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YUMA COUNTY AREA TRANSIT SERVICE CHANGES BENEFIT YUMA COUNTY RESIDENTS

YUMA, AZ (January 23, 2012) - Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) has implemented new transit service changes to the Yuma County Area Transit (YCAT) system. This includes YCAT fixed route buses and Greater Yuma Area Dial-A-Ride service. The changes, implemented on January 9, 2012 have been to much fanfare throughout southwestern Yuma County. In the past, YCAT transported on the average 900 to 1,000 passenger trips per day. As of January 23, 2012, that has jumped to approximately 1,200 passenger trips per day and continues to grow as passengers understand and learn the new routes and schedules.

Some of the changes that were made to YCAT fixed route transit services include:

- All routes operate every 60 minutes with timed connections at Yuma Palms Regional Center, Cocopah Casino and West Yuma Transfer Hub at 26th Street and Avenue B (near Walmart).
- Simplified fare structure - \$2.00 one way for basic fare (Adults) and \$1.00 for students, seniors, persons with disabilities and Medicare card holders – Countywide with new 10-Ride, Day and 31-Day Passes.
- Smartcard system will allow for further discounts (25 cents off the base fare) once implemented in the Spring.
- AWC, NAU, Aztec High School, YPIC Charter High School employees and students and Cocopah Tribe members can ride any YCAT route free by showing their ID card when boarding with a valid semester sticker.
- All routes are identified by colors, numbers and names as defined below:
 - Red Route 1 – Central Yuma Circulator via 4th Avenue with service to Yuma International Airport, Winterhaven and Paradise Casino.
 - Orange Route 2 – Colleges/Fortuna Foothills with service to AWC/NAU and Fortuna Foothills via the South Frontage Road.

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- Yellow Route 95 – Highway 95 South with service to Somerton and San Luis.
- Green Route 4 – Central Yuma Circulator via Pacific Avenue with service to Marine Corps Air Station and neighborhoods along Avenue C, 16th Street, Avenue B and 3rd Street.
- Purple Route 6 – Avenue A with service to North Cocopah Reservation and a Saturday extension to Somerton and East/West Cocopah Reservation.
- Violet Route 7 – Cocopah Shuttle with service between West Cocopah Reservation, East Cocopah Reservation, Mesa Verde/Orange Grove to Cocopah Casino (Monday-Friday only)
- Gold Route 8 – Interstate 8/Wellton with service to Wellton and Fortuna Foothills.
- Silver Route 9 – AWC/San Luis Connector with service via State Route 195 and eastern San Luis (Monday-Friday only).
- NightCAT – provides AWC and NAU students and employees with the opportunity to get home after evening classes. The bus departs at 8:10 pm and 10:10 pm when AWC/NAU is in session.
- Routes 6, 7 and 8 will provide deviated fixed route service to passengers that live off the route for an additional \$2.00 with a reservation in advance or by asking the bus operator.
- Service hours are now Monday-Friday from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm and Saturday from 9:30 am to 6:30 pm. Hours vary by route.
- Due to low ridership, there is no transit service on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents Day and Veterans Day.
- YCAT accepts Greyhound tickets on its routes. Passengers can purchase a ticket direct from Los Angeles to San Luis for instance. YCIPTA is reimbursed by Greyhound for acceptance of the ticket.
- New website and Google Trip Planner is in the implementation phase. This will allow passengers to plan their trip using Google Maps from anywhere in Yuma County.

Greater Yuma Area Dial-A-Ride also had changes, which included a complete restructure to improve the productivity of that service and reduce its operational costs. This service is only available to persons that have a disability that prevents the use of YCAT or getting to an YCAT bus stop independently. A certification process in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is used to determine eligibility. The service also is now complementary to YCAT fixed routes which means that ADA service only operates when there is an YCAT bus route in the area and at the time YCAT is operating in the area. Greater Yuma Area Dial-A-Ride will no longer transport seniors or those with a disability that does not meet the ADA requirements.

Greater Yuma Area Dial-A-Ride passengers displaced by the recent change can contact Saguaro Foundation for details on their new transportation program by calling 928.783.6069.

For YCAT Transit Information call 928-783-2235 and Greater Yuma Area Dial-A-Ride reservations call 928-539-7076. You can also visit the YCAT online at www.ycat.org.

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