma/Phoenix
Central Arizona Regional Transit (CART)	Coolidge
Coolidge – Cotton Express	Coolidge
Hayden Senior Center	Hayden
Horizon Health & Wellness	Casa Grande
Payson Multipurpose Senior Center	Payson
Pinal County – On The Go Express	Florence
Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens	Casa Grande
Pinal Hispanic Council	Eloy
Pleasant Valley Transit Services	Young
San Carlos Apache Tribe – Nnee Bich' o Nii Transit	Peridot
Gila River Indian Community – Salt River Transit	Sacaton
Town of Florence – Dorothy Nolan Senior Center	Florence
Town of Kearny	Kearny
Town of Miami – Cobre Valley Community Transit	Miami

Commercial Transportation Providers	Site Location
Casa Grande Executive Car Service	Casa Grande
Pinal Connections	Casa Grande
Safe Ride and Statewide Express Transportation	Various

CAG and the Sun Corridor MPO also reach out to local stakeholders to form partnerships to participate within the Gila-Pinal Rides Committee in an effort to provide the most comprehensive, effective transportation coordination for the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region. **Table 15: Non-Active Coordinated Mobility (5310 & 5311) Providers** list those that are currently non-active in coordination.

Table 15: Non-Active Coordinated Mobility (5310 & 5311) Providers	
Providers	Main Office Location
Ak-Chin Indian Community	Sacaton
Banner Casa Grande	Casa Grande
Catholic Community Services	Tucson
Central Arizona College	Casa Grande
City of Globe	Globe
Community Alliance Against Family Abuse	Apache Junction
DES/DDD - Coolidge	Coolidge
Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center	Casa Grande
Eloy Adult Center	Eloy
Gila County GEST	Globe
Globe Active Adult Center	Globe
Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest	Tucson
Miami Senior Center	Miami
Portable Practical Education Preparation (PPEP)	Tucson
Superior Senior Center	Superior
White Mountain Tribal Community (Became active in 2016)	Whiteriver, AZ

As part of the coordination among transit providers, **Table 16: 5310 Training & Workshops Hosted by CAG & Sun Corridor MPO** list of expected opportunities throughout the 2019 calendar year for 5310 providers to receive assistance within the Region.

Table 16: 5310 Training & Workshops Hosted by CAG & Sun Corridor MPO
Training or Workshop Session
Grant Writing Workshop
True Cost of Transit, Transit Budget
Data Collection Workshop
Grant Compliance Workshop
FAST ACT, Transportation Bill
Vehicle % Asset Management
Best Practices, Transit Management
Driver PASS Training
Grant Management

Dates and locations will be announced once available.

CAG & Sun Corridor MPO Region Transit Providers

In the recent survey, 55 percent of human service agencies who responded were slightly more likely to limit the kinds of trips provided within their transportation services. Even though limits were imposed over this last year, priority trips were granted for shopping, AHCCCS-required and non-emergency medical trips. Currently not one of the agencies responding to the survey contracts to another provider, the focus is to transport their clients and using their own vehicles.

According to agencies responding to the survey, the average number of one-way client trips made in 2015 was 17,488. Agency vehicles are not the only form of transportation that clients are using. Case managers, part-time employees and others willingly use their private vehicles to transport clients to and from visits for counseling, shopping, doctor visits and other necessary trips. When agency vehicles are not used to transport clients the average reimbursement provided to the owner of the vehicle is 45 cents per mile. For agencies that paid out mileage to employees, personal vehicles, on average, transported clients a total of 19,681 miles. The average number of trips provided, using personal vehicles, during 2015 was approximately 1,339.

When agencies were asked if they are aware of activities, or destinations for which more transportation is needed, 55.6 percent agreed that more services are needed in order to serve their clientele.

The following pages are the individual profiles of Section 5310 and 5311 providers in Gila and Pinal Counties. This information is self-reported and updated annually.

Achieve Human Services Pinal County



General program information:

Mission

Empower the individuals that we serve to live their lives to their greatest potential.

Vision

We lead in the development and delivery of innovative programs designed to strengthen individuals and build stronger communities.

Services

Achieve Human Services is a non-profit organization that provides employment services to individuals with documented disabilities. Achieve Human Services offers the following services: Center Based Employment, Group Supported Employment and Individual Supported Employment/Support Aide.

Overview of Program

Service:

Client transportation services

Applicant Status: 501 (c)(3) Non-Profit

Service Area:

Coolidge, Sacaton, Florence, Casa Grande, Arizona City, Eloy, & Toltec.

Major Funding Source: Private Pay, State, and Federal

Number of Vehicles: 4

Annual Data Year: 2018 Annual Trips: 13,000 Annual Hours: 3,000 Annual Miles: 74,000

Contact: Chris Hisel

chisel@achievehs.org Phone: 928-341-4170

Address: 3151 N. Piper Ave.

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Casa Grande, AZ 85131

Current Coordination/Needs:

Coordinate with area group homes when members are living in congregate settings.

Unmet Needs:

Achieve Human Services is requesting a replacement vans for VIN 1FMNE11N07DB23568, VIN 2C4RDGCG8DR813448, VIN 2C4RDGCG9CR353702 and seeking Preventative Maintenance for four (4) vehicles for the next two years.

Beeline Bus





Beeline Bus is a brand new deviated flex route service that will begin in November 2018 and operated by the Payson Senior Center. Beeline Bus is a general public service with two routes; the Blue Route serving Payson north and south and the Red Route serving East Payson and Star Valley. Hours of operation are Monday thru Friday, 6:30 am to 5:30 pm.

The buses provide service to major destination along both routes, such as Banner Hospital, Mazatzal Casino, post office, library, Walmart, Bashas, Safeway, Senior Center, public parks, schools and numerous job sites.

Door to door, deviated service is available to eligible residents based upon their disability or health condition. Eligibility is determined after submitting an application with a medical or professional verification. Eligible users must call in advance for deviated service. There is an extra charge for this service.

Cost will be \$1/ride for general public. Seniors and Youth can ride for \$0.50/ride.

A fleet of three vehicles provide service. Each route operates with one vehicle, with the third as backup.

For more information and routes/times: www.BeelineBus.info

Overview of Program

Service:

Public Flex/Deviated Route Service

Applicant Status:

Local Government

Service Area:

Payson/Star Valley

Major Funding Source: ADOT 5311 Funding

Number of Vehicles: 3

Annual Data Year: New

Serivce

Annual Trips: N/A Annual Hours: N/A Annual Miles: N/A

Contact:

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Phone: 928-474-4876

Future of Beeline Bus:

The Payson Senior Center (PSC) is operating the Beeline Bus as a "pilot system" for the Payson/Star Valley areas. It is the goal of PSC to operate for at least 2 years, whereas it is the hopes that they can turn the Bus System over to another entity such as CAG or Gila County.

Central Arizona Regional Transit (CART) Pinal County



The Central Arizona Regional Transit (CART) is operated by the City of Coolidge and its partners including Florence, Central Arizona College and Pinal County. The Central Arizona Regional Transit (CART) is a fixed route connector service connecting Coolidge, Florence, Central Arizona College and the Greyhound Terminal in Casa Grande. Central Arizona Regional Transit (CART) also utilizes a commuter route in the early mornings from 5:05 am -7:07 am and in the late afternoon from 4:25 pm – 6:25 pm. Two Vehicles are used daily. One is used as a backup. The Central Arizona Regional Transit Routes Hours of Operation are from 5:15 am – 8:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Central Arizona Regional Transit fares are \$2.00 for a one-way pass or \$4.00 for a daily pass. College students with school ID are \$1.00 each way or \$2.00 for a daily pass. The highest trip purpose is education, followed by commuters commuting to work, and health/medical. The Central Arizona Regional Transit has a large volume of student riders. Most other rides are for shopping and medical services.

In addition to fare revenue, the Central Arizona Regional Transit is funded by the City of Coolidge, Town of Florence, Central Arizona College, Pinal County, and by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5311F Program, managed by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).

Overview of Program

Service: Fixed Route

Connector

Applicant Status: Local

Government

Service Area: From Coolidge to Casa Grande

Major Funding Source: 5311F–Rural Public Transit

Number of Vehicles: 3

Annual Data Year: 2018

Annual Trips: 13,056

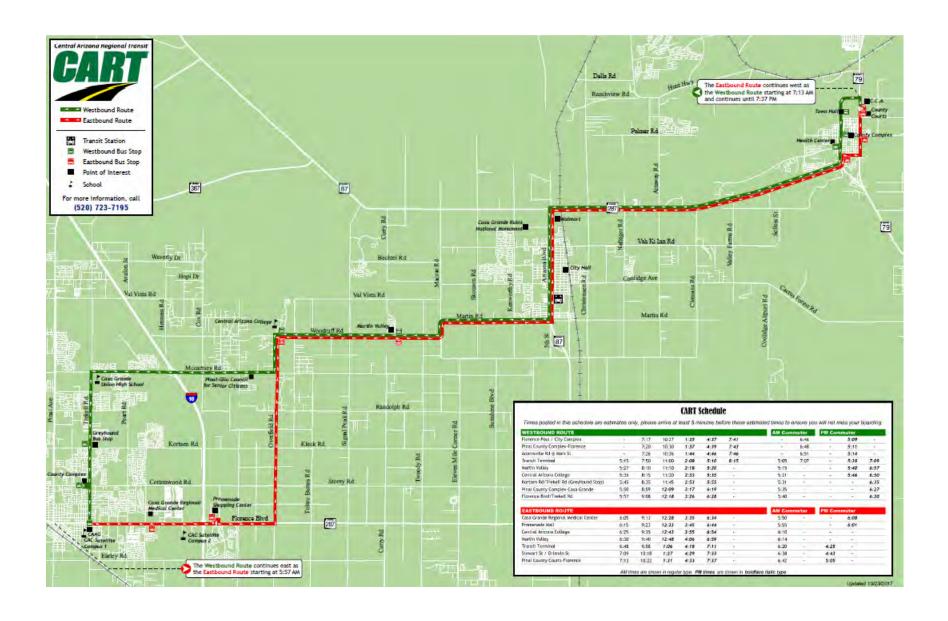
Annual Hours: 5,058

Annual Miles: 119,728

Contact: Mike Meyer mmeyer@coolidgeaz.com

(520) 251-1041

Current Coordination/Needs:



Coolidge – Cotton Express

Pinal County



The Cotton Express is operated by the City of Coolidge with a fleet of five 18-passenger, wheelchair accessible buses. Four vehicles operate daily. One vehicle is a backup. The Coolidge Cotton Express Routes Hours of Operation are from 7:00 am - 8:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Two types of service are provided in the City of Coolidge, a deviated fixed route and an On Demand service utilizes a 24-hour advanced reservation system. The Cotton Express fare for a fixed route service is \$1.00 for adults and \$.50 for children. A fare of \$1.50 is charged for the On Demand service, regardless of age.

In addition to fare revenue, the Coolidge Cotton Express is funded by the City of Coolidge, fares and by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5311 Program, managed by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).

Overview of Program

Service:

Public Transit Service

Applicant Status:

Local Government

Service Area:

See – Figure 6 and Route on following page

Major Funding Source:

5311 - Rural Public Transit

Number of Vehicles: 8

Annual Data Year: 2018

Annual Trips: 18,396

Annual Hours: 9,828

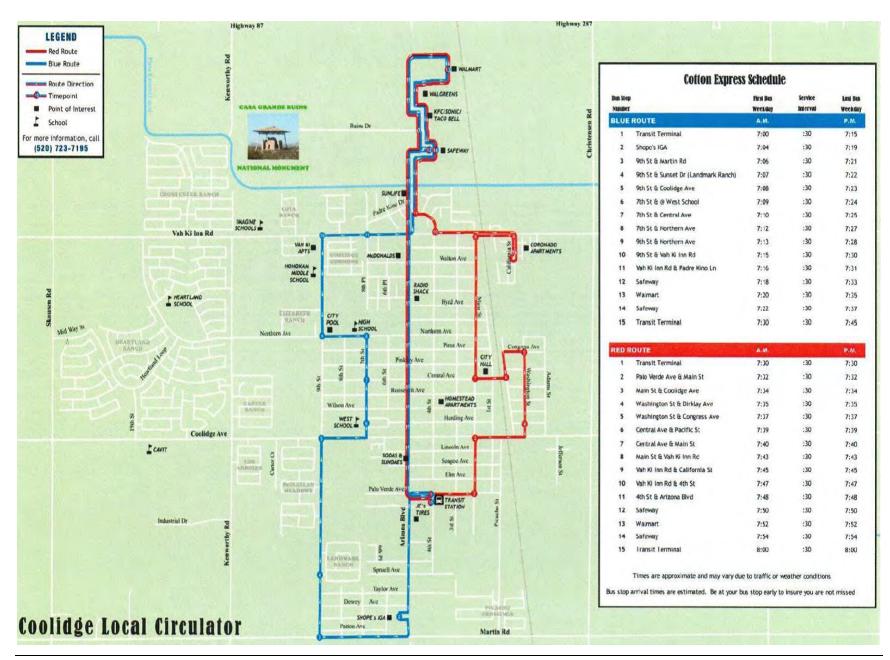
Annual Miles: 83,129

Contact: Mike Meyer mmeyer@coolidgeaz.com

(520) 251-1041

Current Coordination/Needs:

The Cotton Express has been an active participant in the Pinal Transportation Coordination Demonstration projects, as part of Arizona Rides. Cotton Express works closely with the Senior Center concerning transportation issues and it provides transportation to the Family Resource Center in Coolidge. Also, bus stops are located at the DES and Pinal County Health Department offices. In the future, specific coordination opportunities with Horizon Health and Wellness are being discussed.



Dorothy Nolan Senior Center Town of Florence Pinal County



The mission of the Town of Florence Dorothy Nolan Senior Center is to provide fulfilling social, recreational, cultural, and educational programs and activities for the senior community of Florence.

The transportation program serves the Town of Florence and the incorporated limits of Florence. There are three distinct residential areas served by the program - the historic Town Core area, Anthem at Merrill Ranch, and the Four Parks area.

The transportation program was initiated for seniors who are at least fifty-five (55) years old and persons who are disabled. Transportation is provided to medical appointments, shopping, and the Senior Center. The Town has operated the Dorothy Nolan Senior Center for nearly nineteen (20) years. Numerous activities are provided daily including a nutritious meal program. The Senior Center currently operates four (4) vehicles, two with wheelchair lifts. The other two vans are used when clients are not in need of a lift. The transportation program vans typically operate Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Overview of Program

Service:

Transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities.

Applicant Status: Local Government

Service Area: Town of Florence

Major Funding Source: 5310 – Rural Public Transit

Number of Vehicles: 4

Annual Data Year: 2018

Annual Trips: 3,826

Annual Hours: 1,572

Annual Miles: 18,973

*Contact:*Laura Carter

laura.carter@florenceaz.gov

(520) 868-7626

Current Coordination/Needs:

The Town of Florence is currently implementing the Give-A-Lift program, pairing volunteer drivers with elderly or disabled persons to get to medical appointment or other destinations necessary to maintain their quality of life. Staff is currently establishing policies and procedures, recruiting, training and evaluating volunteers and a scheduling system.

Unmet Needs:

Funding for ongoing and expanded operations for staff, volunteers, training and other ancillary services, funding for new/replacement vehicles, and maintenance funding for existing vehicles in the fleet.

Gila River Indian Community Gila River Transit Pinal County



Gila River Transit (GRT) is a free deviated, fixed route service than began in January 2016 and operated by the Gila River Indian Community. GRT is a general public service with two circulators; the Sacaton Shuttle serving the City of Sacaton (District 3) and the West End Shuttle serving portions of Districts 6 and 7. Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm.

The Shuttles provide service to major destinations along both routes, such as, the Hu Hu Kam Hospital in Sacaton; Districts 3, 6 and 7 Service Centers, Komatke Health Clinic, Tashquinth Dialysis Center, Sacaton Dialysis Center East, Boys & Girls Clubs, the Governance Center (Sacaton), post office, several elder and general housing centers, libraries, police and courts facilities, public parks, markets, schools and numerous job sites.

Door to door, deviated service is available to eligible residents based upon their disability or health condition. Eligibility is determined after submitting an application with a medical or professional verification. Eligible users must call in advance for deviated service. There is no charge for this service.

A fleet of three vehicles provide service. Each route operates with one vehicle, with the third as backup.

Overview of Program

Service: General public free deviated, fixed route service.

Applicant Status: Gila River Indian Community

Service Area: See Routes on following pages.

