



# MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 28, 2016

TO: Mayor Rothschild

FROM: Regina Romero  
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SUBJECT: Transit Discussion

On Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, an item entitled 'Models for Partnering with Private Sector in Transit Operations' is scheduled for discussion on the Mayor & Council agenda.

In October of 2015, following a 42 day transit strike, Mayor & Council gave direction to staff to engage stakeholders in a conversation about opportunities to improve our transit system. Part of the discussion at that meeting included options for structural change, different forms of management agreements, and models of regional transit systems.

In addition, the Pima Association of Governments (PAG) has also invested time and resources in hosting community conversations about transit services, with nationally renowned transit expert Jarrett Walker.

We would like to propose that we broaden the public / private partnership conversation to incorporate the work and research done by city staff as well as PAG. This may include other alternative models of running a transit system. We believe it is most helpful to avoid having parallel conversations about the future of our transit system. Adding these topics to the existing agenda item will ensure a well-rounded conversation that incorporates past M&C direction and considers a range of opportunities for our future.

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