

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
CITY MANAGER REPORT**

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**Date Prepared:** December 16, 2010

**Council Meeting Date:** January 18, 2011

**TO:** Carl Swenson, City Manager

**THROUGH:** Susan J. Daluddung, Deputy City Manager

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**FROM:** Glen Van Nimwegen, Planning and Community Development Director

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**SUBJECT:** Multi-Modal Transportation Plan Service Recommendations

**SUMMARY:** The Multi Modal Presentation Service Recommendations are based on the study session presentation and discussion, May 4, 2010, four public open houses (April 13 & 14, and November 1 & 3, 2010) and two presentations/discussions with the Planning and Zoning Commission (April 1 and November 4, 2010).

The recommendations are formatted into three parts, Short-Term (2011 to 2015), Mid-term (2016 to 2026) and Long-Term (2027 and beyond), which are based on the expiration of the Maricopa Transportation Sales Tax that expires December 31, 2026.

**The Short-Term Recommendations (2011 to 2015):**

- 1. Use local sales tax to:**
  - a. Continue to fund Dial-A-Ride.
  - b. Improve facilities (Bus Stops) at higher ridership/visibility stops for the Peoria and Grand Avenue Limited routes.
- 2. Use available Prop 400 funds to:**
  - a. Provide additional service on Peoria Avenue Route 106, including Saturday service and changing from hourly to 30 minute bus frequencies.
  - b. Maintain Grand Avenue Limited service to downtown Phoenix.

**The Mid-Term Recommendations (2016 to 2026):**

- 1. Use local sales tax to:**
  - a. Continue to fund Dial-A-Ride as necessary.
  - b. Continue to improve facilities (Bus Stops) for the Thunderbird and 83rd Avenue routes.
- 2. Use available Prop 400 funds (and other federal funds as available) to:**
  - a. Develop Old Town Transit Center and Park and Ride.
  - b. Extend Thunderbird Road Route 138, through Peoria.
  - c. Develop new 83rd Avenue route, between Phoenix and the existing Arrowhead Transit Center, through Peoria.

### **The Long-Term Recommendations (beyond 2027):**

1. Add additional local bus service by extending the Valley Metro grid system into all parts of Peoria.
2. Add new Park and Ride Lots.
3. Add new express routes in the northern areas of Peoria.
4. Add a new Grand Avenue Commuter Rail line from Phoenix to Wittmann.

The Long-Term plan currently will not include Light Rail, or High Capacity Transit because the current densities are not sufficient to support these higher transportation modes. In addition, the long travel times from Peoria to downtown Phoenix on light rail also makes it uneconomical. They can be added, at anytime, when sufficient changes occur to provide for the higher densities to support the specific transportation mode.

The Mid-Term and Long-Term plans are to be adopted via an amendment to the General Plan, currently anticipated for December 2011. The Short-Term plans will be approved with the February 2011 acceptance.

Based on comments from this presentation to Mayor and Council, a "final" plan will be presented in February for approval.

**ATTACHMENT:** Ridership costs in 2010 dollar, and Revenue Sources

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## Short Term Recommendations (2011-2015)

### Ridership, Costs Projections and Revenue Sources

Program	Ridership Per Month	Annual Operating Cost*	Capital Cost*	Funding Source
Maintain Dial-A-Ride	2,600	\$1.0 M	\$0.0	Peoria Transportation Sales Tax
Expand Route 106, Peoria Avenue	8,460	\$125,000	\$0.0	Prop 400
Maintain Grand Avenue Limited Service	800	\$12,500	\$0.0	Prop 400
Improve Bus Stops for Route 106, Peoria Avenue	--	TBD	\$100,000 - \$200,000/yr <i>(over 2-3 yrs)</i>	Peoria Transportation Sales Tax

\*2010 dollars

## Mid-Term Recommendations (2016-2026)

### Ridership, Costs Projections and Revenue Sources

Program	Ridership Per Month	Annual Operating Cost*	Capital Cost*	Funding Source
Old Town Transit Center	TBD	\$70,000	\$8.0 M	Prop 400 and Federal funds
Extend Route 138 , Thunderbird Road, through Peoria	6,200	\$250,000	--	Prop 400
Develop New Route 83, 83 <sup>rd</sup> Ave Route	27,200	\$1.0 M <i>(Peoria's Service portion)</i>	TBD	Prop 400
Continue to Improve Bus Stops on 83 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue & Thunderbird Road	--		\$200,000/yr <i>(over 2-3 yrs)</i>	Peoria Transportation Sales Tax

\*2010 dollars

## Long-Term Recommendations (Beyond 2026)

### Ridership, Costs Projections and Revenue Sources

Program	Ridership Per Month	Annual Operating Cost*	Capital Cost*	Funding Source
Implement Grand Avenue Commuter Rail	117,600 <i>(entire line)</i>  20,600 <i>(Peoria Station)</i>	\$10.8 M <i>(entire line)</i>	\$60.0 M <i>(entire line)</i>	TBD
Develop New Bus Routes through Peoria	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Park & Ride	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

\*2010 dollars