Major Funding Source: ADOT 5311 funding

Number of Vehicles: 3

Annual Data Year: FY17

Annual Trips: 22,334

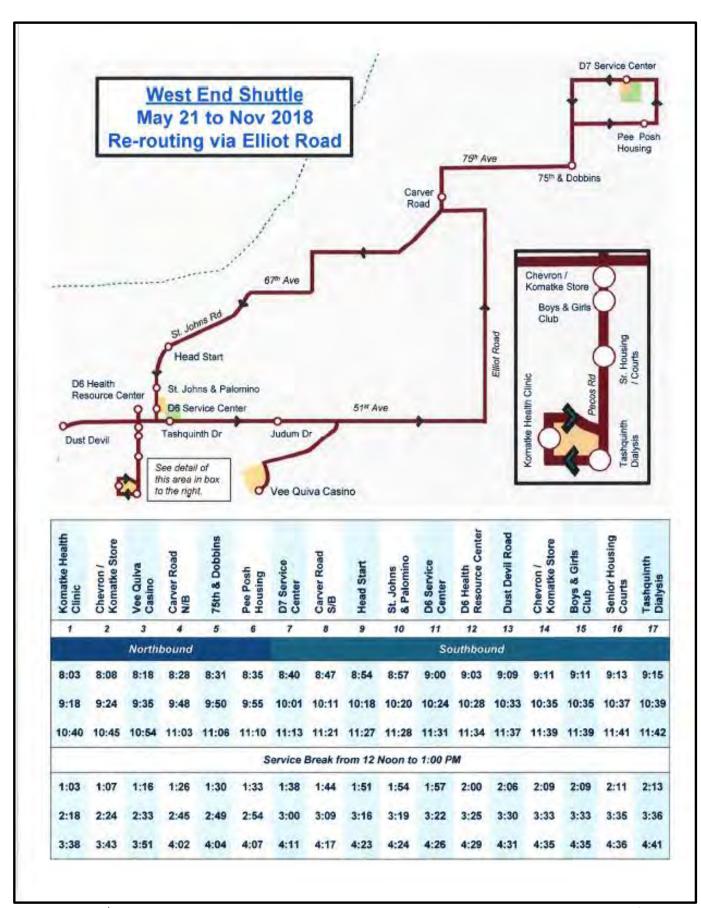
Annual Hours: 3,555

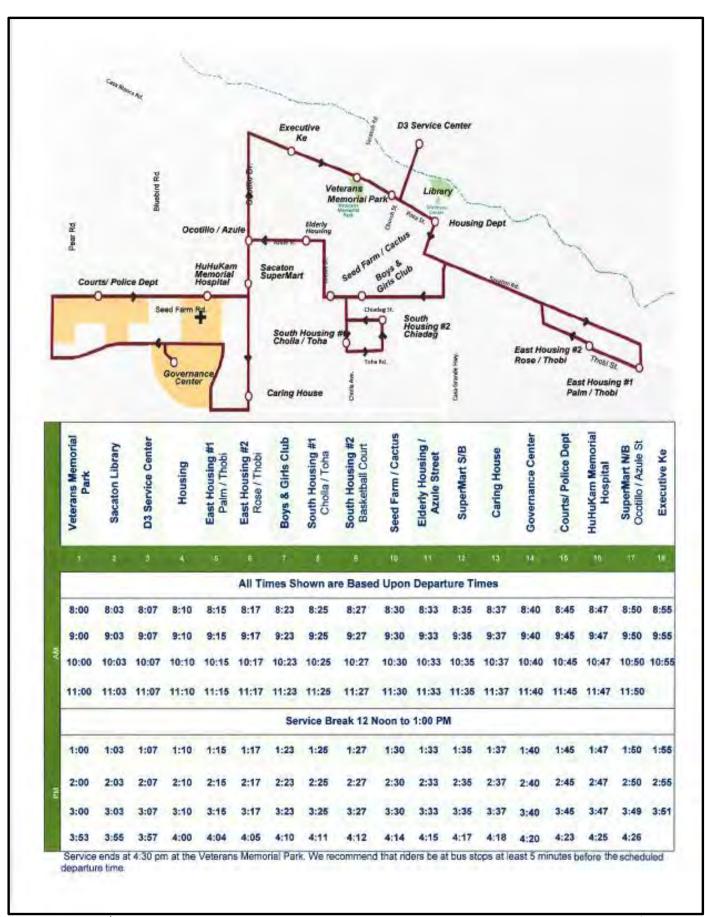
Annual Miles: 55,740

Contact: Deb Brunner, deborah.brunner.dot@gric.nsn.us, (520) 562-6306

Current Coordination/Needs:

The Gila River Transit will also be listed as a 5311 provider within the MAG Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan as the system falls within the MAG transportation planning boundaries. However, due to the complexity of the transportation planning boundaries within this region of Arizona, Gila River Transit will be listed in this plan as well until further evaluation can occur. *Unmet Needs:*





HAYDEN SENIOR CENTER - Town of Hayden SOUTHERN GILA COUNTY/EASTERN PINAL COUNTY



(This program profile did not change from 2018.)

Town of Hayden/Hayden Senior Center transportation ensure mobility through the provision of transportation to the elderly and persons with disabilities in rural Southern Gila and Eastern Pinal County. This is a shared service ride that offers door-to-door service and serves our passengers with a professional and courteous ride and encompassing the towns and cities of Oracle, Oracle Junction, San Manuel, Mammoth, Aravaipa, Dudleyville, Kearny, Hayden, Winkelman, Saddlebrooke, Riverside/Kelvin and Superior.

Services provided include transportation to medical appointments, dental appointments, vision appointments, physical therapy, grocery shopping and prescription pick up. Clients are also transported to medical appointments in the local area Copper Basin area; also providing Nutrition and Wellness program for delivery of food boxes to the elderly.

A fleet of three vehicles is used to provide client transportation services. One of these vehicles is wheelchair accessible.

On The Go Express operates 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday with the exception of town observed holidays. A donation for services is requested. Transportation is arranged by calling 520-356-7801 extension 401.

Overview of Program

Service:

Transit services for seniors and people with disabilities

Applicant Status:

Local Government

Service Area:

Southern Gila County & Eastern Pinal County

Major Funding Source:

Town of Hayden & Pinal Gila For Senior Citizen

Number of Vehicles:

Three

Annual Data Year: FY 16-17

Annual Trips:

Annual Hours:

Annual Miles:

Contact:

Anita Hinojos <u>ahinojos@townofhayden.net</u> (520) 356-7801

Current Coordination/Needs:

Coordinating activities such as training, vehicle maintenance and public information. Expanded coordination efforts include reaching out to the Public Health Department (i.e. Transporting Well Woman Program elderly clients to medical appointments and delivery of food boxes for the elderly on a monthly basis).

Horizon Health & Wellness Gila & Pinal County



Horizon Health and Wellness is a private, not-for-profit integrated healthcare agency that provides quality psychiatric and medical services and mental health programming to individuals and families in Pinal and Gila counties. Participants are enrolled in many diverse services, which include primary care, psychiatric evaluations, medication monitoring, residential treatment services, substance abuse treatment, individual and group therapy, inpatient services and court ordered treatment coordination.

Horizon Health and Wellness provides transportation services to eligible registered participants. No fare is charged. Individuals are transported to and from psychiatric and medical appointments, day treatment programs, therapy sessions, case management services and other miscellaneous purposes that meet medical necessity criteria. Transportation services are provided Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. In addition, transportation services are provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to individuals residing in agency group homes.

Horizon has a fleet of vehicles based at various facilities in Pinal and Gila counties. The service area includes a 45-mile radius from Casa Grande; Apache Junction, Florence, Queen Creek, the San Pedro Valley, Globe, Miami and Payson. Primary destinations include: Horizon facilities, medical appointments, social services, and social activities.

Overview of Program

Service:

Client Transportation Service

Applicant Status:

Non-Profit Agency

Service Area:

See - Figure 6

Major Funding Source:

ADOT Section 5310 Cenpatico / Steward

Number of Vehicles: 38

Annual Data Year:

2017/2018

Pinal Trips: 16,896 Pinal Hours: 18,099 Pinal Miles: 306,412 Gila Trips: 22,469 Gila Hours: 8,504 Gila Miles: 142,895

Contact:

Marsha Ashcroft

marsha.ashcroft@hhwaz.org

(520) 836-1688

Current Coordination/Needs:

Horizon Health and Wellness actively participates in the Gila-Pinal Rides Coordination Committee and also participates in coordinated training in the region. The Agency plans to apply for the following 5310 Capital Equipment in 2019: Two (2) 12-passenter vans, no lift; plus preventive maintenance.

Kearny Senior Center

Pinal County



(This program profile did not change from 2017.)

The Kearny Senior Center provides transportation for the seniors and disabled in the Kearny area. Transportation is for any person ages 50 and over and for disabled people.

The Center has one van supporting this service. Riders include seniors and persons with disabilities.

Overview of Program

Service:

Transit services for seniors and people with disabilities.

Applicant Status: Local

Government

Service Area: Town of Kearny

Major Funding Source: 5310 Rural Public Transit

Number of Vehicles: 1 Annual Data Year: 2016 Annual Trips: 50 Annual Hours: 480 Annual Miles: 10,699

Contact:
Anna Flores

aflores@townofkearny.com Phone: 520-363-5547

Address: PO Box 639 Kearny, AZ 85137

Current Coordination/Needs:

Preventative Maintenance for one (1) vehicle at \$2,000 (\$1,000 each year) with a local match of \$500 (\$250 each year).

The Opportunity Tree

Formally Arizona Foundation for the Handicapped (AFH) Casa Grande



General Program Information: AFH is in the process of a name change to "The Opportunity Tree."

Mission:

To provide quality, individualized supports to people with intellectual or developmental disabilities in dynamic and innovative environments.

Vision:

AFH is committed to promoting the development of a society that fully embraces individuals with intellectual and development disabilities through inclusion, advocacy and opportunities.

Services:

AFH is a nonprofit organization that offers a continuum of care/lifetime supports to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Our primary programs are Day Programs, Vocational and Employment Services, and In-Home and Residential Services. Through vocational programs, social programs and activities, a youth transition program, and a group supported employment program for adults, we serve over 300 clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities each year.

Overview of Program

Service:

Client Transportation services

Applicant Status:

Nonprofit

Service Area:

Casa Grande

Major Funding Source:

State of Arizona

Number of Vehicles: 10

Annual Data Year: N/A

Annual Trips: 11,296 Annual Hours: 7,852 Annual Miles: 109.881

Contact: PJ Orona porona@azafh.org

Current Coordination/Needs:

Includes active participation in coordination meetings with Gila-Pinal Transportation Coordination Council and attending training sessions as well as providing transportation to community wide events and group supported employment. Exploration of ride sharing process is also taking place.

Unmet Needs:

Agency plans to apply for a 9-passenter Cutaway with lift to replace VIN #1GAZGZFA2C1126245 and 2 Mini-Vans with lifts to expand current fleet to support new Youth Program.

Payson Senior Center, Inc. Gila County



The Payson Senior Center provides transportation for the seniors and disabled in the Payson area and provides homebound meals. Transportation is for any person ages 60 and over and for disabled people under 60. They provide transportation Monday through Thursday.

The Center has two buses supporting this service and it averages 12 hours a day between the two drivers. Their routes cover the Payson area and one day a week they have a bus dedicated to the Star Valley area. Riders include seniors and persons with disabilities.

Their homebound service provides meals to those who approved by Pinal-Gila Area for Aging. They currently have four meal routes that cover the Payson, Star Valley and south to Tonto Basin and they provide meals Monday through Friday. Their drivers normally leave by 9:30 am and are done by noon.

The Center recently partnered with the Towns of Payson and Star Valley, as well as Gila County to begin a 5311 Public Transit Service (See profile for Beeline Bus).

Overview of Program

Service:

Door-to-Door transit services for seniors and people with disabilities

Applicant Status:

Local Government

Service Area:

See – Figure 6

Major Funding Source:

5310 - Rural Public Transit

Number of Vehicles: 5

Annual Data Year: 2018 Annual Trips: 7,200

Annual Hours: 2,500
Annual Miles: 24,000

Contact:

Suzanne Kammerman pseniorctr@gmail.com (928) 474-4876

Current Coordination/Needs:

Awarded a Ford Transit Connect from the 2018 Grant cycle for 5310 program for the Senior Express program. Expected delivery date of vehicle is Spring 2019.

The Meals on Wheels program that services the Towns of Payson and Star Valley, as well as south to Tonto Basin is almost at its maximum. There are four routes that deliver about 120 meals a day.

The Payson Senior Center is requesting funding in 2019 and 2020 grant cycles for Preventative Maintenance.

Pinal County Division of Public Health On the Go Express

Pinal County



Pinal County Public Health Services District, On the Go Express Transportation, is a non-profit, grant funded transportation program, designed to ensure mobility through the provision of transportation to the elderly and persons with disabilities in rural Eastern Pinal County. This is a shared service ride that offers door-to-door service and serves our passengers with a professional and courteous ride. On The Go Express Transportation services Eastern Pinal County, encompassing the towns and cities of Oracle, Oracle Junction, San Manuel, Mammoth, Aravaipa, Dudleyville, Kearny, Hayden, Winkelman, Saddlebrooke, Riverside/Kelvin and Superior.

Services Provided by On the Go Express Transportation include transportation to medical appointments, dental appointments, vision appointments, physical therapy, grocery shopping and prescription pick up. Clients are also transported to medical appointments as far as the Veteran's hospitals in both Tucson and Phoenix. On the Go Express Transportation also collaborates with Pinal County Nutrition and Wellness program for delivery of food boxes to the elderly on a monthly basis.

A fleet of six vehicles is used to provide client transportation services. Four of these vehicles are wheelchair accessible.

On The Go Express operates 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday with the exception of county observed holidays. The suggested donation for services is \$2.00 per day with no charge to any aide assisting with a passenger. Transportation is by appointment only and with a minimum of a 72-hour notice. Appointments are subject to denial if schedule is full. To schedule a ride please call 1-800-208-6897 extension 4508.

Overview of Program

Service:

Transit services for seniors and people with disabilities

Applicant Status:

Local Government

Service Area:

See – Figure 6

Major Funding Source:

Pinal County Public Health Services District

Number of Vehicles: 6

Annual Data Year: FY 17-18

Annual Trips: 6,718

Annual Hours: 2,742

Annual Miles: 101,426

Contact:

Mary Clements

mary.clements@pinalcountyaz.gov

(520) 866-7312

Current Coordination/Needs:

Specific coordination interests include active participation in coordination meetings with the CAG Coordination Council and coordinating activities such as training, vehicle maintenance and public information. Expanded coordination efforts include reaching out to the Public Health Department (i.e. Transporting Well Woman Program elderly clients to medical appointments and delivery of food boxes-for the elderly on a monthly basis).

Pinal-Gila Council for Senior CitizensGila & Pinal County



Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens (PGCSC) provides a variety of services to seniors in the geographic area of Pinal and Gila counties. As the Area Agency on Aging for Region V, PGCSC provides funds to local Senior Centers, who in turn provide direct service transportation, including services to meet basic needs such as nutrition, medical appointments, personal business and shopping. Senior Centers operating transportation programs under contract with PGCSC are Apache Junction, Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Globe, Florence, Hayden, Miami, Superior and Payson.

PGCSC continues to work with community senior centers in providing local transportation services meeting nutritional, social and medical needs.

Overview of Program

Service:

Supports Transit Services for the elderly.

Applicant Status:

Nonprofit

Service Area:

See - Figure 6

Annual Data Year: 2018

Number of Vehicles:

3 (currently out of service)

Contact:

Victor Gomez victorg@pgcsc.org (520) 836-2758

Current Coordination/Needs:

One of the ongoing needs for coordination continues to be access to training for defensive driving and PASS. Another need is for connector services that would connect the existing transportation services available through the senior centers, with the Central Arizona Regional Transit (CART).

Pinal Hispanic Council Pinal County



Pinal Hispanic Council (PHC) is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) behavioral health agency licensed by the State of Arizona to provide an array of outpatient services in Pinal, Santa Cruz and Cochise counties. Pinal Hispanic Council has been in operation for over twenty years. Pinal Hispanic Council's Mission: Empowering diverse communities to become healthy.

PHC serves mentally ill individuals and families, children, adults and senior citizens receiving various types of outpatient services in Eloy, Coolidge, Casa Grande, Arizona City, San Tan Valley, Florence and Picacho areas.

PHC provides transportation services to its members to maximize the treatment services we offer by allowing members to keep vital appointments for their wellbeing. By assisting them with daily, weekly, bi-weekly or monthly transportation the agency assures their mental well-being is secure. PHC's hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm. Pinal Hispanic Council also provides transportation on Saturdays as needed.

Overview of Program

Service:

Client transportation services

Applicant Status: 501 (c)(3) Non-Profit

Service Area:

See - Figure 6

Major Funding Source: 5310 - Rural Public Transit Cenpatico

Number of Vehicles: 23 (plus 3 spare vehicles)

Annual Data Year: 2017 Annual Trips: 17,103 Annual Hours: 1,820 Annual Miles: 269,733

Contact:

Tanya Cruz tcruz@pinalhispaniccouncil.org (520) 560-2391

107 East 4th Street Eloy, AZ 85131

Current Coordination/Needs:

Pinal Hispanic Council utilizes AHCCCS transportation services to provide services for members to medical appointments outside of Pinal County if available. In addition, PHC assists the members in the Coolidge Area to utilize Cotton Express by regularly distributing the Cotton Express brochures and making arrangements or providing guidance if needed.

Unmet Needs: Pinal Hispanic Council is seeking two vehicles to replace VIN 4806 and VIN 4170. PHC is also seeking \$9,600 (\$4,800 each year) in preventative maintenance for eleven vehicles at the 80/20 match with PHC providing \$2,400 (\$1,200 each year) in Local Match.

Pleasant Valley Transit Services

Gila County

Pleasant Valley Transit is dedicated to providing safe and value driven transportation to the residents of Young, Arizona and the surrounding area. We are a non-profit, newly formed organization seeking to provide quality transit services from our remote rural community. Our services will transport disabled and older adults for medical appointments, grocery shopping and other needs of daily life. Our current median age according to the 2016 ACS is 60.2, a significant increase from the 2010 Census median age of 56.5. This illustrates the rapidly increasing need within our community for a transit service. One donated vehicle is slated to provide service.

Barriers: Geographic isolation, unpaved roads, difficult weather, communications connectivity, availability of spare vehicle and volunteer qualified staff.

