

NORTHWEST VALLEY LOCAL TRANSIT SYSTEM STUDY



Northwest Valley Community Transportation Stakeholders Meeting

May 16, 2012

Project History

- **Sun Cities Area Transit (SCAT) and Maricopa County Special Transportation Services (STS) discontinued in December 31, 2010**
- **Concern about viable transportation options for residents in the Sun City and Northwest Valley area**
- **Informal group, Northwest Valley Community Transportation Stakeholders, had been meeting to identify transportation and mobility strategies for the Sun Cities-Northwest Valley area**
- **Requested assistance in 2011 from MAG to identify transit needs for para-transit, local routes, and circulators, similar to Southwest Valley Local Transit System Study**

Project Overview & History

- **MAG Recommended approval to amend the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include up to \$238,000 for a Northwest Valley Local Transit System Study**
- **Approved through MAG Committee process in August and September 2011**
- **Draft RFP completed, ADOT presented MAG with FTA 5304 funding grant for study in November 2011**
- **MAG issued an Request for Proposal (RFP) in January 2012 with an expected project kickoff no later than May 1, 2012**
- **Moore & Associates selected as Project Consultant in March 2012**
- **Project Duration ~ One Year (Final Report Spring 2013)**

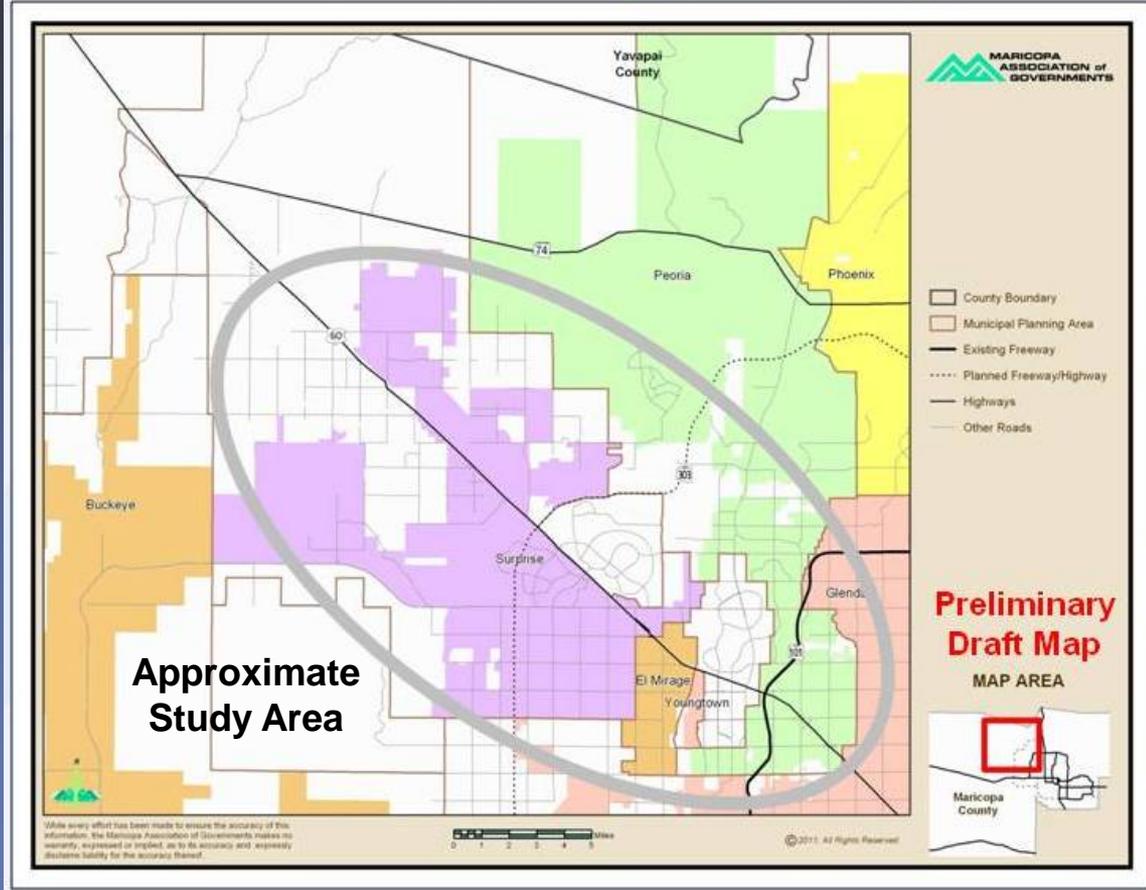
Project Purpose

The purpose of the Northwest Valley Local Transit System Study (NWVLTSS) is to provide "best practice" recommendations in the following areas:

- 1.) recommendations for making the existing or planned transit service more efficient and effective;
- 2.) a market defined local transit system in the northwest valley for the short, mid, and long range that also connects to regional transit system;
- 3.) the cost of implementing such a transit system;
- 4.) funding strategies needed to implement an integrated local transit system; and
- 5.) an implementation road map.

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Project Study Area



Project Team and Public Involvement

Project Management Team communities include:

- El Mirage, Glendale, Peoria, Surprise, Youngtown, and the surrounding unincorporated portions of Maricopa County which include the communities of Sun City and Sun City West.
- Additional Stakeholders will also be identified and included through the public and agency involvement process.
- Agencies that are participating in this study include the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA-Valley Metro), Maricopa County and Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG).
- Project Consultant - Moore & Associates
(Jim Moore, Jose Perez, Dan Boyle, Kathy Chambers, Allison Moore)
- Project Manager - Marc Pearsall (MAG).



Project Highlights

- **Develop a comprehensive, phased, market-defined, fully integrated local transit system plan that effectively connects to the regional transit system**
- **Identify efficiency/effectiveness analysis of existing and future conditions**
- **Coordinate study with on-going regional transit plans and studies**
- **Phased steps for implementation of plan**
- **Lifeline level of service for each phase**
- **Sound financial plan**
- **Widespread community support for transit service**
- **Agency and Public Involvement**

Project ~ Next Steps

- **Summer 2012 - Project Management Plan, local field inspection tours of each community, technical analysis of existing and future conditions. (Working Paper 1)**
- **Summer 2012 - Coordinate study with on-going regional transit plans and studies.**
- **Late August – Fall 2012 – Begin Public Involvement, Community input (Working Paper 2 - by Jan 2013).**
- **Fall 2012 - Review of Existing and Future Population, Transportation, and Land-Use Conditions (Working Paper 3).**



Thank you.

QUESTIONS?

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