

Southwest Valley Local Transit System Study Update

Transit Committee
December 8, 2011





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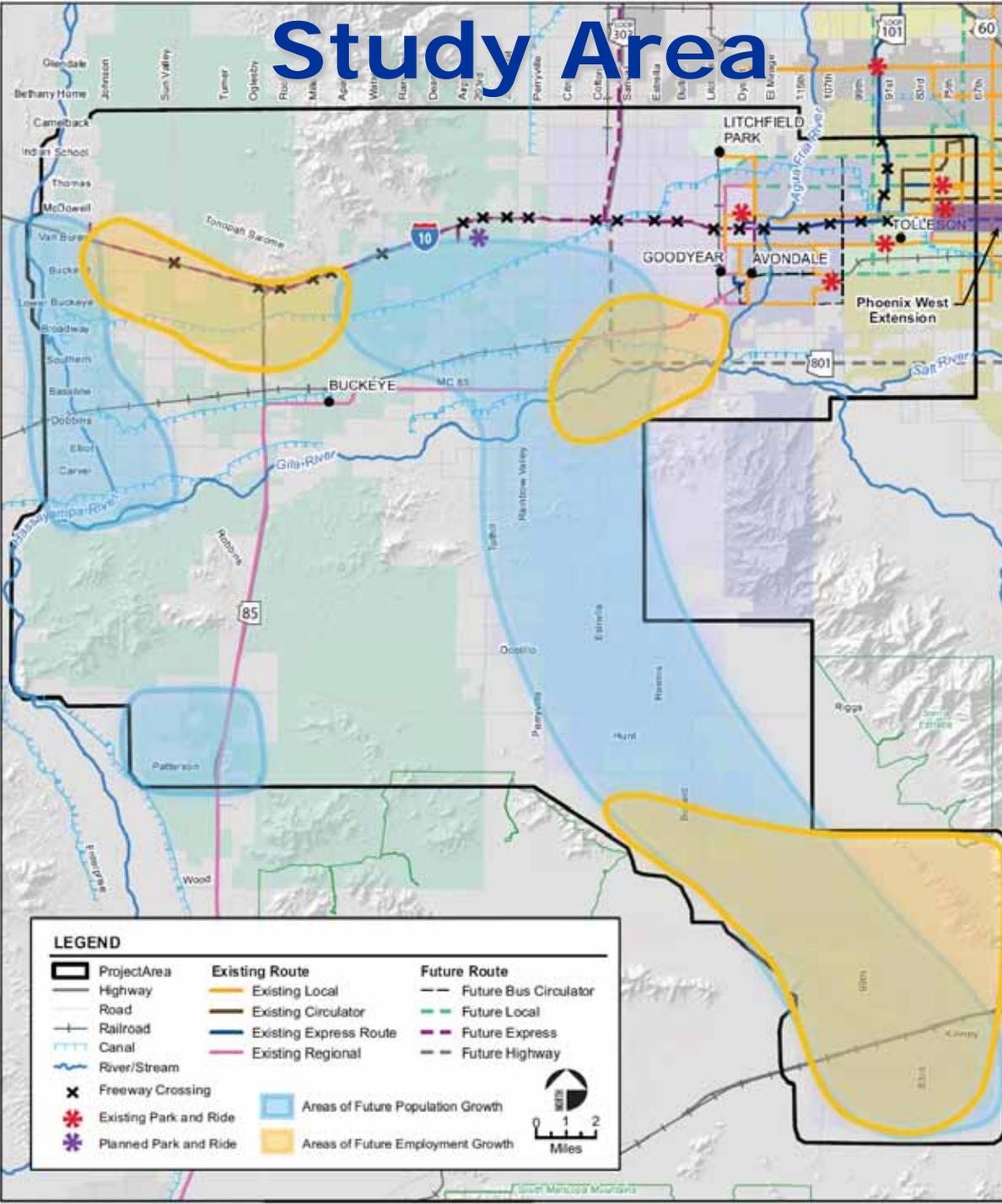
n Purpose:

- l Identify opportunities and strategies for improving the existing transit service in the southwest valley
- l Develop a short, mid, and long range local transit plan that effectively provides circulation within the southwest valley and also connects to the regional transit system

Study Area

Participating Members

- City of Avondale
- Town of Buckeye
- City of Goodyear
- City of Litchfield Park
- City of Phoenix
- City of Tolleson
- Maricopa County
- RPTA
- VMR