Overview of Program

Service:

Mobility on Demand

Applicant Status:

New

Service Area:

Young to Payson, Globe and Show Low

Major Funding Source: Currently researching

Number of Vehicles: 1

Annual Data Year: N/A Annual Trips: N/A Annual Hours: N/A Annual Miles: N/A

Contact:

Iames Bruzzi

PleasantValleyTransit@aol.c

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(480) 215-2497

Current Coordination/Needs:

Pleasant Valley Transit is a participant of the Gila-Pinal Rides Coordination Committee, attends trainings and is working to coordinate services with the newly forming Payson/Star Valley Beeline Bus.

Unmet Needs:

Pleasant Valley Transit Services will require additional funding sources to meet our projected operating budget. We are also needing qualified staff in order to implement our services. A 9-passenger cutaway with a lift for expansion may also be requested as well as funding for Preventative Maintenance.

Portable Practical Education Preparation (PPEP) / Encompass

Gila & Pinal County



(This program profile did not change from 2018.)

PPEP Integrated Care operates group homes and day programs for developmentally disabled adults. Group homes operate 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. Their day programs operate 7 days a week.

PPEP's Globe area has five group homes and one-day program. Their Casa Grande area has three group homes, one-day program, and operates a transportation route.

PPEP provides transportation and employment services to adults, including seniors, with developmental disabilities who are PPEP Integrated Care clients or state contracted clients.

Overview of Program

Service:

Client transportation services

Applicant Status:

Local Government

Service Area:

See – Figure 6

Major Funding Source:

5310 - Rural Public Transit

Number of Vehicles: 19

Annual Data Year:

(UNKNOWN)

Annual Trips: 29,307 Annual Hours: 6,224 Annual Miles: 147,456

Contact:

Jacob Herrington jherrington@ppep.org (520) 806-4670

Current Coordination/Needs:

In the CAG Region, PPEP continues to coordinate with Horizon Health and Wellness and Arizona Mentor in the areas of staff development, transportation, community wide events and sustainable solutions for this rural area. In the Casa Grande area, PPEP continues to support individuals with disabilities with transportation to organizations like AFH and Creative labor. The expanded coordination efforts also include training and transportation opportunities for the region. Exploration of sharing insurance liability and administrative processes are also taking place in these communities.

Unmet Needs:

Additional transportation supports are required in order for PPEP to consider further expansion of service delivery in these regions for vulnerable populations.

San Carlos Apache Tribe - Nnee Bich'o Nii Transit Gila County (Pinal, Graham, Greenlee, and Maricopa Counties)



(This program profile did not change from 2018.)

San Carlos Apache Nnee Bich'o Nii Services operates ten scheduled routes, with an increased variety of fixed route, commuter routes, contract services, and intercity, and intercity feeder routes. We provide fixed route services with deviation for all community members. Our Fleet has grown to 27 vehicles at this time. Projected by 2021, will be at a fleet of 32 vehicles: vans, trucks, and buses. It is anticipated that many of fleet will be replaced due to excessive mileage.

Currently, Nnee Bich'o Nii provides reliable and timely services for individuals who are working, attending school, doctor's visit, shopping, attending activities for entertainment or any other activities that support individuals or families. Transit services are used to modernize and expand transit bus services specifically for the purpose of connecting disadvantaged and low-income individuals, veterans, seniors, youths, and others who are transit-disadvantaged to the local workforce training, employment opportunities, health care, and other vital services and family related activities.

Overview of Program

Service:

Intercity and Intercity
Feeder Public Transit

Applicant Status:

Local Government

Service Area:

See – Figure 6 and Route on following page.

Major Funding Source:

FTA Tribal Transit, ADOT 5311 – Rural Public Transit

Annual Data Year: UNKOWN

Annual Passengers: 44,691

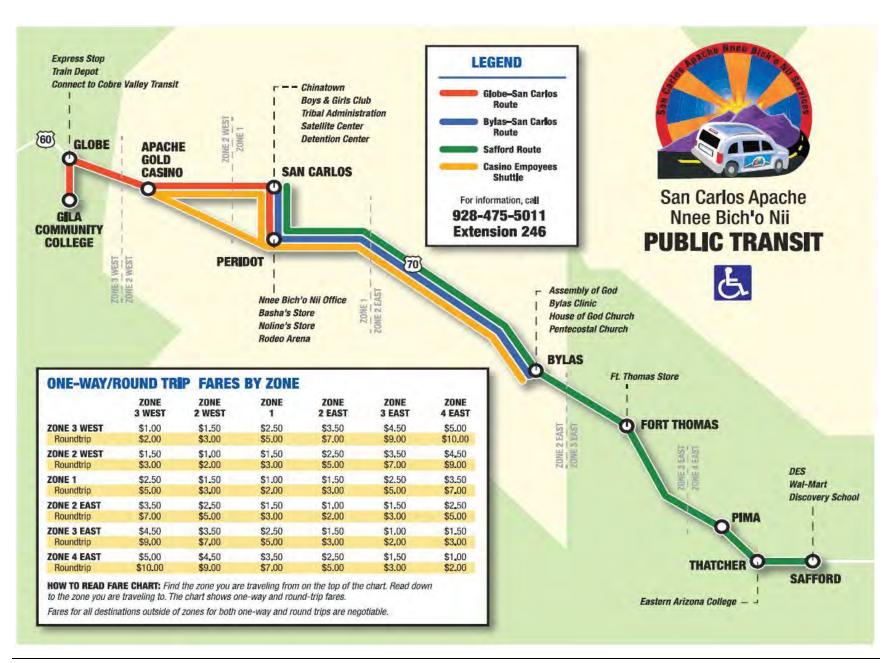
Annual Trips: 59,238 **Annual Hours:** 16,512 **Annual Miles:** 491,711

Contact:

Bernadette Kniffin

bkniffin@tanf.scat-nsn.gov

Current Coordination/Needs: Nnee Bich'o Nii is currently involved in the Greater Gila County Feasibility Study with ridership surveys to ensure that services are current and meeting the needs of the riders for Gila & Pinal Counties. During multiple surveys, riders identified that there was a need and desire for the Nnee Bich'o Nii to provide expanded services to the White Mountain Apache Tribe. Many tribal members from the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the San Carlos Apache Tribe are related and desire to meet with family members residing on the reservation with a seasonal connector route would allow employment-related services for these individuals. Discussions were held with the White Mountain Apache Tribe regarding feasibility which culminated in the submission of a planning grant through the Tribal Transit Program (TTP) by the San Carlos Apache Tribe, Nnee Bich'o Nii Transit Program, where our goal will be met April 2018. Another is the establishment of a Safford Circular Route to begin in the Fall of 2018. We have continued our efforts to work on our coordinated runs with Cobre Valley Transit (CVT) from Globe-Miami.



Superior Senior Center Pinal County



(This program profile did not change from 2017.)

The Superior Senior Center is open four days a week from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, closed Fridays & Holidays. The Center is located at 360 W. Main Street.

The Senior Center offers Homebound & Congregate Meals four days a week. We do home-delivered meals on Mondays, 1 hot meal and 4 frozen. We offer transportation to and from the center and local shopping trips.

The Center has two vans that are wheel chair accessible. The vans can carry eight passengers, less if one or two passengers are in wheel chairs. We do offer a shopping trip to Apache Junction once a month. These trips are on Fridays, since the two employees work Monday thru Thursday.

At this, time we cannot offer out of town transportation for appointments due to limited resources.

Overview of Program

Service:

Client transportation services

Applicant Status: Public Agency

Service Area: Town of

Superior

Major Funding Source: Pinal/Gila Council for Senior

Citizens

Number of Vehicles: 3

Annual Data Year: 2016 Annual Trips: Annual Hours: Annual Miles:

Contact: Todd Pryor

manager@superioraz.gov

Current Coordination/Needs:

Superior coordinates with others that offer transportation services passing through Superior or coming to Superior & offer services, perhaps a shopping trip or medical appointments. One van lift only operates manually. We need to keep both vans in good repair in case of breakdowns.

Town of Miami - Cobre Valley Community Transit Gila County



Cobre Valley Community Transit (CVCT) is a collaborative effort to provide public transportation service between the Town of Miami, the City of Globe and unincorporated aresas of Gila County. CVCT currently operates a Diala-Ride and a Fixed Route with deviation service. Operating Monday through Friday, excluding all major holidays CVCT fulfills the transportation needs of the residents in the community.

Dial-a-Ride provides transportation service in areas the buses cannot navigate and is open to the public, however it is mainly utilized by Senior's and individuals with disabilities who have a difficult time reaching the bus stops. Recently there has been an increase in Dialysis Patients.

The Fixed Route with deviation service has 24 stops throughout the Miami/Globe area and are located near or at business centers with banking, shopping, Dialysis and medical centers, as well as governmental and municipals buildings. Deviation is available ³/₄ of a mile off the regular route for an additional fee.

Cobre Valley Community Transit has two vans and four buses, (one spare van) that provide transportation for the Dial-a-Ride and Fixe Route service. All are wheelchair accessible.

Overview of Program

Service:

General Public Deviated Flex Route and Demand Response service.

Applicant Status:

Local Government

Service Area:

Miami, Globe, & unincorporated Gila County surrounding.

Major Funding Source:

ADOT 5311 – Rural Public Transit

Number of Vehicles: 6 Annual Data Year: FY17 Annual Trips: 16,500 Annual Hours: 7,900 Annual Miles: 87,150

Contact:

Tonya Johnston

miamitransit@cableone.net

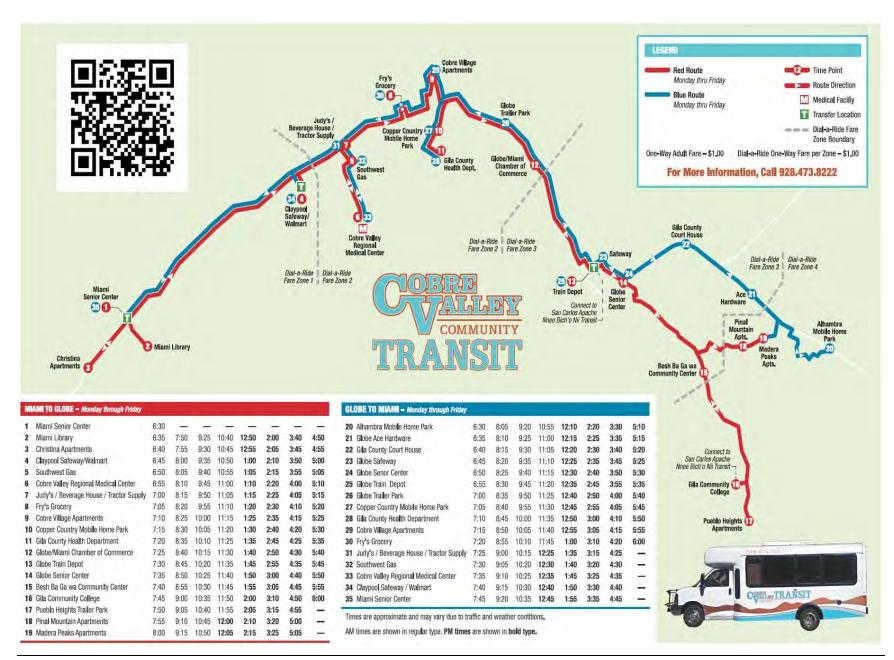
(928) 473-8222

Current Coordination/Needs:

Cobre Valley Community Transit coordinates with Statewide Express for non-emergency and DES transportations. These are clients with insurance coverage (no insurance-no transport). Statewide contracts some services with Cobre Valley. CVCT is working on better coordination efforts with San Carlos to improve transportation services in Gila County.

Unmet Needs:

The Town of Miami plans on replacing older vehicles with high mileage and strengthening program management.



White Mountain Apache Tribe – Fort Apache Connection Gila County

(This program profile did not change from 2018.)

The White Mountain Apache Division of Transportation Fort Apache Connection began on June 2017. We operate a fixed route service from Monday through Friday on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

The Fort Apache Connection currently operates two routes. Services expand from the west end of the reservation to the east end, servicing the major communities of Carrizo, Cedar Creek, Canyon Day, Whiteriver, North Fork, Hon-Dah and McNary. Future services will extend to the communities of East Fork, Seven Mile, and Fort Apache.

Overview of Program

Service:

Public Transit Service

Applicant Status:

Active

Service Area:

Fort Apache Indian Reservation (See Map Attached)

Major Funding Source:

5311 – FTA Tribal Transit

Number of Vehicles: 2 Began June 2017

Annual Data Year:

UNKNOWN

Annual Trips: 2,681 Annual Hours: 516 Annual Miles: 16,929

Contact:

Tara Chief

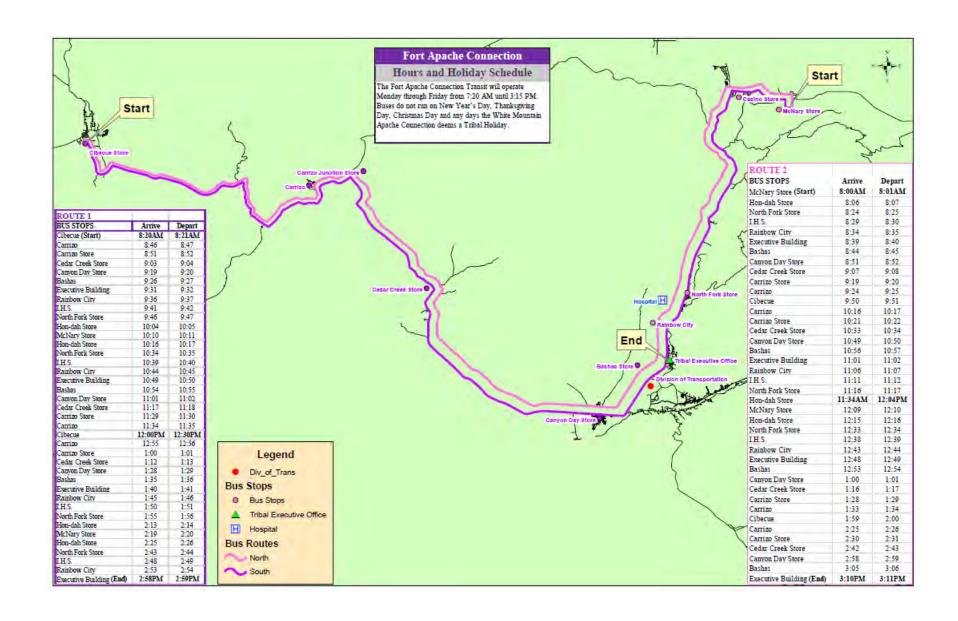
tarachief@wmat.us

928-338-5155

Current Coordination/Needs:

The Fort Apache Connection is currently conducting ridership surveys to identify ways of improving the transit service on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. The surveys identify the current transit needs for the Fort Apache Connection.

Starting in the spring of 2018 the White Mountain Apache Tribe Fort Apache Connection and the San Carlos Apache Tribe Nnee Bich'o Nii plan to connect at the Salt River Canyon to expand serviced for passengers who would like to visit family members or travel for work related purposes.



Commercial Transportation Providers

Currently several commercial transportation providers operate in the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region. These include:

Union Cab Company

Primarily an airport shuttle, vehicles can be chartered for a half day for \$130.00 or for the full day for \$250.00. The services operate four Lincoln Town Cars. http://unioncabaz.com Phone no: 480-303-9999

Pinal Connections

Primarily an airport shuttle, a trip from Casa Grande or Coolidge would be \$50 with a one-hour wait time. pinalconnections@yahoo.com
Phone: 1-800-427-1271

Safe Ride and Statewide Express Transportation

There are two contract providers typically used to provide AHCCCS (Medicaid) transportation services, Safe Ride and Statewide Express Transportation. These providers were certified through the AHCCCS system and selected for use as needed by health care providers serving the area. http://www.statewideaz.net/ Phone: 928-680-1222

Grevhound Intercity Bus Service

This new service allows residents to experience the best of both worlds, catering to those who want to travel to smaller, rural communities in Arizona, as well as those who want access to major cities within Greyhound's network. Students in College can also enjoy the benefit of having convenient access from campus to home.

Greyhound and ADOT worked in partnership with each of the communities to ensure that the routes were coordinated with local transit operations to allow for easy and convenient transfers. This included coordination with the towns of Safford and Superior, along with coordination with each of the transit systems in the new markets. https://www.greyhound.com/en/discover-greyhound/ Call (toll-free) 1-800-231-2222



Figure 9: Greyhound Service Routes

3. VEHICLE INVENTORY

The following is a vehicle inventory for the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO as reported by providers in September 2017. An asterisk (*) is placed for each vehicle that was *reported* to have been acquired from DOT, ADOT, or MAG.

