



Transit Services

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Public Purpose

Provide transit options that support mobility, accessibility, and economic vitality for the City of Mesa.



**Thriving
Economy**



**Sustainable
Environment**



**Neighborhoods &
Placemaking**

Priorities/Objectives

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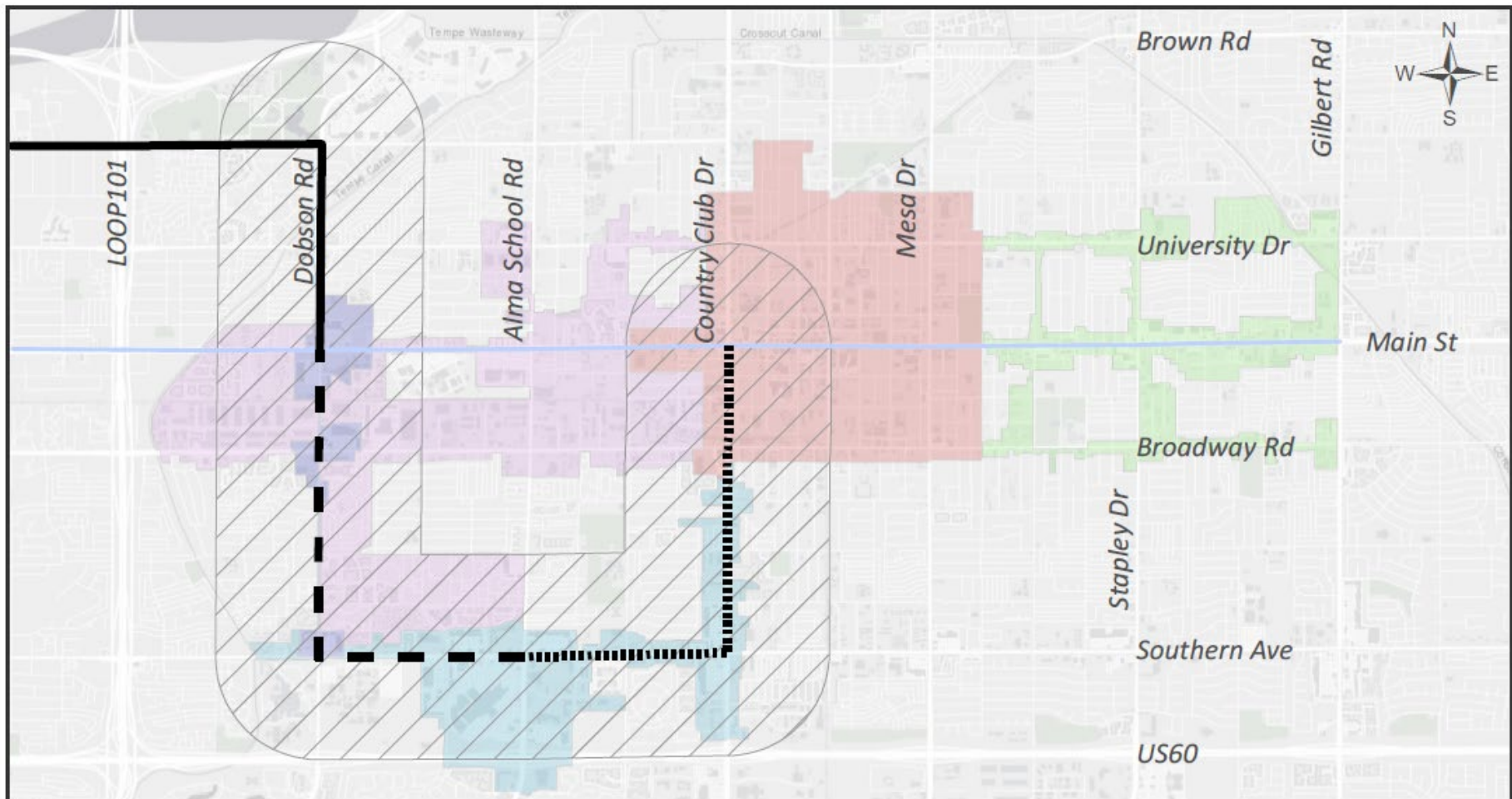
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- Federally Funded Shelters
- Rio East/Dobson Streetcar Study
- Mesa CONNECTED TOD Study

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Legend

 Study Area (1/2 MI)

 Light Rail

Streetcar Routes

 Phase 1 Rio Salado East/Dobson Streetcar Extension

 Phase 2 Streetcar Extension

 Phase 3 Potential Streetcar Extension

Economic Development Redevelopment Areas (RDA)

