

Carlos de Leon - Update on RTC RFP

From: Nicole Ewing-Gavin
To: 2014 Honorable Mayor and Council Members
Date: 4/25/2014 10:30 AM
Subject: Update on RTC RFP
CC: 2014 10th Floor Group (For Mayor and Council Communications); 2014 Mayor & Council Aides ; ALL_OIP; Carlos de Leon; Dan Longanecker; Daryl Cole; Hector Martinez; Marcheta Gillespie; Mike Rankin; Sam Credio; Tom Fisher

Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of a mixed use transit center on the Ronstadt Transit Center site was issued with an original due date of next Tuesday, April 29th. We have decided to extend the deadline for submission of proposals to Thursday, August 28th in order to allow additional time for offerors to prepare proposals and for new information about the development potential of the site to come forward.

Procurement has issued this notice of extension as an addendum to the RFP. The addendum can be viewed on the Procurement website at:

http://tucsonprocurement.com/ContractImages/SolicitationAmendmentImg_140983_140983_2.pdf and

New information that will come available over the summer that may help inform potential offerors consideration of this project includes such items as:

- The results of Sun Tran's Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA).
- Announcements of other private development(s) in the area, such as the recent announcement of a new grocery market to be located south of the project site.
- Beginning of operations of the Tucson Modern Streetcar (Sun Link) scheduled for July 25, 2014 and its influence on market demand.
- Issuing of additional site information regarding construction methods for the existing soil conditions, utility capacity, and results of archaeological assessment of triangle parcel.
- Pro forma financial statements for prototype mixed use developments downtown being prepared by the Downtown Tucson Partnership.

As these additional pieces of information become available, they will be posted to the Procurement website as addendums to the RFP to inform potential offerors.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

Thanks,
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April 25, 2014

Daryl Cole
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Subject: Sun Express Fare Increase Proposal

Dear Mr. Cole:

The purpose of this correspondence is to request that the City of Tucson Mayor and Council not support an increase in the Sun Express fare that is currently being recommended by the City of Tucson Transit Task Force that will be considered by Mayor and Council for adoption in May.

The current recommendation increases the ratio of the express fare to the base fare from 133% to 150%, raising the single ride fare from \$2.00 to \$2.25. This increase in the ratio of the express fare to the base fare, in combination with the ratio changes for period passes as they relate to the base fare, results in an increase of \$25 a month for express 30-day pass holders, \$115 a semester for UA Express Semester pass holders and \$228 for UA Annual Express pass holders. We believe that the proposed increase in fares will have a negative impact on express riders and may result in significant reductions in ridership that would have a detrimental impact to the productivity of the Sun Express routes in our region.

This increase in fares will cause many choice riders to look for other transportation alternatives. In an effort to reaffirm our regional commitment to clean air and increased mobility options for all users we urge you to maintain the fare at 133% of the base fare, giving the members of our community a sound economic alternative to driving.

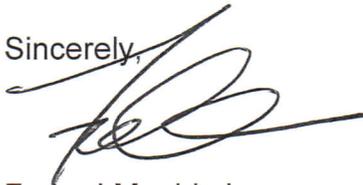
It is our understanding that the proposed fare increase for Sun Express routes has been proposed for budgetary reasons. As you know the RTA funds all or a portion of 12 of the 13 express routes and an increase in Sun Express fares will have little to no impact on the City of Tucson general fund contribution to the transit system; and may have a negative impact if period pass holders do not choose to continue to purchase 30-day, semester or annual Express passes.

We at the RTA look forward to continued collaboration with you and your staff in the delivery of the transit component of the RTA Plan. Your commitment to improving

organization and is reflected in the successful implementation of over 81 RTA transit projects.

Please feel free to contact me at 520-792-1093 if you have any questions regarding this request or would like to discuss this item further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'FM', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Farhad Moghimi
Executive Director