Achieve Human Services

Submitted by: Joselyn Creed, Lead of Operations - Last Updated 2018

		Vehicle Year	VIN#	Make	Model	Type of Vehicle	Pass Capacity	W/C seat #	Lift- Y-N	Active or Spare	Miles & Condition
Vehicle	1	2007	1FMNE11W07DB23568	Ford	E150XL	Van	7	0	N	Active	135,855
Vehicle	2	2007	1FTSS34L47DB36949	Ford	E-350	Van	9	2	Y	Active	52,117
Vehicle	3	2012	2C4RDGCG9CR353702	Dodge	Caravan	Van	7	0	N	Active	108,409
Vehicle	4	2013	2C4RDGCG8DR813448	Dodge	Caravan	Van	7	0	N	Active	65,659

Beeline Bus

Submitted by: Suzanne Kammerman - Last Updated 2018

		Vehicle Year	VIN #	Make	Model	Type of Vehicle	Pass Capacity	W/C seat #	Lift- Y-N	Active or Spare	Miles & Condition
Vehicle	1	2008	1FD3E35S08DB35182	Ford	Supreme	Bus	11	2	Y	Spare	98,956 / Fair
Vehicle	2	2014	1FDEE3FL3EDA72848	Ford	Supreme	Bus				Active	61,200 / Good
Vehicle*	3	2015	1FDEE3FS8FDA35223	Ford	Starcraft	Bus	11	2	Y	Active	37,821 / Good

Central Arizona Regional Transit (CART) and Cotton Express

Submitted by: Mike Meyer - Last Updated 2018

Vehicle Year	VIN #	Make	Model	Type of Vehicle	Pass Capacity	W/C seat #	Lift- Y-N	Active or Spare	Miles & Condition

Vehicle*	1	2007	1FDXE45P96DB41983	Ford	E450	Bus	19	2	Y	Spare	147,748/ Poor
Vehicle*	2	2008	1GBJ5V1918F409721	Chevy	C5500	Bus	32	2	Y	Spare	280,404/ Good
Vehicle*	3	2009	1GBK6316X91133448	Chevy	G450	Bus	19	2	Y	Active	223,193/ Good
Vehicle*	4	2009	1GBKG316591133129	Chevy	G450	Bus	19	2	Y	Active	195,995/ Good
Vehicle*	5	2009	1GBKG316491133543	Chevy	G450	Bus	19	2	Y	Active	217,361/ Good
Vehicle*	6	2014	5WEASAAN4EH787071	Int.	Max Force	Bus	32	2	Y	Active	312,963/ Good
Vehicle*	7	2014	5WEASAAN2EH787070	Int.	Max Force	Bus	32	2	Y	Active	273,237/ Good
Vehicle*	8	2014	1GB6G5BGXE1107379	Chevy	G450	Bus	19	2	Y	Active	181,912/ Good
Vehicle*	9	2014	1GB6G5BGXE1107057	Chevy	G450	Bus	19	2	Y	Active	103,500/ Good

Dorothy Nolan Senor Center Town of Florence

Submitted by: Laura Carter - Last Updated 2018

		Vehicle Year	VIN #	Make	Model	Type of Vehicle	Pass Capacity	W/C seat #	Lift- Y-N	Active or Spare	Miles & Condition
Vehicle	1	2003	1FBSS31S63HB32422	Ford	Maxi Van	Maxi Van	15	SC - 2	N	Active	69,979 / Fair
Vehicle	2	2007	1D4GP24EX7B251914	Dodge	Grand Caravan	Minivan	6	SC - 4	N	Active	87,053 / Fair
Vehicle*	3	2007	1FDWE35S97DA99150	Ford	El Dorado	Cutaway	9	SC - 5	Y	Active	95,607 / Fair
Vehicle	4	2011	1FDEE3FS2BDB21413	Ford	El Dorado	Cutaway	9	SC - 16	Y	Active	47,835 / Fair

Gila River Transit

Submitted by: Deborah Brunner - Last Updated 2018

		Vehicle Year	VIN #	Make	Model	Type of Vehicle	Pass Capacity	W/C seat #	Lift- Y- N	Active or Spare	Miles & Condition
Vehicle	1	2007	1FDWE35S07DA99151	Ford	Aerolite	Bus	15	1	Y	Spare	80,063 / Good
Vehicle	2	2015	1GB6G5BG7F1121340	Chevy	Spirit	Bus	26	2	Ramp	Active	58,553 / Good

Vehicle	3	2015	1GB6G5BG0F1121065	Chevy	Spirit	Bus	26	2	Ramp	Active	52,065 / Good
Vehicle	4	2015	1GB6G5BG6F1122446	Chevy	Spirit	Bus	26	2	Ramp	Active	47,836 / Good

Hayden Senior Center – Town of Hayden

Submitted by: Anita Hinojos – Last Updated 2017

		Vehicle Year	VIN#	Make	Model	Type of Vehicle	Pass Capacity	W/C seat #	Lift- Y-N	Active or Spare	Miles & Condition
Vehicle*	1	2007	1GAHG35U571249709	Chevy	1TVN	Van	12	0	N	Active	63,220 / Fair
Vehicle*	2	2011	5TZDK3DC0BS044605	Toyota	12 VIN	Minivan	7	0	N	Active	84,434 / Fair
Vehicle*	3	2013	1FDDS3EL2DDB03415	Ford	E350	Van	10	2	Y	Active	13,427 / Excellent

Horizon Health & Wellness

Submitted by: Marsha Ashcroft – Last Updated 2018

		Vehicle Year	VIN #	Make	Model	Type of Vehicle	Pass Capacity	W/C seat #	Lift- Y-N	Active or Spare	Miles & Condition
Vehicle	1	2009	1FTDS34LX9DA59712	Ford	Supreme	Off Lien	8	2	Y	Active	71,194 / Fair
Vehicle	2	2009	1FTDS34L19DA59713	Ford	Supreme	Off Lien	8	2	Y	Active	85,933 / Fair
Vehicle*	3	2010	1FTDS3EL2ADB00790	Ford	Supreme	5310	8	2	Y	Active	82,639 / Fair
Vehicle	4	2010	1GA2G1DG2A1169412	Chevy	Express	Off Lien	12	NA	NA	Active	120,659 / Fair
Vehicle*	5	2011	5TDZK3DC2BS037915	Toyota	Sienna	5310	7	NA	NA	Active	117,054 / Fair
Vehicle	6	2011	1FDEE3FS9BDB21411	Ford	E350	Off Lien	8	2	Y	Spare	112,075 / Fair
Vehicle	7	2011	1GAZG1FG0B1190840	Chevy	Express	Off Lien	12	NA	NA	Active	146,441 / Fair
Vehicle*	8	2011	1FTDS3ELXBDB28550	Ford	E350	5310	8	2	Y	Active	59,492 / Fair
Vehicle*	9	2012	1GAZG1FA6C1183792	Chevy	Express	5310	12	NA	NA	Active	107,373 /Fair
Vehicle*	10	2012	1GAZG1FA4C1183340	Chevy	Express	5310	12	NA	NA	Active	101,802 / Fair
Vehicle*	11	2012	2C4RDGCG1CR353693	Dodge	Caravan	5310	7	NA	NA	Active	89,137 / Fair
Vehicle	12	2012	2C4RDGCG4CR353719	Dodge	Caravan	Off Lien	7	NA	NA	Active	138,187 / Fair
Vehicle*	13	2013	1GAZG1FG4D1155317	Chevy	Express	5310	12	NA	NA	Active	106,609 / Fair
Vehicle*	14	2013	1GAZG1FG1D1153945	Chevy	Express	5310	12	NA	NA	Active	112,000 / Fair
Vehicle	15	2013	1FBNE3BL1DDB34227	Ford	Econoline	Agency	7	NA	NA	Active	69,713 / Good
Vehicle*	16	2013	1GAZG1FGXD1153832	Chevy	Express	5310	12	NA	NA	Active	93,704 / Good
Vehicle*	17	2013	1GAZG1FG1D1154819	Chevy	Express	5310	12	NA	NA	Active	89,447 / Good
Vehicle	18	2014	1FBNE3BL5EDA10799	Ford	E350	Agency	15	NA	NA	Active	59,426 / Good
Vehicle	19	2014	2FMGK5B83EBD42469	Ford	Flex	Agency	7	NA	NA	Active	85,824 / Good
Vehicle*	20	2015	1GAZG1FG8F1102056	Chevy	Express	5310	12	NA	NA	Active	79,950 / Good
Vehicle*	21	2015	1GAZG1FG7F1103134	Chevy	Express	5310	12	NA	NA	Active	75,387 / Good
Vehicle*	22	2015	1GAZG1FG8F1103773	Chevy	Express	5310	12	NA	NA	Active	70,774 / Good

Vehicle*	23	2015	1GAZG1FG1F1157996	Chevy	Express	5310	12	NA	NA	Active	65,351 / Good
Vehicle*	24	2015	1GAZG1FG6F1157248	Chevy	Express	5310	12	NA	NA	Active	41,040 / Good
Vehicle*	25	2015	1FBZX2CM3FKA53189	Ford	Transit	5310	12	NA	NA	Active	41,105 / Good
Vehicle*	26	2015	1FDEE3FSXFDA35224	Ford	Starcraft	5310	8	2	Y	Active	50,996 / Good
Vehicle*	27	2015	2C4RDGCG5FR719501	Dodge	Caravan	5310	7	NA	NA	Active	58,275 / Good
Vehicle	28	2015	2FMGK5B80FBA23175	Ford	Flex	Agency	7	NA	NA	Active	50,737 / Good
Vehicle*	29	2016	1FBZX2CMXGKB22848	Ford	Transit	5310	12	1	Y	Active	14,259 / New
Vehicle*	30	2016	1GAZGPFG6G1331680	Chevy	Express	5310	12	NA	NA	Active	46,050 / Good
Vehicle*	31	2016	1GAZGPFG5G1330570	Chevy	Express	5310	12	NA	NA	Active	56,827 / Good
Vehicle	32	2016	AGAZGPFG7G1333003	Chevy	Express	5310	12	NA	NA	Active	47,383 / Good
Vehicle*	33	2016	1GAZGPFG3G1333256	Chevy	Express	5310	12	NA	NA	Active	30,210 / Good
Vehicle*	34	2016	1GAZGPFG0G1333196	Chevy	Express	5310	12	NA	NA	Active	40,107 / Good
Vehicle*	35	2016	2C4RDGCG6GR378059	Dodge	Caravan	5310	7	NA	NA	Active	37,704 / Good
Vehicle*	36	2017	1GAZGPFG5H1227649	Chevy	Express	5310	12	NA	NA	Active	12,145 / New
Vehicle*	37	2017	1FMZK1YM1HKA90642	Ford	E150	5310	7	NA	NA	Active	10,221 / New
Vehicle*	38	2017	1FBZX2CM9HKA91030	Ford	Transit	5310	8	2	Y	Active	15,966 / New

Kearny Senior Center

Submitted by: Anna Flores – Last Updated 2017

		Vehicle Year	VIN#	Make	Model	Type of Vehicle	Pass Capacity	W/C seat #	Lift- Y- N	Active or Spare	Miles & Condition
Vehicle	1	2007	1GAHG35U871249736	Chevy	Express	Van	12		N	Active	115,579

The Opportunity Tree - (Formally Known as Arizona Foundation for the Handicapped)

Submitted by: PJ Orona - Last Updated 2018

		Vehicle Year	VIN#	Make	Model	Type of Vehicle	Pass Capacity	W/C seat #	Lift- Y-N	Active or Spare	Miles & Condition
Vehicle	1	2012	NM0KS9CN5CT092902	Ford	Transit	Van	4	1	Y	Active	84,776 / Poor
Vehicle	2	2012	1GAZGZFA2C1126245	Chevy	Van	Van	5	3	Y	Active	80,371 / Poor
Vehicle	3	2015	2C4RDGBG7FR508883	Dodge	Caravan	Van	7	0	N	Active	82,621 / Fair
Vehicle	4	2015	2C4RDGBG1FR625052	Dodge	Caravan	Van	7	0	N	Active	63,370 / Fair
Vehicle	5	2016	2C4RDGBGXGR278709	Dodge	Caravan	Van	7	0	N	Active	72,269 / Fair
Vehicle	6	2017	5TDKZ3DC5HS898950	Toyota	Sienna	Van	7	0	N	Active	30,249 / Excellent
Vehicle	7	2017	2C4RDGBG9HR548790	Dodge	Caravan	Van	7	0	N	Active	23,376 / Excellent
Vehicle	8	2017	1FBZX2CM5HKB08809	Ford	Transit	Van	9	4	Y	Active	20,518 / Excellent
Vehicle	9	2017	5TDKZ3DCXHS880654	Toyota	Sienna	Van	7	0	N	Active	14,685 / Excellent
Vehicle	10	2018	5TDKZ3DC9JS907705	Toyota	Sienna	Van	7	0	N	Active	18,797 / New

Payson Senior Center, Inc.

Submitted by: Suzanne Kammerman - Last Updated 2018

		Vehicle Year	VIN#	Make	Model	Type of Vehicle	Pass Capacity	W/C seat #	Lift- Y-N	Active or Spare	Miles & Condition
Vehicle*	1	2011	5TDKK4CC2AS301206	Chevrolet	Express	Van	12	0	N	Active	30,320 / Good
Vehicle*	2	2012	2C4RDGCG4CR353705	Dodge	Grand Caravan	Van	7	0	N	Active	40,151 / Good
Vehicle*	3	2012	2C4RDGBG3CR281333	Dodge	AmeriVan	Van	5	1	N	Active	26,222 / Good
Vehicle*	4	2008	1GNDV23W98D206735	Chevrolet	DLS	Van	7	0	N	Active	43,576 / Good
Vehicle*	5	2010	5TDKK4CC2AS301206	Toyota	SCL	Van	7	0	N	Active	30,320 / Good

Pinal County Division of Public Health - On the Go Express

Submitted by: Mary Clements - Last Updated 2018

		Vehicle Year	VIN #	Make	Model	Type of Vehicle	Pass Capacity	W/C seat #	Lift- Y-N	Active or Spare	Miles & Condition
Vehicle*	1	2012	2C4RDGCG2CR353699	Dodge	Caravan	Van	8	0	N	Active	100,000 / Fair
Vehicle*	2	2012	1FDEE3FS3CDA62910	Ford	Supreme	Cutaway	8	2	Y	Active	113,814 / Poor
Vehicle	3	2014	1FDWE3FL6EDB17821	Ford	Starcraft	Cutaway	8	2	Y	Active	45,163 / Good
Vehicle	4	2016	KNDMC5C13G6138911	Kia	Sedona	Van	8	2	N	Active	54,945 / Good
Vehicle	5	2016	KNDMC5C17G6127748	Kia	Sedona	Van	8	2	N	Active	63,236 / Good
Vehicle	6	2017	FDVU4XG7HKA62625	Ford	E350	Transit	8	2	Y	Active	11,947 / Excellent

Pinal Hispanic Council

Submitted by: Tanya Cruz – Last Updated 2018

		Vehicle Year	VIN#	Make	Model	Type of Vehicle	Pass Capacity	W/C seat #	Lift- Y- N	Active or Spare	Miles & Condition
Vehicle	1	1994	2B5WB35YXRK137827	Dodge	Ram	Van	10	N/A	N	Active	74,602 / Fair
Vehicle	2	1998	1FBSS31SXWHB14879	Ford E350	Handicapped Van	Van	8	2	Ramp	Spare	In Shop / Poor
Vehicle	3	2002	1GAHG39RX21141679	Chevy	15 Passenger	Van	15	N/A	N	Spare	In Shop / Poor
Vehicle	4	2002	1B4HR38N42F153486	Dodge	Durango	SUV	5	N/A	N	Spare	In Shop / Poor
Vehicle	5	2005	1GAHG39U151244806	Chevy	x3 Van	Van	15	N/A	N	Active	191,991 / Good
Vehicle	6	2006	1GNDC23L76D224170	Chevy	Uplander	Van	7	N/A	N	Active	202,973 / Fair
Vehicle	7	2010	5TDKK4CC3AS302316	Toyota	Sienna	Van	7	N/A	N	Active	147,385 / Good
Vehicle	8	2010	5TDKK4CC4AS302017	Toyota	Sienna	Van	7	N/A	N	Active	143,114 / Fair
Vehicle	9	2010	2D4RN3D11AR389450	Dodge/Blk	Grand Caravan	Van	7	N/A	N	Active	121,472 / Good
Vehicle ¹	10	2010	2D4RN3D13AR335678	Dodge	Grand Caravan	Van	7	N/A	N	Active	114,704 / Good
Vehicle ¹	11	2010	2A4RR2D18AR405892	Chrysler	Town & Country	Van	7	N/A	N	Active	105,295 / Good

Vehicle ¹	12	2010	2D4RN4DEXAR406318	Dodge	Grand Caravan	Van	7	N/A	N	Active	82,600 / Good
Vehicle	13	2012	2C4RDGCG0CR353734	Dodge	Grand Caravan	Van	7	N/A	N	Active	114,740 / Good
Vehicle	14	2012	2C4RDGCG2CR353735	Dodge	Grand Caravan	Van	7	N/A	N	Active	80,802 / Good
Vehicle	15	2013	2C4RDGBG2DR735993	Dodge	Grand Caravan	Van	7	N/A	N	Active	94,498 / Excellent
Vehicle	16	2014	1FBSS3BL8EDA58843	Ford/White	E-350 15 Passenger	Van	15	N/A	N	Active	67,940 / Good
Vehicle ¹	17	2014	1FBSS3BL9EDA36527	Ford/ Red	E-350 15 Passenger	Van	15	N/A	N	Active	49,854 / Excellent
Vehicle	18	2015	2C4RDGCG9FR635570	Dodge	Grand Caravan	Van	7	N/A	N	Active	80,680 / Excellent
Vehicle ¹	19	2015	2C4RDGCG0FR635571	Dodge	Grand Caravan	Van	7	N/A	N	Active	59,273 / Excellent
Vehicle	20	2015	2C7WDGBG9FR702952	Dodge	Caravan w/lift	Van	7	2	Ramp	Active	55,921 / Excellent
Vehicle ¹	21	2015	2C4RDGCG0FR722936	Dodge	Grand Caravan	Van	7	N/A	N	Active	36,299 / Excellent
Vehicle	22	2016	2C4RDGBG7GR250379	Dodge	Grand Caravan	Van	7	N/A	N	Active	49,042 / Excellent
Vehicle	23	2016	2C4RDGCG2GR378060	Dodge	Grand Caravan	Van	7	N/A	N	Active	41,983 / Excellent
Vehicle	24	2016	1GAZGPFG5G1331220	Chevy	12 Passenger	Van	12	N/A	N	Active	32,964 / Excellent
Vehicle	25	2017	1FMZK1YM0HKB18446	Ford	Transit t-150	Van	8	N/A	N	Active	17,840 / Excellent
Vehicle	26	2017	1FMZK1YM2HKB18447	Ford	Transit T-150	Van	8	N/A	N	Active	17,089 / Excellent

Vehicles are in the Southeastern Association of Governments Organization (SEAGO) Region – (Nogales and Douglas).