Task Overview

- n Project tasks include:
 - l Refine the scope and schedule
 - l Public involvement plan
 - l Data collection, analysis and evaluation
 - l Efficiency/effectiveness analysis of current service
 - l Short-, mid- and long-term needs assessment and alternatives development
 - l Financial analysis
 - l A local transit system and implementation plan

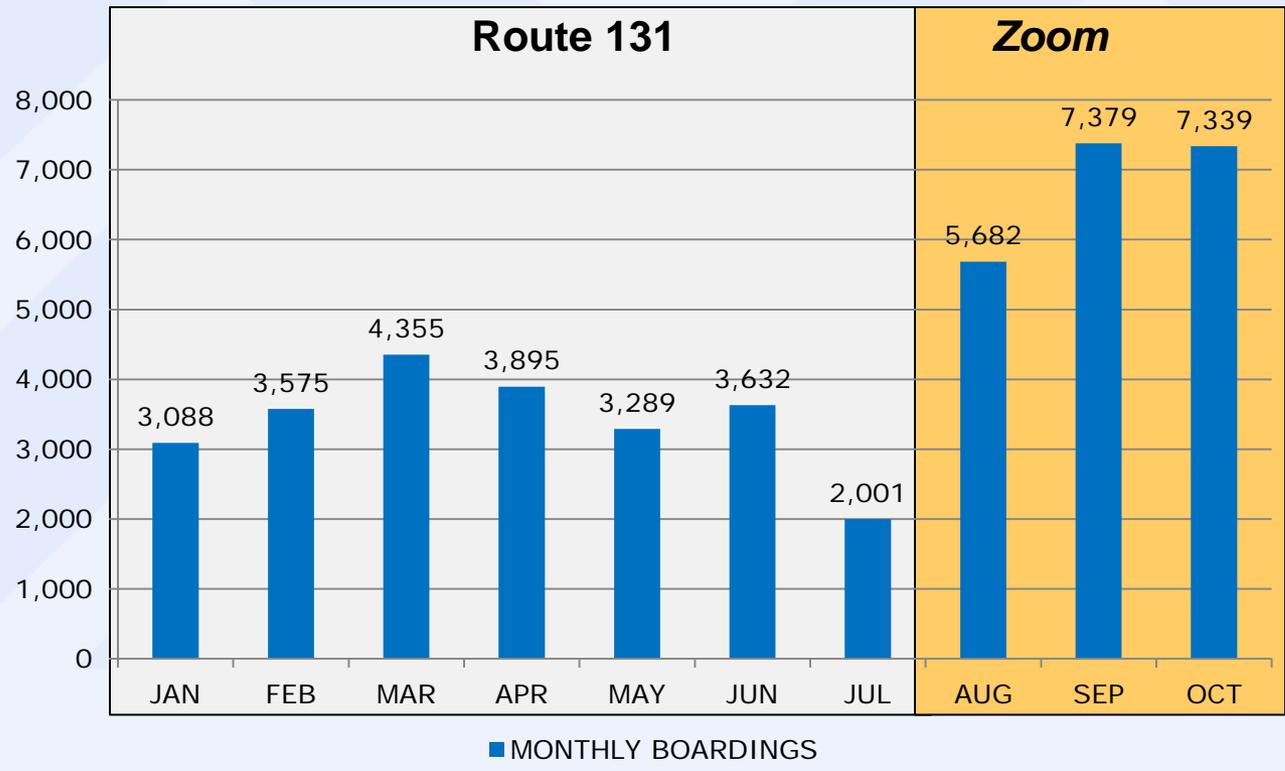


Expected Outcomes

- n Efficiency/effectiveness analysis of current service and suggested improvements
- n Community-wide agreed upon phased transit plan: short-, mid- and long-range
- n Local transit service that connects to the regional transit system
- n Lifeline level of service for each phase
- n Costs of implementing such a plan
- n Steps to implement the plan



