




MEMORANDUM

Date: March 4, 2009

To: Priscilla Cornelio, Director
Department of Transportation

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Transit Issues, Transfers, Reductions and Fee Increases**

Based on the recent series of memorandums from you on this subject, please take the following actions in preparation for the fiscal year 2009/10 budget:

1. **Express Transit Routes**: The proposal by the Regional Transportation Authority and Sun Tran as identified in your March 2, 2009 memorandum is accepted, provided the express transit fares are increased from \$1.00 to \$1.50, with the County receiving our proportional and pro rata share credit from increased revenues due to this fare increase. This should increase aggregate expense savings to the County for the conversion of these Sun Tran express routes.
2. **Rural Transit** - The proposal to assume rural transit operations effective October 1, 2009, is appropriate and will result in a savings of \$125,000 for next fiscal year. This would include all of those rural transit services contained in your March 2, 2009 memorandum.
3. **Special Needs Service** - Since the fares have not been adjusted for special needs since 1999, please initiate an appropriate fare increase to be effective no later than May 1, 2009, increasing the trip fares for special needs from \$1.20 for regular fares to \$3.00, and for discounted fares the present \$0.50 should be increased to \$1.00.
4. **Express Transit Routes and Rural Transit - Items 1 and 2 Listed Previously** - These items will require final approval of the Regional Transportation Authority Board of Directors. Please process those appropriate approvals, contract amendments, and/or transfers to effectuate these changes at your earliest convenience. Further, payment for these routes in the intergovernmental agreement with the City for transit services should be amended accordingly. If these services are not modified as indicated in your March 2, 2009 memorandum, appropriate action is to be taken to terminate these express routes such that the termination date is effective as of July 1, 2009, or the amount necessary to continue services will be taken from your State Vehicle License Tax revenues.

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c: The Honorable Chairman and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
Martin Willett, Chief Deputy County Administrator
John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator - Public Works
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