Portable Practical Education Preparation (PPEP) / Encompass

Submitted by: Larry Lozier - Last Updated 2017

		Vehicle Year	VIN#	Make	Model	Type of Vehicle	Pass Capacity	W/C seat #	Lift- Y-N	Active or Spare	Miles & Condition
Vehicle	1	2006	1FBSS31L16D A4 5046	Ford	Econoline	Van	15	N/A	N	Active	141,946 / Moderate
Vehicle*	2	2007	1FDWE35S56DA15923	Ford	E350 El Dorado, 210 Aerolite	Bus	10	2	Y	Active	45,717 / Moderate
Vehicle*	3	2007	1FDWE35S76DA15924	Ford	E350 El Dorado, 210 Aerolite	Bus	10	2	Y	Spare	87,400 / Poor
Vehicle*	4	2007	1FDWE35S27DA99149	Ford	E350 El Dorado, 210 Aerolite	Bus	10	2	Y	Spare	76,898 / Poor
Vehicle	5	2005	1D4GP24R45B282964	Dodge	Caravan		6	N/A	N	Active	86,518 Moderate

Vehicle*	6	2008	1FD3E35S98D B3 5181	Ford	Cutaway	Bus	9	2	Y	Active	63,040 / Good
Vehicle*	7	2009	1FDEE35S79DA75430	Ford	Cutaway	Bus	9	2	Y	Active	50,529 / Good
Vehicle*	8	2010	1FDEE3FSXADA86926	Ford	Cutaway	Bus	9	2	Y	Active	68,218 / Good
Vehicle	9	2006	KNDMB233766061767	Kia	Sedona - Minivan	Van	6	N/A	N	Active	103,830 / Poor
Vehicle	10	2009	KNDMB233X96294143	Kia	Sedona - Minivan	Van	6	N/A	N	Active	75,885 / Good
Vehicle*	11	2012	1FDEE3FS5CDA62911	Ford	Supreme Candidate	Bus	12	2	Y	Active	50,839 / Good
Vehicle*	12	2013	1FDDS3EL4DDB22287	Ford	Supreme Sentinal	Bus	12	2	Y	Active	44,562 / Good
Vehicle	13	2010	1YVHZ8CH8A5M02940	Mazda	Mazda 6	Car	5	N/A	N	Active	88,109 / Good
Vehicle	14	2013	3C4PDCBG1DT570886	Dodge	Journey SXT	Van	7	N/A	N	Active	50,182 / Good
Vehicle*	15	2015	2C4RDGCG7FR719502	Dodge	Caravan SXT	Van	7	N/A	N	Active	24,732 / Good
Vehicle*	16	2016	1GAZGPFG6G1330402	Chevy	y 3500 Express		12	N/A	N	Active	7,088 / Excellent
Vehicle*	17	2017	1FDEE3FS9HDC22361	Ford	Starcraft	Bus	10	2	Y	Active	11,139 / Excellent

San Carlos Apache Tribe - Nnee Bich'o Nii Transit

Submitted by: Bernadette Kniffin - Last Updated 2017

		Year	VIN	Make	Model	Type of Vehicle	Pass Capacity	W/C Seat#	Lift Y- N	Active or Spare	Miles & Condition
Vehicle	1	2008	1FBNE31L28DB40206	Ford	E-350 Econo Van		11	0			25,2498 / Good
Vehicle	2	2008	1FBNE31L48DB40207	Ford	E-350 Econo Van		11	0			215,187 / Good
Vehicle	3	2008	1FBNE31L68DB40208	Ford	E-350 Econo Van		11	NA			233,798 / Good
Vehicle	4	2008	1FBSS31L58DA80496	Ford	Econo Van LG		14	NA			302,750 / Good
Vehicle	5	2008	1FBNE31L44HA20572	Ford	Econo Van SM		11	0			291,754 / Good
Vehicle	6	2008	1FBSS31L95HB12760	Ford	Econo Van LG		11	0			253,540 / Good
Vehicle	7	2009	1FBNE31L29DA89419	Ford	BS Van		11	0			240,328 / Good
Vehicle	8	2009	1FBNE31L99DA89420	Ford	BS/WSD Van		11	0			282,609 / Good
Vehicle	9	2009	1FBSS31L69DA89421	Ford	BS Van		9	0			35,301.6 / Good

Vehicle	10	2011	1GA2G1DG011778934	Chevy	Express Van	11	0		80,168 / Good
Vehicle	11	2011	1GAZG1FG1B1189938	Chevy	Express Van	11	0		92,082 / Good
Vehicle	12	2011	1GAZG1FGXB1190537	Chevy	Express Van	11	0		173,110 / Good
Vehicle	13	2011	1GAZG1FG3B1190766	Chevy	Express Van	11	0		188,947 / Good
Vehicle	14	2011	1GAZG1FA7C1184546	Chevy	Express Van	11	0		404,770 / Good
Vehicle	15	2003	1FAFP33P13W309838	Ford	Focus	5	0		176,450 / Good
Vehicle	16	2008	1FTRX12W88KD09077	Ford	F150 Truck	6	0		85,497.1 / Good
Vehicle	17	2008	1B36C46K98N296897	Dodge	Avenger SD	5	0		121,938 / Good
Vehicle	18	2012	1GCIKVCG7CF207409	Chevy	2500 HD	6	0		136,363 / Good
Vehicle	19	2012	1GCIKVGG3GF209125	Chevy	2500 HD	6	0		81,822 / Good
Vehicle	20	2012	1GB6G5BL7C1202590	Chevy	Express 4500	17	2		167,956 / Good
Vehicle	21	2012	1GB6G5BL6C1201902	Chevy	Express 4500	17	2		235,082 / Good
Vehicle	22	2013	1FDD53EL9DDB22866	Ford	E-350	8	2		29,438.1 / Good
Vehicle	23	2013	1FDD53EL0DDB22867	Ford	E-350	8	2		25,070.5 / Good
Vehicle	24	2015	1FDFE4FS1FDA12277	Ford	Starcraft	24	4		112,327 / Good
Vehicle	25	2015	1FVACWDT1GHHD2056	Champion	Defender	32	4		86,098 / Excellent
Vehicle	26	2017	1FBZX2CM7HKA03169	Transit Works	350 Van	10	2		15,109 / Excellent
Vehicle	27	2017	1FBZX2CM3HKA03170	Transit Works	350 Van	10	2		15,958 / Excellent

Superior Senior Center Hope

Submitted by: Arlene Diaz-Gonzalez – Last Updated 2017

		Vehicle Year	VIN#	Make	Model	Type of Vehicle	Pass Capacity	W/C seat #	Lift- Y-N	Active or Spare	Miles & Condition
Vehicle	1	2010	1FTDSEL4ADB00791	Ford	E350	Van	8	4	Y	Active	39,036 / GOOD
Vehicle	2	2006	1FTSS34L26DA44642	Ford	E350	Van	8	5	Y	Active	25,544 / GOOD

Town of Hayden

Submitted by: Anita Hinojos – Last Updated 2017

		Vehicle Year	VIN#	Make	Model	Type of Vehicle	Pass Capacity	W/C seat #	Lift- Y-N	Active or Spare	Miles & Condition
Vehicle*	1	2007	1GAHG35U571249709	Chevy	1TVN	Van	12	0	N	Active	63,220 / Fair
Vehicle*	2	2011	5TZDK3DC0BS044605	Toyota	12 VIN	Minivan	7	0	N	Active	84,434 / Fair
Vehicle*	3	2013	1FDDS3EL2DDB03415	Ford	E350	Van	10	2	Y	Active	13,427 / Excellent

Town of Kearny

Submitted by: Anna Flores - Last Updated 2017

		Vehicle Year	VIN#	Make	Model	Type of Vehicle	Pass Capacity	W/C seat #	Lift- Y-N	Active or Spare	Miles & Condition
Vehicle	1	2007	1GAHG35U871249736	Chevy	Express	Van	12		N	Active	115,579

Town of Miami - Cobre Valley Community Transit

Submitted by: Tonya Johnston – Last Updated 2018

		Vehicle Year	VIN#	Make	Model	Type of Vehicle	Pass Capacity	W/C seat #	Lift- Y-N	Active or Spare	Miles & Condition
Vehicle	1	2007	1FDXE45S16DB15656	Ford	E450	Bus	14	1	Y	Active	127,980 / Fair
Vehicle	3	2009	1FTDS34L39DA59714	Chevy	Arboc Spirit	Bus				Spare	47,953
Vehicle	4	2010	AGB9G5AG9A1136199	Chevy	Arboc Spirit	Bus	14	2	Y	Spare	197,263 / Good
Vehicle	2	2010	1GB9G5AG3A1103909	Chevy	Express 4500	Bus	14	2	Y	Active	193,070 / Good
Vehicle	5	2013	1GB6G5BG3D1146085	Chevy	Express 4500	Bus	15	2	Y	Active	129,335 / Good
Vehicle	6	2010	2D4RN4DE7AR282556	Dodge	Grand Caravan	Van	6	1	Ramp	Active	144,908 / Fair

Vehicle	7	2010	2D4RN4DE5AR282510	Dodge	Grand Caravan	Van	6	1	Ramp	Active	131,751 / Fair
Vehicle	8	2013	1GB6G5BG1D146067	Chevy	Express 4500	Bus	15	2	Y	Parts	107,475 / Good

White Mountain Apache Tribe

Submitted by: Cassie Kenton-Garcia, Transit Manager – Last Updated 2017

		Vehicle Year	VIN#	Make	Model	Type of Vehicle	Pass Capacity	W/C seat #	Lift- Y- N	Active or Spare	Miles & Condition
Vehicle	1	2017	1FDFE4FS2HDC51422	Ford	Econoline	Cutaway	16	2	Y	Active	15,072 / GOOD
Vehicle	2	2017	1FDFE4FS0HDC51421	Ford	Econoline	Cutaway	16	2	Y	Active	3,245 / GOOD

3.1 UNMET NEEDS

To explore the unmet needs of the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region, local transit providers were asked through a survey conducted by the Region, of how many clients required the daily use of a wheelchair or specially equipped van to fully utilize services in their communities. On average, providers sighted more than 120 residents are in need of such devices in order to fully engage in their services. Providers stated that some clients required door-to-door assistance and vehicles with wheelchair lifts or ramps. Others required personal assistance during transportation, while some noted the need for translators to accompany the client through the completion of the trip.

One unmet need identified by many organizations was the issue of funding and lack of resources. Plans to expand or enhance services often were limited due to financial constraints. When funding is cut, agencies are forced to reduce services or service quality in order to continue operating. A few of the agencies surveyed were in the process of planning service expansions due to the increase in client demand. However, not all program providers saw an increase in funding to support the higher demand.

Approximately 40 percent of those responding to the survey stated that additional public transit options and/or transportation resources outside of their agency would be helpful to their clients and the communities served. Although clients are using the transportation services through local providers, the community need for transit to locations such as shopping, jobs, medical appointments and court appearances is largely going unmet. Respondents suggest that more deviated routes or ondemand service be incorporated to improve local mobility.

Of the transit providers surveyed, 67 percent stated that joining a network of agencies that coordinates transportation services would improve transportation to clients today and in the future. In order to accomplish the improved services they indicated an interest in the following:

- Centralizing maintenance services for service fleet
- Joint use or pooling/sharing vehicles among agencies
- Centralized fueling for vehicles

Local human service agencies and transit providers were also asked if additional transportation services, beyond those now available, are needed in order for clients to have full access to provided services. A slight majority of 56 percent surveyed stated that additional services were needed and listed the following as areas of need:

- Follow up service in the afternoon (budget only allows morning service)
- General Public Transit service to augment demand transportation
- More vehicles to reduce wait times

Although a majority of local agencies agreed that travel demand was going unmet in their communities, approximately 60 percent claimed that trips outside of their city or town was a higher priority than intra-city trips.

A coordinated plan should maximize the program's collective coverage by minimizing service gaps and/or duplication of services. In early 2016, the Gila-Pinal Rides Committee identified a list of potential stakeholders in human service transportation for the Region. The list below represents opportunities for collaboration on service needs and possible funding for transit providers. These agencies are encouraged to participate in funding and/or supporting local transit to enhance the greater welfare of the entire community.

- Community Action Human Resources Agency
- Horizon Home Care
- Against Abuse
- Arizona Bridge to Independent Living
- Arizona Department of Economic Security Aging and Adult Protective Services
- Arizona Department of Economic Security Development Disabilities Division
- Arizona Department of Economic Security Vocational Rehabilitation
- Arizona Department of Child Safety
- Cenpatico Behavioral Health
- Corazon Behavioral Health Services
- Epic Food Mission
- Gila River Indian Community Food Distribution
- Gold Canon United Methodist Church Food Bank
- Helping Associates Inc.

Agencies that have expressed an interest and need for either replacing or expanding their current fleet of service vehicles are listed below in no particular order and are eligible to submit an application for capital during the 5310 FY19 & FY20 grant cycles:

Agency	Description (For Vehicles – Replacement or Expansion)	Fiscal Year	Federal Share \$	Local Match \$	Estimated Amount \$
	7-Passenger Van - Replacement	2019	\$20,800	\$5,200	\$26,000
	7-Passenger Van - Replacement	2019	\$20,800	\$5,200	\$26,000
Achieve Human Services	7-Passenger Van - Replacement	2019	\$20,800	\$5,200	\$26,000
	Preventative Maintenance – (4 Vehicles)	2019	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$5,000
	Preventative Maintenance – (4 Vehicles)	2020	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$5,000
	12-Passenger Van (No Lift) – Expansion	2019	\$25,600	\$6,400	\$32,000
Horizon Health	12-Passenger Van (No Lift) – Expansion	2019	\$25,600	\$6,400	\$32,000
& Wellness	Preventative Maintenance	2019	\$20,800	\$5,200	\$26,000
	Preventative Maintenance	2020	\$20,800	\$5,200	\$26,000

	GRAND T	\$567,100	\$192,250	\$771,350	
	2020	TOTAL	\$133,550	\$60,200	\$199,750
	2019	TOTAL	\$433,550	\$132,050	\$571,600
	Replacement Van	2020	\$55,000	\$13,750	\$68,750
Senior Center	Operations – Volunteer Program	2020	\$18,200	\$18,200	\$36,400
Florence - Dorothy Nolan	Operations – Volunteer Program	2019	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$28,000
Town of	Preventative Maintenance – (5 Vehicles)	2020	\$3,200	\$800	\$4,000
	Preventative Maintenance – (5 Vehicles)	2019	\$3,200	\$800	\$4,000
Town of Kearny	Preventative Maintenance – (1 Vehicle)	2020	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,250
	Preventative Maintenance – (1 Vehicle)	2019	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,250
	Operations	2020	\$17,550	\$17,550	\$35,100
	Operations	2019	\$17,550	\$17,550	\$35,100
Pleasant Valley Transit Services	Preventative Maintenance	2020	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,25
	Preventative Maintenance	2019	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,25
	9-Passenger Cutaway w/lift – Expansion	2019	\$50,400	\$12,600	\$63,000
	Preventative Maintenance – (11 Vehicles)	2020	\$4,800	\$1,200	\$12,00
Pinal Hispanic Council	Preventative Maintenance – (11 Vehicles)	2019	\$4,800	\$1,200	\$12,00
Dinal Hignania	7-Passenger Van – (Replacement)	2019	\$20,800	\$5,200	\$26,00
	15-Passenger Van – (Replacement)	2019	\$50,400	\$12,600	\$63,00
Payson Senior Center	Preventative Maintenance – (5 Vehicles)	2020	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$6,25
D 0 1	Preventative Maintenance – (5 Vehicles)	2019	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$6,25
	Preventative Maintenance – (3 Vehicles)	2020	\$3,000	\$750	\$3,75
Tree	Preventative Maintenance – (3 Vehicles)	2019	\$3,000	\$750	\$3,75
The Opportunity	Mini-Van w/lift – Expansion	2019	\$36,800	\$9,200	\$46,00
	Mini-Van w/lift – Expansion	2019	\$36,800	\$9,200	\$46,00
	9-Passenger Cutaway w/lift Replacement Van	2019	\$50,400	\$12,600	\$63,00

4. CONDITIONS ASSESSMENT

4.1 GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT CONDITIONS

Rural communities in Arizona continue to rely heavily on privately owned transportation. Both personal and political will appears to favor the independence of the automobile with some minor exceptions of first-time drivers and a retired community concerned about safety.