 Mesa Town Center RDA

 Asian District RDA

 East RDA

 West RDA

 Southwest RDA

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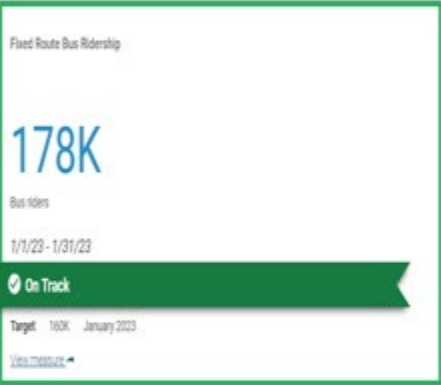
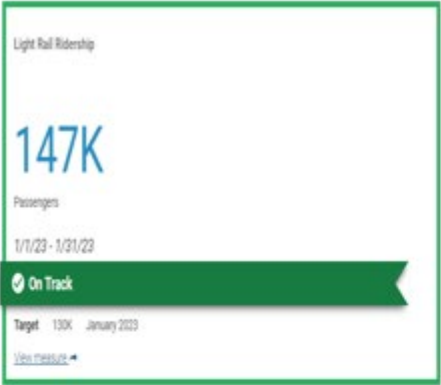
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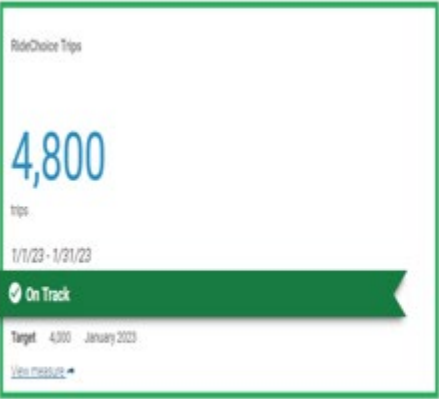
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Performance Metrics



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Expenditure Summary

Core Business Process	FY 21/22 Year End Actuals		FY 22/23 Revised Budget		FY 22/23 Year End Estimate		FY 23/24 Proposed Budget
	Transit Fund	COVID stimulus funds received by the City	Transit Fund	COVID stimulus funds received by the City	Transit Fund	COVID stimulus funds received by the City	
Administration	\$0.5		\$2.6		\$2.6		\$1.0
Light Rail	\$5.7	\$7.3	\$10.0	\$6.2	\$10.0	\$6.2	\$17.3
Fixed-Route Bus	\$1.9	\$3.2	\$5.2		\$5.6		\$4.2
Accessible Transit	\$0.0	\$1.6	\$0.0		\$0.0		\$0.0
Facility O&M	\$0.6		\$1.0		\$1.0		\$0.8
Total	\$8.7	\$12.1	\$18.8	\$6.2	\$19.2	\$6.2	\$23.3
Light Rail Revenue	\$1.7		\$1.3		\$1.8		\$1.7
Advertising/Other	\$0.5		\$1.0		\$1.4		\$0.1
Total	\$2.2		\$2.3		\$3.2		\$1.8

FY 23/24 Prop. 400 Service Enhancements

July 2023

Route 45 (Broadway Road) transitions from being locally funded to Proposition 400 funding (*FY24 estimated cost of \$3.2M*)

October 2023

Route 48 (48th Street) will extend on Rio Salado from current end of line at Tempe Marketplace to Riverview. This extension will be funded by Proposition 400 (*FY24 estimated cost of \$230K*)



Contracted Services Estimates (in estimated net costs after VM adjustments)

Service	Prop 400 Funded	Locally Funded	Total
Light Rail		\$15.7	\$15.7
Fixed-Route Bus	\$23.2	\$4.2	\$27.4
Paratransit	\$3.3		\$3.3
RideChoice	\$1.9		\$1.9
Total	\$28.4	\$19.9	\$48.3

Dollars in Millions

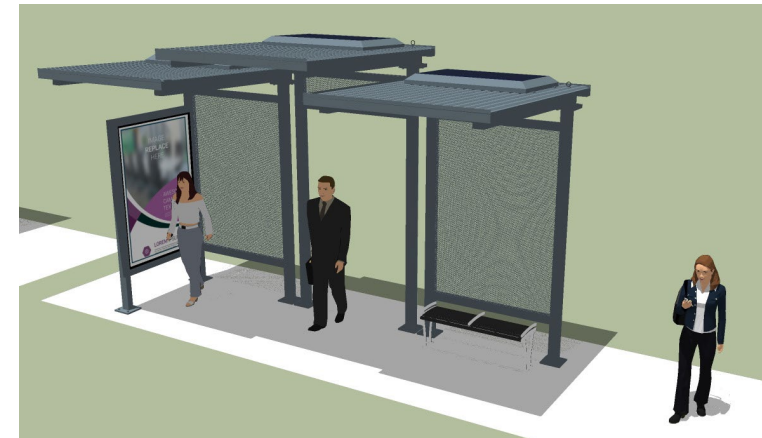
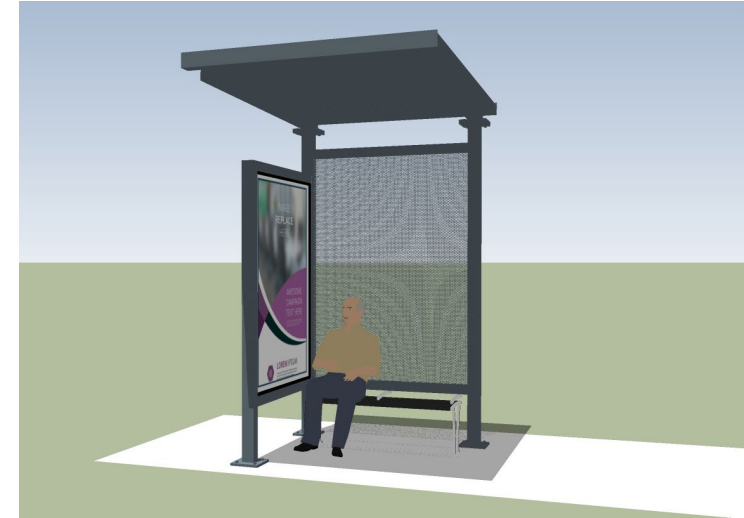
Bus Stop Shade Program Update

