



# City Council Report

**Date:** October 6, 2025  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Brent Stoddard, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Jodi Sorrell, Transit Services Director  
**Subject:** Pass-through Agreement with the City of Phoenix for bus shelter expansion

## **Purpose and Recommendation**

This report requests approval for the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a pass-through agreement with the City of Phoenix for a grant to add more bus shelters in Mesa.

## **Background**

The City of Mesa has been awarded \$800,000 for bus shelters through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, which provided \$360.46 million in Community Project Funding (Congressionally Directed Spending) for 125 projects across 32 states. The FY23 Transit Services budget allocated \$400,000 for bus shelters, which will serve as the required local match for this grant.

The City of Phoenix serves as the designated recipient of all Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds for the region. Under this arrangement, the City of Mesa will incur project expenses and submit reimbursement requests to Phoenix. Phoenix will then draw down FTA funds and pass through the reimbursements to Mesa.

## **Discussion**

In FY22, the Transit Services budget included funding for a bus stop shade study. The study determined that 487 of Mesa's 700 bus stops provide some level of shade, either through shelters, nearby buildings, or vegetation. Nearly all locations that can accommodate standard bus shelters within the existing right-of-way have already been improved.

The remaining 214 bus stops without shade are primarily constrained by limited right-of-way. To address this, the FY22 budget also funded the design of a smaller footprint "micro-shelter" that can be installed in tighter spaces. These modular structures can be expanded in the future to accommodate increased ridership.

This grant is expected to support the installation of 40–50 micro-shelters, increasing overall shade coverage to approximately 70–75 percent of Mesa’s bus stops. In addition, the FY23 Transit Services budget included \$400,000 to fabricate and install 10–25 shelters. Of this amount, \$200,000 will be applied as the required local match for the grant, with the remaining \$200,000 allocated for additional shelters.

### **Alternatives**

The only alternative to adopting this resolution is to take no action. This would result in Mesa forfeiting \$800,000 in grant funding designated to expand shade coverage at bus stops.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The required funding for this grant has been programmed into the FY26 Transit Services budget.