Rural transit and mobility on-demand are, in many ways, functioning in this Region. The sharing of both vehicles and rides are often limited based on the circumstances of the client. Sixty percent of the respondents surveyed indicated that all system users met one or more required eligibility parameter. Those parameters include such conditions as developmentally disabled (DD), serious mentally illness (SMI), court-ordered treatment, behavior health diagnosis, etc.

Drivers of local providers have completed formal training according to the Human Services survey. However, in communication with the Gila-Pinal Rides Committee, members provided a sense that driver training was still very much in demand. Part of the reason behind that concern was the rate of driver turnover. The consensus to date was to address this concern within the upcoming year and provide better access to driver training options when needed. In 2018 a greater focus will be placed on "train the trainer" opportunities for vehicle operators.

4.2 PERFORMANCE DATA

The human service transit agencies responding to the survey reported making 17,488 one-way trips during the last year to transport elders (60 years and older) and/or people who have a disability. That same group traveled approximately 249,950 in-service miles. The average rider's fare for the trip was \$1.80 while only 56 percent of the respondents reporting collected a fare or a donation of any kind. Because the average trip is 14.3 miles, the fare box recovers less than 16 cents per mile to help cover costs.

One method of revenue generation and service coordination is to transport clients for other agencies. Not one agency responding to the survey stated that they currently contract with other agencies or organizations to transport clients. Additional research into the viability of ride and vehicle sharing between agencies and commute programs for employers will be explored in the upcoming year.

Only about 20 percent of those responding stated that they are experiencing problems with current methods of transporting clients/passengers to the requested site or service. The two primary reasons that agencies are experiencing problems are due to limited budget and the need for clients to travel longer distances than the agency can manage. Approximately 20 percent of respondents currently have waiting lists for individuals who have no way of getting to services.

Approximately 44.4 percent of agency respondents stated that there are geographic areas, in Gila and Pinal Counties, in which they would like to see more client services operated. The places listed were Payson, Florence, Hayden, Superior, Kearny and the Phoenix metro area.

4.3 GAPS IN SERVICE

Two transit studies planned for the near future in both Gila County and Casa Grande will help to identify current gaps in service. The gaps in service identified by survey respondents were the following areas (in no particular order):

- South of Payson
- North of Payson
- Eastern Pinal County
- Circulator systems in Casa Grande and Florence
- Commuter service to the Phoenix metro area

4.4 REDUNDANCIES IN SERVICE

When asked if there is a duplication of transportation services in one's service area, not one respondent stated yes. Only 12.5 percent of those responding to the survey claimed to purchase client transportation from another organization. This might be an avenue to pursue due to the high cost of operating transit and the focus on coordinating services region wide.

4.5 ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

Because of a relatively sparse population, 173 vehicles currently serve the almost 450,000 residents living in an area of more than 10,000 square miles in the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region. Transit providers in this Region have a wide range of clients and trip purposes, however transporting riders for short trips, in small communities and towns can make some vehicles appear less efficient.

Of those surveyed, the primary purpose for providing transportation is to assist residents with counseling and mental health appointments. The second highest priorities was for congregate nutrition (mid-day group meals), home-delivered meals, job placement, residential care, trips to senior centers, supporting employment and volunteer opportunities.

In the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region, vehicles having the capacity to transport residents with wheelchairs are in the minority. While 109 vehicles are not capable of transporting someone in a wheelchair, most of the remaining regional fleet can transport two or more people in wheelchairs at the same time. The breakout for vehicles reporting wheelchair tie downs is as follows:

Vehicles with No Tie Downs for Wheelchairs	109
Vehicles with 1 Tie Down for a Wheelchair	6
Vehicles with 2 Tie Downs for Wheelchairs	52
Vehicles with 4 Tie Downs for Wheelchairs	4
Vehicles with 5 Tie Downs for Wheelchairs	1

While most human service transportation providers in the Region run from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM on weekdays, average service hours for agencies responding to the survey operate 9.5 hours daily. The fleet of vehicles in the Region show almost 12 million miles of service, as reported in September of

2016. The average current mileage of vehicles in the Region is 68,450. According to the survey, 87.5 percent of the providers do not purchase or reimburse for client trips.

All agencies surveyed reported having trained drivers and all but one reported having standard operating procedures for drivers. Currently, 60.3 percent of drivers that transport clients in the Region are part-time operators. Only 21.5 percent work as full-time drivers/operators.

4.6 PARTNERSHIPS & COORDINATION ACTIVITIES

As previously mentioned, the Gila-Pinal Rides Committee is the steering committee for transit coordination issues within the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region. This steering committee is comprised of transit providers and stakeholders from Gila and Pinal Counties and meets bi-monthly.

The September 2016 Gila-Pinal Rides Committee Meeting primarily focused on the goals of the mobility on-demand services and the future of coordination in the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region. Four primary goals were identified as well as several recommendations to enhance regional training efforts and to reach out to transportation stakeholders currently using, directly or indirectly, 5310 and 5311 transportation resources. Additional details regarding program goals are in **Section 7 Priorities** of this Plan.

A recent demonstration project for "One-Call-One-Click" has taken place in western Arizona, with a report to the Mobility Managers to follow in the fall of 2016 as of the writing of this Plan. The focus of One-Call-One-Click is to simplify rider intake, scheduling, trip management, trip performance and data collection.

Another milestone for technology in transit is the public private partnerships now being developed around special needs transportation with organizations such as Uber and Lyft. Private companies are having discussions around service to clients who have a wide variety of mobility challenges. Technology companies are also becoming extremely innovative in the development of computer and smart phone applications that streamline everything from the client intake process to the reporting of trips, miles and service hours. The FTA is open to and assists with the funding of projects that bring efficiency to the mobility on-demand process.

As part of the coordination among transit providers, **Table 17: Scheduled Gila-Pinal Rides Committee Meetings for 2019** list the Gila Rides Committee meetings for the calendar year, to allow time to plan for discussions with regards to everyday transit needs, barriers, and opportunities. Time and locations are subject to change.

Table 17: Scheduled Gila-Pinal Rides Committee Meetings for 2019					
Date Time		Location			
Wednesday - January 16, 2019	10:00 AM	Coolidge Transit Office - Coolidge			
Wednesday - March 20, 2019	10:00 AM	Pinal Gila Council for Senior Citizens - Casa Grande			
Wednesday - May 15, 2019	10:00 AM	Florence Library & Community Center - Florence			
Wednesday - July 17, 2019	10:00 AM	Payson Senior Center - Payson			
Wednesday - September 18, 2019	10:00 AM	Horizon Health & Wellness - Casa Grande			
Wednesday - November 20, 2019	10:00 AM	CAG Offices – Apache Junction			

4.7 INFRASTRUCTURE

Commuter Rail

Over the next twenty-five years, Maricopa and northern Pinal County are projected to nearly double in population according to the MAG Commuter Rail Study. Developing a commuter rail system will provide an alternative transportation mode to meet travel demands resulting from expected growth in Maricopa County and northern Pinal County. This anticipated growth will put additional strain on an already congested transportation system, cause additional air quality concerns and further challenge transportation funding sources of the region. For more detailed information regarding the MAG Commuter Rail Study, please visit www.AZMAG.gov.

The Pinal County Transit Feasibility Study completed in 2011, identified four growth areas and outlined an integrated, multimodal transportation system that provides for vehicular travel and transit, including commuter and local rail lines, along with bike and pedestrian routes. The study addresses the next steps the County should take to develop the transit components of such a multimodal system that sets forth a "roadmap" for the development of those improvements.

For more information please visit:

http://www.pinalcountyaz.gov/PUBLICWORKS/TRANSPORTATIONPLANNING/Pages/Transit.aspx.

Greyhound

In addition to the intercity travel provided by CART and San Carlos, Greyhound bus service will offer residents the ability to travel to smaller, rural communities in Arizona, as well as access major cities within Greyhound's network. CART operates intercity bus service between Florence, Coolidge and Casa Grande and now connects with Greyhound four times a day Monday through Friday.

Greyhound and ADOT worked in partnership with each of the communities to ensure that the routes

were coordinated with local transit operations to allow for easy and convenient transfers. This included coordination with the towns of Safford and Superior, along with coordination with each of the transit systems in the new markets. For more information, please visit: https://www.greyhound.com/en/discover-greyhound/ or call (toll-free) 1-800-231-2222.



Tufesa

Tufesa provides low-cost and reliable bus services in Phoenix, Los Angeles, Anaheim, San Diego, Las Vegas, San Jose, Huntington Park, San Ysidro, Tijuana, Tucson, Nogales, Laughlin, Kingman, Merced, Fresno, Bakersfield, Ontario, Colton, Victorville, Barstow, Gilroy, Indio, Wickenburg and Oceanside. Go to http://www.gotobus.com/ for more information.



AMTRAK

AMTRAK stops at one place in Pinal County, City of Maricopa. For schedules, rates and details for traveling contact AMTRAK at www.amtrak.com/west-train-bus-station.

To get the most out of your Amtrak experience, start with planning for your train travel — booking a ticket, reserving a hotel, car rental, buying travel insurance, familiarizing yourself with station facilities, train amenities, reserving accessible space and more.

Explore the additional services available for passengers with disabilities and get more details about <u>making reservations</u>, traveling with <u>service animals</u>, meal service and station accessibility.



5. TRIP GENERATORS

Transit is a public service. Similar to schools, utilities, libraries, roads, and parks, transit provides a life's necessity – transportation. For those who choose not to or cannot drive a car, transportation provided by public operators, non-profits, volunteers, or private companies get people to work, school, doctors, grocery stores, and other necessary destinations. As the population continues to age and income gaps widen, transportation becomes increasingly difficult. Smart Growth America, a non-profit advocacy organization for smart growth initiatives; estimate that the average American spends 18 cents of every dollar on transportation. For low-income families, this cost doubles, placing an extra burden on scarce resources. In rural communities, providers help to bridge the gap between those with travel resources and those without. For more information on Smart Growth America, please visit https://smartgrowthamerica.org.

CAG and the Sun Corridor MPO will identify the top locations and purposes of the trips currently generated for each Section 5310 and 5311 service provider.

6. IDENTIFICATION OF BARRIERS, OPPORTUNITIES, & STRATEGIES

The following is a list of barriers, opportunities, and strategies discussed in previous Gila-Pinal Rides Committee meetings. Additional items identified have been added as part of the 2018 update and are italicized below.

Barriers:

- o Geographically (Distance, unpaved roads and difficult weather)
- o Funding (lack of political will; technical needs & connectivity)
- o Education and marketing opportunities for HS agencies
- o Lack of mechanics and spare vehicles when breakdowns occur
- o Insufficient driver training opportunities
- The current inability to coordinate rides with for-profit of for-hire transportation companies
- o Disasters, hi-jacking threats or emergency preparedness
- Safety of operations (roads and driver training)
- o Employmers/Employment centers unwilling to assist riders and coordination

Opportunities:

- o Casa Grande & Greater Gila County Transit Studies
- Regional Transportation Authority 20 year revenue source (if passed by voters)
- Youth are more interested public transportation
- Public Private Partnerships (P3s)
- o Advertising as a revenue generation
- o Driverless/autonomous vehicles (buses)
- Working closely with stakeholders and local governments
- Eloy Transit Study
- Engage local elected officials as champions for building support
- o Education and marketing as it pertains to transportation & transit
- More regionally connected transit systems
- o Expanding services to Payson, Casa Grande, Florence, and Eloy communities
- o Growth in Pinal County
- Ways to fund bus stops and facilities for transit
- o Update the 2011 Pinal County Transit Study (next year application)
- o Improve technology, connectivity, and communication among providers and riders
- o Improve driver training (to include emergency management)

Strategies: Please see Section 7: Priorities

Barriers to Public Transportation

In the recent past, one of the greatest barriers to the development and operation of a fixed route system is the distance between the residential, employment and service centers. Through coordination of existing resources and programs, one of the Pinal County Transit Feasibility Study of 2011 goals was to create a transit system that is efficient and provides an attractive alternative means of transportation. It was recommended that this be done through the existing fixed route system, with support from smaller rural transit options such as senior center transportation and local dialaride services.

Information Gap

One of the most common barriers identified for riding public transportation is the lack of highly publicized or marketed information. Often residents do not know the various transit programs within the region that may provide multiple options for their transit needs. This would include system routes, service areas, operating hours and system access. Although respondents suggest no overlap of services, a lack of information and coordination could result in a duplication of services.

Accessibility to Routes

ADA requires complementary Paratransit service for residents within a reasonable travel distance of a fixed bus route. However, origin and destination data for those rides is limited. Clear barriers to these fixed routes include the hot weather and lack of sidewalks in rural communities. In addition, current walking distances to bus stops (origins and/or destinations) are not always achievable by all segments of the population including the elderly and people with disabilities.

7. PRIORITIES

The Gila-Pinal Rides Committee identified the following Program Goals (in order of importance):

7.1 COORDINATION GOALS, OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES, AND PROJECTS

	igh coordination, the existing on of transit where appropria	
Tentative Objectives	Tentative Strategies	Tentative Projects
Support studies to determine where transit service can be enhanced by coordination, and support expansion of these services.	 Greater Gila County Transit Feasibility and Implementation Study 	 Regular meeting with 5310/5311 providers and engage other special needs stakeholders for support. Provide support and input to local transit studies.
Encourage Providers to develop joint or shared services that will be competitive for Federal operating assistance. Look for methods to maximize coordination such as new technologies for scheduling, performing trips and managing data collection for all providers.	 Pinal Hispanic Council and Horizon Health and Wellness have agreed to a meeting with one another to coordinate transportation services for their clientele. Cobre Valley is working to coordinate with San Carlos services. Conduct a product demonstration of technologies that enhance coordination. Examine areas where providers might purchase rather than operate services. 	 Portion of Mobility Manager's time to participate in the state- wide technology committee for 5310/5311 providers. Participate in MAG's regional Mobility Management Coordination efforts, travel training and ambassador programs. Participate in the Mobility Manager's Technology Evaluation Committee. Secure Funding to support the demonstration of technology tools. Encourage contracting trips to clients of other agencies for revenue generation.

	Strengthen and expand training programs for public, human service, and
GOAL 2:	volunteer providers in Gila and Pinal Counties - with a special focus on
	expanding joint driver trainings.

Tentative Objectives	Tentative Strategies	Tentative Projects
Continue sharing educational opportunities with regional providers, and advertising available courses sponsored by SEAGO, AZTA, CTAA and others.	 Continue website development and build awareness of regional services. 	 Portion Mobility Manger's time to build awareness and promote training opportunities.
Identify key classes and stakeholders for available workshops, set up locations, frequency, and facilitators and/or trainers. Special focus on driver training and development.	Assist SEAGO in local promotion, feedback on reginal needs and the facilitation of training sessions.	 Portion Mobility Manager's time to help host and support trainings. Develop a list of certified trainers for hands-on driver professional development.

GOAL 3: Provide readily accessible information on transit and specialized transportation resources in Gila and Pinal Counties.

Tentative Objectives	Tentative Strategies	Tentative Projects
Improve and maintain a website that includes information on available providers for local and regional services for both the general public and clients of specific programs.	 Apply for funding for website development to occur FFY 2017-2018. 	 Website development – login providers section and general public section. Portion Mobility Manager's time to develop web information and content.

GOAL 4: Maintain vehicles in a state of good repair and utilize efficiently.

Tentative Objectives	Tentative Strategies	Tentative Projects
Maintain an appropriate fleet size to meet the needs of regional transportation providers.	 Prioritize the replacement of vehicles that have high mileage and serve a diverse population. 	 Mobility Manager to address all replacement requests and help in the redistribution of spares or lightly used fleet.
Support shared use agreements for backup vehicles, use of accessible vehicles, or joint use.	 Help providers remain compliant and transition to the new asset management ADOT program. 	 Portion Mobility Manager's activities to continually help evaluate fleet size and provider readiness.

7.2 Operational Priorities

- 1. Continue funding of existing programs that lack public or private transportation alternatives.
- 2. Develop and encourage programs that address regional service gaps.
- 3. Encourage projects that go beyond ADA requirements.

- 4. Focus funding on programs that improve services by coordinating trips with other organizations.
- 5. Encourage agencies to serve the elderly, individuals with disabilities and the general public where allowed by organizational policies.

7.3 Capital Priorities

- 1. Replace existing program vehicles that have exceeded the ADOT identified useful life and meets at least two operational priorities.
- 2. Replace program vehicles that have exceeded the ADOT identified useful life and meets at least one operational priority.
- 3. Support fleet expansion that provides increased access or coordination with a 5310 agency and meets two operational priorities.
- 4. Support fleet expansion that identifies an unmet geographic or ridership need and meets two operational priorities.

8. PROJECT EVALUATION & SELECTION

Applicants are rated for funding based on the evaluation and selection criteria provided in this section. Agencies seeking funding in the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region are required to have all projects measured through a prioritization process. The system of analysis (developed primarily by WACOG) uses the weights and evaluation focus described in the Project Evaluation Criteria section of the ADOT Coordinated Mobility Program guidebook¹. The three categories are:

- Project Management Criteria 20%
- Coordination Criteria 40%
- Project Specific Criteria 40%

The following describes each coordination action required with weighting and focus for each category.

<u>Project Management Criteria = 20% of overall score (20 points total)</u>

<u>If the Applicant is a current 5310 program recipient</u>, they may receive points based on the timely submittal of the required quarterly reports, adequately managing program operations to comply with federal rules and properly documenting local match.

- Quarterly submitted on time = 4 points (per report)
- Remained in compliance in previous year = 2 points
- Properly documented the source and commitment to local match = 2 points

<u>If the Applicant is new to the 5310 program</u>, points may be earned if they have attended the required Coordinated Council meetings and have provided the necessary data to be included in the Coordination Plan.