Shade Study

- 350 bus stops evaluated
- 192 were shaded from another source
 - Adjacent Building
 - Vegetation
 - Tree
 - Wall

Micro shelter

Federal Grant





Transit Master Plan Update

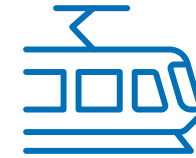


What is Transit?

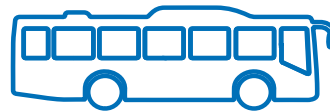
A public service that helps people move around if they don't have access to a car or want to skip the drive.



Light Rail



Streetcar



Local & Express Bus



Neighborhood Circulator



Microtransit



Paratransit

Why is Transit Important?

Besides being especially helpful for people without access to a car or who are unable to drive, transit can move more people at one time and help reduce congestion and pollution.



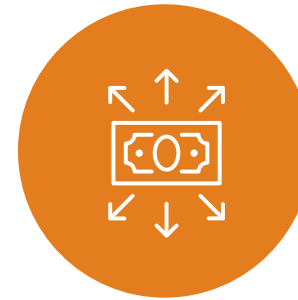
Improves
Quality of Life



Reduces Traffic
Congestion



Social Equity
Resource



Economic
Growth



Sustainable
Future

Mesa's Transit Today

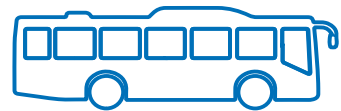
In 2022, Mesa's transit services provided more than **3.4 million** rides.

Mesa Transit Snapshot



Light Rail

5.5 Miles
7 Stations in Mesa



Local & Express Bus

19 Routes in Mesa
700 Bus Stops
4 Park and Rides
3 Transit Centers



BUZZ Circulator

2 Neighborhood Routes
Downtown BUZZ & Fiesta BUZZ



Paratransit & RideChoice

Door-to-Door / Curb-to-Curb
Service for People with Disabilities

Mesa's Transit Master Plan

- Enhances existing transit services and explores innovative transit programs for Mesa
- Creates a road map to reach Mesa's short-term (2030) and long-term (2050) transit goals





Community Outreach

Feedback will be used to understand Mesa community's needs and vision for transit services and developments.

In-Person Engagement Activities

- Leadership Interviews (Mayor and Councilmembers)
- Bus Operator Outreach
- Hacktivate Mesa
- Asian Festival 📷
- Mayor's Youth Committee
- Mesa Human Relations Advisory Board Meeting 📷
- I Love Mesa Day 📷



In coordination with General Plan and Transportation Master Plan



Public Survey

Feedback will be used to understand Mesa community's needs and vision for transit services and developments.

47

Hacktivate Mesa Live Polling
responses received

876

Transit Master Plan Online Survey
responses received *(as of 3/22/23)*

Other Ongoing Outreach Activities

- Stakeholder Interviews
- Valley Metro Transportation Coordinator Outreach
- Bus Rider Surveys



Pinnacle Prevention

Coordinated outreach efforts have been used to connect with west and central Mesa residents and community groups.



Strengthening Access and Connection In Mesa Through Transit-oriented Solutions

- Maricopa County Department of Public Health grant
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- Led by Pinnacle Prevention - a non-profit organization
- Project will help Mesa residents use transit to gain access to food and community services.

Engagement Activities

- Pinnacle Prevention Community Advisory Board
- Stakeholder Interviews and community conversations

Transit Master Plan Next Steps

1. Assessment of needs (demographics, employment, and land use).
2. Develop vision, goals, and objectives.
3. Develop preliminary transit solutions.
4. Continue project coordination efforts.
5. Launch Transit Master Plan Survey 2 (May/June).



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