Study Area Highlight



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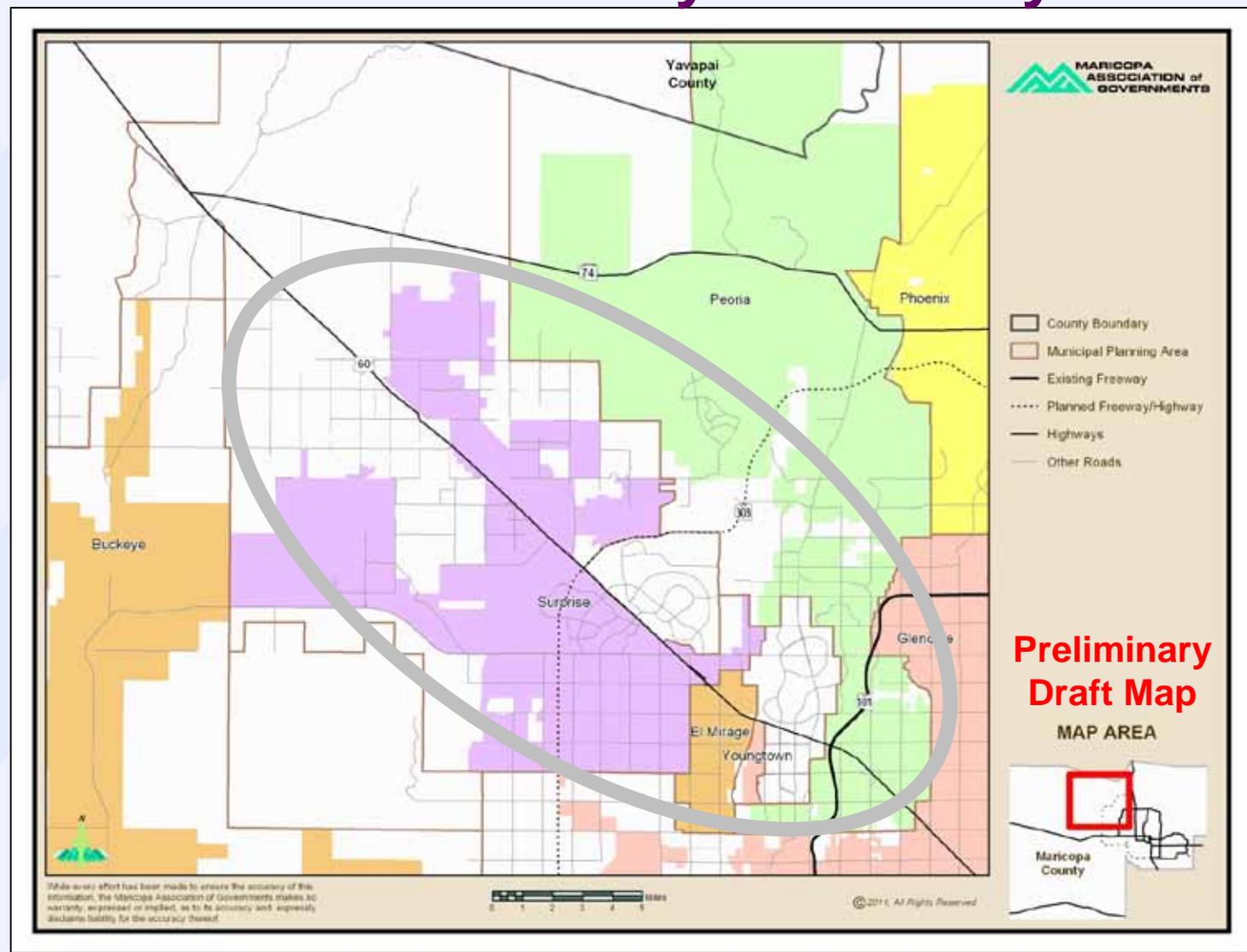


Background

- n **Sun Cities Area Transit (SCAT) and Maricopa County Special Transportation Services (STS) eliminated by December 31, 2010**
- n **Concern about viable transportation options for residents in the Sun City and Northwest Valley area**
- n **Informal group has been meeting for a year to identify transportation/mobility strategies for the Sun Cities area**
- n **Study similar to Southwest Valley Local Transit System Study that recently commenced**
- n **Identify short and long term transit needs for paratransit, local routes, and circulators**



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**Preliminary
Draft Map**

MAP AREA



MAG Approval and RFP Process for NW Valley Local Transit System Study

- n Recommended approval to amend the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include \$238,000 for a Northwest Valley Local Transit System Study**
- n Approved through MAG Committee process in August and September 2011**
- n Draft RFP completed, ADOT presented MAG with FTA 5305 funding grant for study in November 2011**
- n MAG to issue an Request for Proposal (RFP) in January 2012 with an expected project kickoff no later than April 1, 2012**