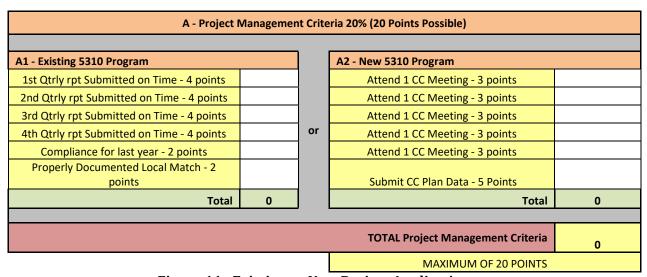


Figure 11: Existing or New Project Application

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¹ See Coordinated Mobility Program Section 5310 FY2016 – Page 35

Coordination Criteria = 40% of overall score (40 points total)

Applicants may receive points based on attendance/participation in Coordinated Council meetings either in person or by phone. (*2 points* per meeting x 6 meetings a year = *12 points* possible).

Applicants may receive up to **10 points** based on the submission of annual Coordination Plan Data to the Mobility Manager. Examples of documents requested include operations data, vehicle inventory, program profile updates and any other documents needed for creation/update of the Coordination Plan.

- Data submitted on time = 10 points
- Data submitted up to 10 days past deadline = 5 points
- Data not submitted = 0 points

Programs may receive up to *18 points* when demonstrating coordination efforts and logistics with other agencies and Human Service Providers.

- Coordination such as meetings with other providers for MOU's, referring clients to each other's programs, shared trainings, discussions for covering local area gaps through agency to agency services, referring and sharing other providers information, education to other human service providers on transit operations/options = 6 points
- Sharing of program equipment such as dispatching or software (i.e. training software) = 6
 points
- Sharing of program vehicles with other 5310 programs or for local community events = 6
 points

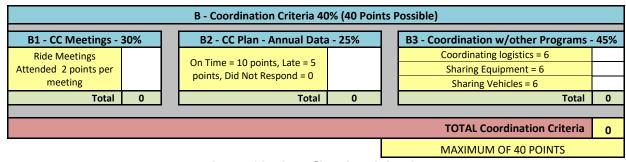


Figure 12: Coordination Criteria

<u>Project Specific Criteria = 40% of overall score for Capital Expansion, Replacement or Operations (40 points total)</u>

Only **TWO** sections may be picked with regards to Project Specific Criteria.

Applicants for <u>Replacement Capital</u> may receive up to **20 points** based on the current vehicle state of repair.

- Age of vehicle being replaced (up to 5 points) 1 point per year up to 5 years.
- Current mileage of vehicle (up to 5 points) 1 point for every 20,000 miles up to 100,000 miles

- Condition of vehicle (up to 5 points) this is determined by compliance with the annual EQS inspection² requirement for the vehicle that is to be replaced. If program is in compliance with EQS inspection they may receive 5 points and then they can receive points based on the self-reported condition of the vehicle. If the vehicle is:
 - Excellent or Good condition = 2 points (well-maintained, no ongoing mechanical problem, shows minor wear.)
 - Fair condition = **3 points** (Near midpoint of useful life, obvious signs of wear, regular maintenance keeps it safe and operable, but costs exceed norm.)
 - Poor condition or Failing condition = 5 points (unsafe to use)
- Regional resource utilization of capital equipment (up to 5 points).
 - 5310 Agency to agency shared use of vehicles = *3 points*
 - o 5310 agency to agency shared use of other equipment = 2 points

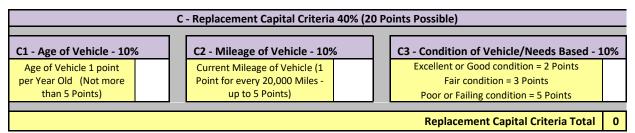
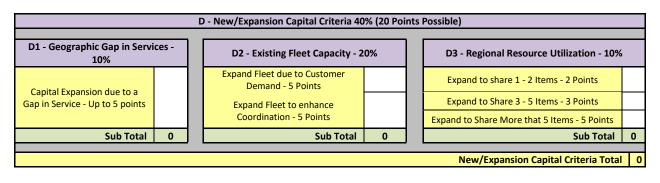


Figure 13(a): Project Specific Criteria - Replacement Capital AND/OR

Programs applying for New/Expansion Capital may receive up to 20 points

- If New (Expansion Capital) is planned for use in a geographic area currently identified as a *regional gap in service* they may receive up to *5 points*
- Need to Expand existing fleet based on customer demand or excessive fleet hours of operation – up to 5 points.
- Regional resource utilization with new capital equipment to enhance coordination for existing riders up to 5 points
- If the 5310 agency shares the use of vehicles or equipment = **5 points**



² The condition reported by the program must be supported by the EQS summary report or some other certified documentation of condition. Note: If program is not in compliance with EQS inspection requirement they will receive 0 points regardless of the reported condition of vehicle unless proof can be provided as to why it is impossible to comply with EQS inspection, such as vehicle is inoperable certification provided by a certified mechanic.

Figure 13(b): Project Specific Criteria - New/Expansion Capital

AND/OR

Other: Additional points may be awarded for either <u>Capital or Operational funding</u> for program plans under the following conditions – Up to **20** points available:

- Applicants now receiving 5310 Operating funds and having an implementation plan for continued operational funding can receive up to 5 points
- Services provided with priority to seniors and individuals with disabilities but also open to general public may receive up to 10 points
- Existing programs applying for continued operating funds and currently effective in meeting ADOT performance indicators = 5 points

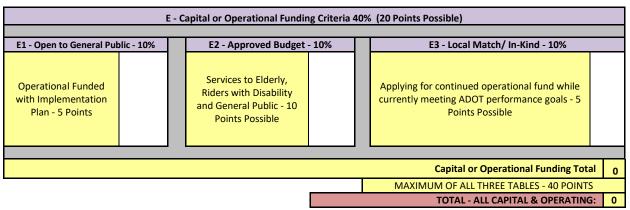


Figure 13(c): Project Specific Criteria - Capital or Operational Funding

The total score the following scorecard sums up computation for the entire project evaluation:

	Maximum	Actual
A- Project Management Criteria	20	0
B - Coordination Criteria	40	0
C - Project Specific - Replacement Capital		0
D - Project Specific - New/Expansion Capital	40	0
E - Project Specific - New/Expansion Operating		0

Total Score	100%	0
MAXIMUM OF 100 POINTS		

Figure 14: Project Specific Criteria: Total Score

9. PLAN UPDATE INPUT PROCESS

Public participation is welcomed and encouraged by CAG and the Sun Corridor MPO. There are numerous and varied techniques/activities to provide the opportunity for public stakeholder involvement. CAG and the Sun Corridor MPO obtain input in a variety of ways including, but not limited to public hearings, newspapers, small and large group presentation, committee meetings, website and e-mail correspondences.

The Public Notice was published in the following newspapers in Gila and Pinal County for a 30-day review period that started from January 10, 2018 that ended on February 8, 2018. CAG and the Sun Corridor MPO also posted the Public Notice on their respective websites beginning January 10, 2018.

- Al News
- Arizona City Independent
- Casa Grande Dispatch (Thru Tri-Valley Dispatch)
- Coolidge Examiner (Thru Tri-Valley Dispatch)
- Eloy Enterprise (Thru Tri-Valley Dispatch)
- Florence Reminder
- San Manuel Miner
- Copper Basin News (Kearny Dudleyville, etc.)
- Superior Sun
- Silverbelt (also Apache Moccasin, Copper Country News)
- Maricopa Monitor
- Payson Roundup

Committees: The formal process to review and approve this plan's annual update included input from the following committees and local stakeholders beginning in September 2018 and concluded in March of 2019.

- Gila-Pinal Rides Committee September 19, 2018
- Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Advisory Committee Recommend Approval to Advertise for 30-Day Comment Period – October 18, 2018
- Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Approval to Advertise for 30-Day Comment Period November 13, 2018
- CAG Technical Transportation Advisory Committee Recommend Approval of Plan Update – January 10, 2019
- Sun Corridor MPO Technical Advisory Committee Recommend Approval of Plan Update
 February 21, 2019
- CAG Management Committee Recommend Approval of Plan Update March 7, 2019
- Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Approval of Plan Update March 12, 2019

CAG Regional Council – Approval of Plan Update – March 27, 2018

Gila-Pinal Rides Committee Meeting: The process used to engage the stakeholders in providing input for the overall Plan included convening August and September 2017 meetings where transit providers, local jurisdictions and human service stakeholders discussed the goals and objectives; the barriers and needs for program success; and current challenges facing human service agencies in Gila and Pinal Counties. Special care was taken to select a location that could accommodate physical abilities/disabilities, language barriers, and other civil rights protections and the opportunity to make an audio call into the meeting to help accommodate participation for those physically unable to travel to the meeting location. Program Goals identified and agreed to in that discussion included the following:

- **Goal 1** Strengthen, through coordination, the existing transit services and support expansion of services where appropriate.
- **Goal 2** Strengthen and expand training programs for public, human service, and volunteer providers in Gila and Pinal Counties with a special focus on expanding joint driver trainings.
- **Goal 3** Provide readily accessible information on transit and specialized transportation resources in Gila and Pinal Counties.
- **Goal 4** Maintain vehicles in a state of good repair and are utilized efficiently.

The meeting encouraged diversity of programs from across the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region and discussion ranged from current challenges to the future of driverless vehicles.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX 1 DOCUMENTATION OF PLAN ADOPTION

The following schedule is an update to the Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan. Draft Review times are approximate due to unforeseeable circumstances.

Task	Start	End
GILA-PINAL RIDES COMMITTEE MEETING		
Asking for final comments from Final Draft Review	9/	′19/18
SCMPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE		
Requesting approval recommendation to EB of 30-day publication notice	10	/18/18
SCMPO EXECUTIVE BOARD		
Requesting approval for 30-day publication notice	11	/13/18
START OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	11	/14/18
Newspaper publication Notice Date for 30-day Public Comment period		
*AJ News	11	/12/18
*Arizona City Independent	11	/14/18
*Casa Grande Dispatch - (Thru Tri-Valley Dispatch)	11	/14/18
*Coolidge Examiner - (Thru Tri-Valley Dispatch)	11	/14/18
*Eloy Enterprise - (Thru TriValley Dispatch)	11	/14/18
*Florence Reminder	11	/08/18
*San Manuel Miner	11	/14/18
*Copper Basin News - (Kearny, Dudleyville, etc.)	11	/14/18
*Superior Sun	11	/14/18
*Silverbelt - (also Apache Moccasin, Copper Country News)	11	/14/18
*Maricopa Monitor	11	/09/18
*Payson Roundup	11	/13/18
END OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	12	/14/18
CAG TTAC		
Recommend Approval to Regional Council of Final Plan	01	/10/19
SCMPO TAC		
Recommend Approval to Executive Board of Final Plan	02	/21/19
CAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		
Recommend Approval to Regional Council of Final Plan	03	/07/19
SCMPO EXECUTIVE BOARD		
Requesting approval of Final Plan	03	/12/19
CAG REGIONAL COUNCIL		
Requesting approval of Final Plan	03	/27/19
Submit Approved Plan with documentation stating such to ADOT	03	/29/19

APPENDIX 2 SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

In 2016 the development of this Plan, survey questionnaire was distributed directly to more than 70 transit providers, human service agencies, public agencies and various stakeholders to understand attitudes, perceptions, and needs of the general population. The questions asked:

General Information

1Agency, Co	ommunity, or Company Name
2Street Add	dress
3City, State,	Zip Code
4Telephone	
5. Name of A	gency Director/Contact Person Telephone #, if different
6. Which of	the following best describes your agency?
Priv	vate, non-profit Private, for-profit Public Other
7. Which of t	the following best describes your situation with regard to transportation services? (Please check only one)
	We provide transportation to the general public.
	We are a <u>human service agency that provides transportation</u> to our clients, either directly by our agency or through contracted services.
V	We are a <u>human service agency that does not provide transportation</u> but provides support or assistance for transportation
	to those who are in need of it.
8. Which ser	rvices does your agency provide? Check all that apply.
	Adult Day Care
	Child Day Care
	Work Services
	Congregate Nutrition
	Counseling
	Education/Training
	Head Start
	Home-Delivered Meals
	Job Placement
	Medicaid
	Medical/Dental
	Mental Health
	Recreational/Social
	Rehabilitation
	Religious
	Residential Care
	Senior Center
	Sheltered Employment
	Support Employment
	Transportation
	Volunteer Opportunities
	Welfare/Food Stamps
	Other:

9. Does	your agency have eligibility requirements?	Yes No
	If YES, please check all that apply: Age	– please specify:
		Disability – please specify:
		Income – please specify:
		Other – please specify:
10. Wha	t geographic area do you serve?	
	The entire county of:	
	The entire city or towns of:	
11. How	do clients get to your center or site? (Pleas	e check all that apply.)
	Drive by them self	
	Ride with Family or Friends	
	Agency operates vehicles	
	Volunteers bring them	
·	Staff picks them up and brings them	
·	They live in a group home and are trans	ported on the group home's vehicle
	Taxi	
	Carpool with other clients	
	Public transportation system	
	Consolidated agency transportation syste	em
		e specify:
		. ,
Is th	ansportation assistance? et ransportation needed generally available acy provides? Yes No	to these clients to the extent that they can have full access to the services your
13. How	many of your clients must use a wheelch	nair and need a specially equipped vehicle (such as a lift-equipped van with
	ir tie-downs)?	
Are	e you able to meet the agency-related transp	ortation needs of your wheelchair-using clients? Yes No
If I	NO, please indicate to what extent their ne	eds are met.
14. How	many of your clients need some sort of ot	her specialized transportation assistance or
equipme	nt? Please describe these	needs in
detail.		
15. To w	hat activities do you purchase, or reimburs	e, for client transportation? (Please check all that apply)
	We do not purchase or reimburse for clie	nt transportation
	Adult Day Care	
	Child Day Care	
	Congregate Nutrition	
	Counseling	
	Education/Training	
	Head Start	
	Job Placement	
	 Medical Dental	

Mental Health					
Recreation/Social					
Rehabilitation					
Religious					
Senior Center					
Workforce Service	es es				
Social Services					
Supported Employ	yment				
Volunteer Opport	unities				
Other – please sp	ecify:				
If you reimburse, what is your	client reimbursemen	t rate? \$	Per mile		
How many miles of self-provid	led transportation di	d you reimburse in the	last fiscal year?		
What was the total amount sp	ent on client reimbu	rsement during the pas	t fiscal year?		
16. Does your agency purcha	se client transporta	tion from another org	anization?Yes	No	
			If YES, pleas	se complete the tab	le below.
Name of organization	Type of	Description of	Unit Cost (per	Total Cost	Total One-way
from which service is		Service Purchased	mile, house, or	during Past	Trips during
purchased	Organization	Service Purchaseu	trip?)	Fiscal Year	Past FY
- , , , , ,		_ ,	4	4	
Example: Joe's Cab	Taxi	Demand-response	\$1.00/mi	\$5,350	800
	-	1			
17. Please check each day o	f the days of the w	veek that you provide	transportation serv	ices. On the right,	indicated the hours
during which service is availa	=		•	_	
Day of the Week	Š	Hours of se	ervice availability each	day:	
Monday			,	 _	
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					
Saturday					
Sunday					
18. Do you provide transport	tation conjice in any	of the following wave	chock all that anni	w)2	
We operate our	-	of the following way:	s (check all that appl	y):	
			anninas fam		
· 		provides transportation		o deli e tuenesit	
		sit tickets and passes so		public transit.	
		s using public transit re	-		
		s using public transit pa			
		s using other transporta	ation services.		
		ovide transportation.			
Other (please exp	olain)				_
40 1411 1 4 4 4 7 7 7					
19. Which of the following d		transportation service	you offer (check all	that apply)?	
Client-only transp	ortation				
Fixed Route					
Demand Respons	e (MOD) – please sp	ecify geographic limits:			

If you	checked MOD, with who do clients so	•	·	
	Dispatcher/Scheduler	Driver	Caseworker	Manager
	Secretary/Receptionist	Other – please spec	city	
20. Do you	limit the kinds of trips for which can	use your transportation	service? Please include ar	ny restrictions such as the number
•	are allowed in one month, trip purpos	•		
	No			
	Yes (Please explain)			
21. Please d	lescribe any special needs that passe	engers on your transporta	tion service may have.	
Drivers and V	ehicles			
22. Do your	drivers receive any sort of formalize	ed driver training prograr	n? Yes No	
-	se describe (include course name, wh			ation, etc.):
23. Do you	have written standard operating pro	ocedures for drivers?	_Yes No	
24. Where a	re your vehicles maintained?			
	At a private garage, repair shop, or de	ealership.		
	By a government agency, please spec	rify:		
	In-house, please describe:			
25. How ma	any of your vehicles need to be repla	aced?		
	Right away			
	Within the next year			
	Within the next two years			
26. Who op	erates the vehicles?			
_	Full-time drivers – how many?			
	Part-time drivers – how many?			
	Volunteer drivers - how many?			
	Full-time staff with other primary job	functions - how many?		
	What is their primary job function?			
27. Does yo	ur agency reimburse staff or volunte	eers if they transport clie	nts using personal vehicle	s?
				fy)
21-â				
21-b	How many miles of client transportat	· 	ing the past fiscal year?	
21-0				
	\$, ,
21-0	On the average, how many staff ho	urs per week are spent trai	nsporting your clients in pe	ersonal vehicles? Hours
21-ε				
28. How ma	nny <u>one-way passenger trips</u> did our	agency provide during th	ne past fiscal year?	
_	Is this an estimate?	YesNo		
<u> </u>	ote: a one-way passenger trip means	that each time a person b	oard and then alights fron	n a vehicle is counted as one trip.
R	eturn trips are counted as a second tr	ip.		

