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Saguaro Foundation Provides Dial-A-Ride Services in Yuma

YUMA (January 23, 2012) – Starting in early February, Saguaro Foundation through Saguaro Transportation Service will provide dial-a-ride services for seniors, persons with disabilities that are no longer eligible for Greater Yuma Area Dial-A-Ride services.

Saguaro was able to receive a Mobility Management grant through the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to develop an innovative and low cost alternative way for transporting passengers in Yuma County. As part of their efforts, Saguaro will also offer a limited dial-a-ride service throughout southwestern Yuma County serving Wellton, Fortuna Foothills, Yuma, San Luis, Somerton, Gadsden and unincorporated areas in between for seniors and persons with disabilities that are not able to be eligible for Greater Yuma Area Dial-A-Ride because they live out of the service area or do not meet the ADA eligibility requirements.

The Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) made service reductions to Greater Yuma Area Dial-A-Ride earlier this year due to funding reductions from the local and state governments and there were not sufficient match revenues for the Federal funds received. Greater Yuma Area Dial-A-Ride only operates within a ¾ mile radius of existing YCAT routes as the service is complementary to the YCAT fixed route system. Passengers also must be certified ADA eligible which includes having a disability that prevents riding YCAT or getting to and from an YCAT bus stop.

Service hours are anticipated to be from 5:00 am to 10:00 pm, seven day a week. Passengers interested in this service may contact Ed Castro, Transportation Manager at Saguaro Transportation Service, 928.783.6069.

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