



## **Mayor and Council Transit Task Force 2015 ANNUAL REPORT January 1 – December 31**

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The Transit Task Force (TTF) was officially created by Mayor and Council on July 8, 2008 to evaluate and monitor the City transit system's finances, expenditures, ridership data and assumptions, and sources of funding, and analyze the long term viability and control of the transit system as a regional entity.

The Task Force consists of one member appointed by the Mayor, six members appointed by each the six Council Members, and an additional four members from the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC), totaling 11 members.

The Task Force meets regularly once a month, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday.

### ***1. January 5, 2015***

The election of officers was held. Gene Caywood was re-elected Chair of the TTF, and Suzanne Schafer was elected Vice Chair.

Mayor and Council approved the recommendation of the RFP for the Ronstadt Center for staff to move forward with Phase 2.

New fare products were introduced and evaluated by the Task Force. Staff was asked to report on fare product analysis at the next meeting. A presentation on the SunGo Fare Payment System was also given

### ***2. February 2, 2015***

Margot Garcia was appointed as the TTF representative to the Jarret Walker and Associates Stakeholder Group.

New fare product types staff recommended were unanimously approved by the TTF to continue to be developed and presented at the next meeting.

### ***3. March 2, 2015***

The Ronstadt Transit Center Redevelopment was discussed at length. A motion was made to request OIP and the Mayor & Council to allow the TTF to have significant input into the RTC RFP Process.

A presentation was given on the new pilot pass program for SummerGo Youth Pass. The Task Force approved the SummerGo Youth Pass and Annual Pass pilot programs.

Presentations were given on the Broadway Corridor Improvements and how they will affect transit services, and the Sun Van payment system and reporting.

**4. April 6, 2015**

A presentation was given on a mobile payment app for Sun Tran. The Five Year Financial Forecast was presented to the Mayor and Council.

Some potential changes to the transfer policy were discussed.

**5. May 4, 2015**

The Task Force was briefed on the new mobile payment application for Sun Tran that will roll out in June and staff made recommendations on the transfer policy.

Staff updated the Task Force on the City Manager's recommended budget for Mass Transit. The Broadway-Houghton Park and Ride will be operational May 24, 2015.

**June 1, 2015**

Meeting canceled.

**6. June 8, 2015**

A presentation was given on the "Safe Place" stickers which are primarily for teenagers who need to find a safe place and are sponsored by Our Family Services and Quick Trip. Annual Passes and Day Passes will be available on August 2, 2015.

A presentation on the mass transit tentatively adopted budget was given.

The proposed minor service changes were presented and discussed. The Task Force agreed on a motion to advise Mayor and Council to not make budget cuts within the bus service and to leave the Operating Budget as it is.

**7. June 23, 2015**

A presentation was given on the FY16 Minor Service Changes for Sun Tran, including the 'Comments on Proposed Network Changes' memorandum from Jarret Walker and Associates.

**8. July 13, 2015**

Two proposals have been received for the Ronstadt Transit Center Redevelopment. The 2045 PAG RTP Process has an online survey on Transportation that can be filled out. Everyone was urged to fill out the survey. The mobile payment application had a soft launch and is now available to purchase bus fare.

Bus service changes will be done in two phases. Some minor service changes will take effect on August 9, 2015 and major service changes will begin to be planned in February 2016.

The initial discussion on the Jarret Walker and Associates 'Transit Choices Workshop Report' began at this meeting.

***August 10, 2015***

Meeting canceled.

***September 7, 2015***

Meeting canceled.

***9. October 5, 2015***

The Deputy Director of Transportation, Carlos de Leon, gave a presentation on different proposals for restructuring the 'Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee' (CTAC).

A motion was passed to have Gene Caywood's 'Advice on Sun Tran Management and Funding' be presented in writing to the Mayor and Council at their October 8, 2015 Study Session.

***10. November 9, 2015***

Nicholas Scherer was introduced as the new Transit Services Coordinator for the City of Tucson.

There will be two open houses in regard to the Ronstadt Transit Center Redevelopment on November 11, and November 19, 2015.

Carlos de Leon, gave another presentation was on the restructuring of the 'Citizens Advisory Committee' (CTAC).

At the Mayor and Council meeting on October 8, the City Manager was authorized to:

1. Proceed with audits of the operations and management of the transit system as provided under the City's management agreement with TransDev/PTM,
2. Engage with Pima Association of Governments (PAG) and other relevant stakeholders to examine alternative management models for transit with a focus on determining appropriate actions and improvements to support the long-term sustainability of the transit system to meet the needs of our community.

***December 7, 2015***

Meeting canceled.

***December 21, 2015***

Meeting canceled.