29. How	many <u>vehicle miles</u> of service did yc	our agency provide during the past fiscal year? tte? Yes No	
30. How	many <u>vehicle hours</u> of service did you	our agency provide during the past fiscal year? ate? YesNo	
31. Doe:		t contribution/donations for transportation?	
-	Contributions – what is the sug	ggested contribution \$	
	31. Does your agency charge fares or request contribution/donations for transportation? YesNo		
	=	ay passenger trips provided in the past fiscal year	the hilling rage and basis and the total
			, the bining rage and basis, and the total
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Organiz	ation Name Contact Person, Telephol	ne Number One-way Passenger Trips	Unit Charge(\$
per mile	e, \$ per pass)	Total Charges	
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	transportation tasks, list 20 percent of trative and Indirect Expenses Director's salary Director's fringe benefits Secretarial salary Secretarial fringe benefits Bookkeeper salary	\$\frac{\textbf{b}}{\text{s}}\$	ollar Cost
8. 9.	Secretarial fringe benefits Bookkeeper salary	\$ \$ \$	
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6.	Maintenance & repairs	\$
7.	Tires, parts, materials and supplies	\$
8.	Titles, fees, and licenses	\$
9.	Taxes	\$
10.	Vehicle and equipment leases and rentals	\$
11.	Vehicle Insurance	\$
12.	Staff and volunteer mileage reimbursements (same as question 20)	\$
13.	Client reimbursement	\$
14.	Purchased transportation (same as question 27)	\$
15.	Other – please specify	\$
	Total Operating Expenses	\$

35. What are the funding sources for the expenses identified in 28 and 29? Please identify the major sources of funds for your agency's transportation services and the amount contributed by each in the past fiscal year. If the transportation is funded out of various agency programs, please list those programs and estimate the approximate amount attributable to client transportation in each.

		Amount of Funding Used
	Assistance Program	for Client Transportation
Federal/State:	Adult Developmental Activities Program	\$
	Community Services Block Grant	\$
	Adult Day Care	\$
	Head Start	\$
	Job Training Partnership Act	\$
	Mental Health/Mental Retardation	\$
	Section 5310	\$
	Section 5311	\$
	TANF	\$
	Title III B	\$
	Veteran's services	\$
	Medicaid (AHCCCS)	\$
	Medicaid (ALTCS)	\$
	Vocational Rehabilitation	\$
	Workforce Investment Opportunity Act	\$
	Title XX (Social Services Block Grant)	\$
	Other – please specify:	\$
	Other – please specify:	\$
	Other – please specify:	\$
	Total Federal/State Funds	\$
Local:	City/Town – please specify:	\$
	County – please specify:	\$
	County – please specify:	\$
	Client Fees	\$
	Contracted Service (same as question 26)	\$
	Donations/Contributions (same as question 25)	\$
	Fares (same as question 25)	\$
	United Way	\$

Workshop Revenue	<u>\$</u>
Other – please specify:	\$
Other – please specify:	<u>\$</u>
Total Local Funds	<u>\$</u>
Future Transportation Options	
36. Are you having any problems with your current method of getting clients/pa	assengers to your site or service? Yes No
If YES, please explain:	
37. Do you feel that additional transportation services, beyond those now avai	ilable, are needed in order for your clients to have
full access to the services your agency provides? Yes No	
If YES, please explain:	
38. Do you have a waiting list for clients because these individuals have no wa	ev to get to your services? Yes No. If
YES, how many?	y to get to your services: res no
39. Are there geographic areas, in or out of Gila and Pinal Counties, in w	hich you would like to see more client services
operated? Yes No	
If YES, please explain:	
these changes have on your client transportation needs? 41. Would you like to see more coordination of client transportation a Counties? Yes No If YES, please indicate the agencies you would like to see involved:	-
42. What is the most important thing that could be done to improve transporta	ation services for your clients?
43. What, if any, are the major obstacles or concerns you think should be addresservices?	
44. Are there activities or destinations which need more transportation services	5?
Yes No	
If YES, what are they and where are they located?	
45. Is there duplication of transportation services in your service area? Ye	es No
If YES, please describe the agencies involved, and the areas and times when duplication	ation exists.
46. Please describe transportation needs, specific to your agency or community,	that you feel are not being adequately met. Please
be as specific as you can. (Please include any special needs or requirements yo	
47. Please describe other transportation needs in Gila and Pinal Counties that y	ou feel need to be addressed.
48. Please indicate below areas of your potential interest in becoming involved i	in improving transportation services through better
coordination of the services and resources that are available today and can be	, , ,
Joining a network of agencies that coordinates transportation services to bett	
	ter meet traver needs

Joint use, pooling, or sharing of vehicles among agencies
Purchasing of vehicles cooperatively
Centralized fueling of vehicles
Centralized maintenance services for vehicles
Centralized scheduling of your passenger trips with other agency trip scheduling
Centralized operation of vehicles for your passenger trips and other agency trips
Contracting to purchase transportation service rather than continuing to operate it
Contracting to provide transportation service to other agencies needing service
49. Please provide us with other thoughts you have on how you may participate in efforts to improve transportation services in Gila and Pinal Counties through coordination services.
50. Please add any comments you may have in the space below

APPENDIX 3 GREYHOUND - INTERCITY TRANSIT

Below is a sample daily bus Schedule for Greyhound bus lines from El Paso, TX to Phoenix, AZ.

Grayha	Schedule	
101	Schedule Number	102
Daily	FREQUENCY	Daily
11:30	El Paso, TX	17:00
12:20	Las Cruces, NM	16:10
14:25	Lordsburg, NM	14:05
14:45	Lordsburg, NM	13:45
15:25	Duncan, AZ	13:05
16:10	Safford, AZ	12:20
16:45	Bylas, AZ – (San Carlos Nation)	11:45
17:05	Peridot, AZ – (San Carlos Nation)	11:25
17:35	Globe, AZ – (Cobre Valley Transit)	10:55
18:00	Miami, AZ	10:30
18:30	Superior, AZ	10:00
19:20	Mesa, AZ	9:10
19:40	Tempe, AZ	8:50
20:00	Phoenix, AZ	8:30

APPENDIX 4 CURRENT TRANSIT STUDIES HIGHLIGHTS - (FY2019 UPDATE)

Casa Grande Transit Development Plan

(Please contact the Sun Corridor Metropolitan Organization for full study details).

The study team examined concentrations of low-income, minority, and transportation disadvantaged populations to determine where latent transit demand may already be present. There appeared to be no detailed examination of choice riders (those who prefer to use public, over private, transportation).

Low-Income Population

The Census Block Group located north of Interstate 8, east of South Chuichu Road, and south of West Jimmie Kerr Boulevard has a poverty ratio of 0.98. This means generally that the 458 households in this Block Group are subsisting on an income below Health and Human Services poverty guidelines.

The Census Block Group located north of West Main Avenue, west of Pinal Avenue, and south of West Cottonwood Lane has an income to poverty ratio of 0.92. This means generally that the 508 Households in this Block Group are subsisting on an income below the Health and Human Services poverty guidelines.

There is a concentration of seven other Block Groups, generally located southwest of downtown Casa Grande that should be considered in a marginal poverty condition for planning purposes.

Minority Population

African-American, Hispanic or Latino, Asian-American, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander primarily represent the minority population within the study. Six of the Census Block Groups are in the Downtown area between Kortsen Road and Earley Road. Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Island individuals are primarily in the northeast corner of the study area well east of Interstate 10. The Hispanic or Latino population is strong in the study area, having a disproportionate presence in 27 of the 42 Block Groups associated with the study area. There are three Block Groups with more than double the average for Pinal County in north of the central city area between Rodeo Road and McCartney Road, and Thornton Road and Peart Road. A concentration of Hispanic or Latino individuals is located in the northwest quadrant of the SR 387/SR 287 intersection in Downtown Casa Grande. The other three Block Groups with a high concentration of this population are located south of the Downtown area between Burris/Ethington Roads and Interstate 10.

Persons with Disabilities

Based on the information collected, the more populated central area of Casa Grande held the highest density of persons considered disabled.

Female Head of Households

One-half of the 42 Census Block Groups associated with the study area had a higher proportion of female householders than the average.

Young Population

In the northeast quadrant of the intersection of SR 387 (Pinal Aveune) and West O'Neil Drive, there are more than 2,000 persons under the age of 17. The northeast quadrant of North Trekell Road and East Rodeo Road shares a similarly high concentration. This demographic shares a resemblance with the age 65 and older group as both have the highest densities towards the center of the City.

Elderly Population

The northwest quadrant of the intersection of SR 287 (Florence Boulevard) and Interstate 10 has more than 95 percent of the population 60 years of age and older. The southeast quadrant of this same intersection also is worth noting that close to 90 percent of the population is 60 years of age or older.

Zero or One Vehicle Households

The relationship shows that the closer the proximity to the City center, the higher the density of households is with limited access to vehicles.

Population Density 2015-2030

The population in Casa Grande is expected to grow by 43 percent and employment by more than 200 percent by 2030.

Ride-Hail/Ride-Share

Due to the growing population and demand for more transit options in Casa Grande, companies that offer transit services are becoming more popular. The traditional "ride-hail" system refers to taxicab and some shuttle services. "Ride-hail" would be used by a customer who can obtain a taxi/shuttle-bus by "hailing" or flagging-down the prospective vehicle while the vehicle is driving. A list of taxi/shuttle transit services that are available in the Casa Grande area are listed below:

Taxi/Shuttle Transit Services Available in Casa Grande Taxi/Shuttle Provider

Budget Airport Transportation	Metropolitan Shuttle	Casa Grande VIP & Shuttle
A-1 Airport Shuttle	Platinum Ride Limousines	Grande Express Transportation
Central Arizona Transport Shuttle	US Coachways	Arizona Corporate Coach
\$55 to Airport TEXT & GO	Price 4 Limo & Party Bus	Arrow State Lines
Ridesaver	Superior Transportation Group	Empire Charters
Del Ray Transportation	El Paso-Los Angeles Limousine Express	Arizona Motor Coach
Goldstar Executive Transportation	Tour West America	Divine Transportation
Need A Ride AZ	Carey/Phoenix Limousine	First Transit
CATS	Greyhound Bus Lines	All Aboard America

NOTES: Source Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization

Retirement Communities with Private Transit Transportation

Retirement communities often provide transportation for their residents. For instance, the Garnet of Casa Grande community provides a weekly bus shuttle service from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm that assists residents with travel to doctor appointment on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, while providing shopping and recreation options on Wednesdays and Fridays. The same shuttle service also provides Sunday church transport. The cost of these services is included in the monthly rent of residents. If the resident of the retirement center wishes to travel outside the selected timeframes, they would be responsible for getting their own means of transportation. A list of retirement communities that have private transportation services for their residents is below:

Garnet of Casa Grande	Caliche Senior Living	Kachina Apartments
Villas by Mary T.	Cypress Point Retirement Community	

Source: Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Development Affecting Demand for Mobility & Transit Services in Casa Grande in the Near Future

<u>Attesa</u>: Attesa is a new development that will be located one-half mile south of I-8 between Montgomery and Bianco Roads. Automobile racetracks and events will be the central focus of this development.

<u>Dreamport Villages</u>: Study team members met with Jack Gilmore, LA, planning consultant for the Dreamport Villages project. The northern portion of this project will include a major destination resort and theme park.

PhoenixMart: Team members met with Mareshall Stahl and Mark Dunnett of Arizona Sourcing, representing the PhoenixMart development. The project is currently under construction. Rather than a traditional retail center, PhoenixMart will be a 1.75 million square foot business-to-business sourcing center for manufacturers and distributors.

Banner Casa Grande Medical Center: A study team member met with Rona Curphy, the Chief Executive Officer at Banner Casa Grande Regional Hospital. The hospital served over 123,000 patients in 2015 including over 50,000 emergency room visits. It serves as the major medical center serving central Pinal County. The hospital has 706 employees and 443 physicians.

Abbott: Abbott has 400 employees in Casa Grande. They recently added a new product line and have potential to add another in the next 5-10 years.

Pinal RTA Plan: In November 2017, voters in Pinal County approved Propositions 416 and 417. Proposition 416 approved the Pinal Regional Transportation Plan and Proposition 417 authorized a one-half cent sales tax to fund the plan. The tax is estimated to raise \$641.2 million over the twenty-year life of the program. From this fund, \$20,000,000 is designated for public transit operation funds and Park and Ride facilities in the county. This \$1 million per year will provide some additional revenues to offset costs for eligible services.

Eloy Transit Study

(Please contact the Sun Corridor Metropolitan Organization for full study details).

The Eloy Transit Study is heavily focused on minorities, female head of households, low income and people with a disability. Most residents are driving longer because they feel as though they have no other options. The study also looked at households with zero or one vehicle as potential transit riders.

Female Head of Household

The highest percentage (which is approximately five times the percentage for Pinal County) is located to the west of the study area along South Trekell Road between West Shedd Road and East Ellis Road. The other area that exhibits higher proportions of this subgroup is largely located within the Toltec-Robson area north of the Casa Grande-Picacho Highway.

Young Population

This demographic shares similar geographic distribution characteristics with the age 65 and older group, having the highest densities in the Sun Corridor and Toltec-Robson areas.

Elderly Population

The Census Block Groups wherein the elderly population is one and a half times greater than the overall Pinal County percentage and the number of persons 65 years and older reside in the Toltec-Robson area and is in the furthest northern section of the study area.

Zero or One-Vehicle Households

Higher proportions of households with zero or one-vehicle generally reside in the Toltec-Robson area, the Airport area, the furthest northern section of the study area, and Arizona City.

Future Population Forecast

By the year 2025, the population clusters along I-10 corridor, mainly to the north, with Arizona City, are shown to continue exhibiting higher population levels than the surrounding study area. This projection also illustrates that future growth would occur in the Downtown Eloy area, and will continue along I-10, as well as north along South Toltec Road to SR-287.

Future Employment Forecasts

The majority of employment is located along I-10 Casa Grande-Picacho Highway, approximately from South Land Road to Norma Road.

Transit Demand - (Origins & Destinations)

Existing modes of transit looked at bicycle, pedestrian, and on-demand services. Major destination within Eloy include medical facilities, senior centers, behavior health services, employment, schools, and social services. This includes Sun Life Family Health Center, Eloy Senior Center, Toltec Senior Center, Eloy Veterans Center, CoreCivic, and Community Action Human Resources Agency (CAHRA). Regional destinations include areas within Coolidge, Florence, and Casa Grande.

On-Demand Service Providers

Achieve Human Services
Horizon Health & Wellness
Pinal Hispanic Council
Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens (Provides assistance but operates no vehicles)
Veterans Health Care System (for Veterans only 602-277-5551)

Transit Propensity Model

Areas that show high levels of propensity in Eloy include: Downtown, industrial areas west of Downtown, Toltec, North Toltec, Eloy Municipal Airport, Robson Ranch, La Palma Correctional Center, Saguaro Correctional Center, Red Rock Correctional Center (Correctional Complex), and areas south and east of Downtown.

Greater Gila County Transit Study

(Please contact the Central Arizona Governments for full study details).

Challenges

- Population, activity center, and employment density in Gila County is low. However, the key
 areas that could support fixed-route transit services include Payson-Star Valley, Globe-Miami,
 and San Carlos-Peridot areas.
- Gila County is an automobile-oriented area, with long-distance commute times, limited
 pedestrian infrastructure in densely populated areas, and long walking distances off main
 roads.
- Geographically speaking, there are long distances between the residential, employment and service centers, and significant walking distances off main roads. The weather also contributes to the difficultness of the distances.
- Lack of education and marketing of current providers creates an information gap, particularly in the Globe-Miami area.
- Previous transit studies conducted within Payson have recommended some type of transit services.

Opportunities

- The popularity of the Mountain Valley Shuttle service from Show Low to Payson and the City of Phoenix illustrates the public's interest in regional public transportation services. The market for long-distance, public transportation would primarily consist residents looking for transportation to medical services and to major transportation hubs (i.e., Mesa Gateway Airport, Phoenix Shy Harbor Airport, Valley Metro Light Rail, etc.)
- Initial public outreach suggests that residents in the Payson-Star Valley-Pine area are highly interested in public transportation. Population characteristics of these areas are also largely comprised of traditionally transit dependent population groups.
- San Carlos Apache Transit, Cobre Valley Community Transit, and the White Mountain Apache Tribe have begun to develop partnerships, if leveraged help coordinate service routes.

Recommendations for Transit Improvement

- Develop a transit system that provides circulator service within Payson and a connection between Star Valley and Payson. Also, develop two deviated fixed-route services that connects major employment and activity centers.
- Evaluate Cobre Valley Community Transit's current transit route and schedule to improve travel times and service frequency. Of particular importance is coordinating service with Nnee Bich'o Nii to provide riders with expanded transit coverage.
- Develop marketing and advertising plan for the Cobre Valley Community Transit services that
 educates the public about transit services and disseminates up-to-date service information to
 riders.
- Establish a Gila County/CAG region-wide public transit council to improve coordination between providers, create efficiencies, and maximize use of resources.

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