

SUBJECT: FY 2017-2021 PAG Short-Range Transit Program Implementation Update

Meeting	Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
Regional Council	March 23, 2017	Discussion Action	7

REQUESTED ACTION/SUGGESTED MOTION

The Regional Council will be asked to approve the FY 2017-2021 PAG Short-Range Transit Program Implementation Plan for publication.

ASSOCIATED OWP WORK ELEMENT/GOAL

Work Element 1445, Transit Planning and Regional Transit Studies.

SUMMARY

Background:

The PAG Short-Range Transit Program Implementation Plan is intended to coordinate transit planning at the regional level, describe a five-year fiscal schedule, provide an objective basis for system evaluation, and provide guidance for capital and operational expenditures. The SRTP is updated on an annual basis.

Discussion Points:

Staff has completed an update to the plan included with this meeting’s packet. Regular updates to the plan begin at the start of each fiscal year.

Staff has completed the following updates to the SRTP:

- Updated budget section
- Updated summary of 5310 mobility management contract
- Updated summary of regional transit fares
- Summary of adoption of performance measure evaluation criteria for RTA funded expanded services, and Sun Express service evaluation
- Updated Transit Working Group Committee members (Appendix C)
- Updated schedules and maps (Appendix D)
- Updated Sun Shuttle service policies (Appendix E)
- Updated Sun Shuttle service record (Appendix F)
- Proposed FY 2017-2021 TIP Regional Transit Funding (Appendix H)
- List FY 16-17 Sun Tran route changes (Appendix J)

Updates have been made to the following pages in the attached draft plan:
Title pages, Table of Contents, Pages 6, 11-12, 15, 17-20, 24-28, 32, 36-42.

Staff will work with the City of Tucson to streamline the planning process for both PAG and the City’s Short-Range Transit programs. Future updates to the plan will include more detailed documentation of steps that have been taken to maintain the system in order to provide an accurate historical snapshot. The objectives of the collaborative planning process are to: simplify regional funding prioritization; streamline the transit TIP and RMAP planning processes; provide a clear picture of regional capital needs; satisfy FTA regulatory requirements; describe future COA recommendations; provide the public with a clear picture of the regional transit system; and strengthen regional transit decision making.

PRIOR BOARD AND/OR COMMITTEE ACTION

- Regional Council approved the FY 2016–2020 SRTP in January 2016.
- Management Committee recommended approval of this item at its March 8 meeting.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The SRTP is meant to function as a financial programmatic document outlining a five-year fiscal schedule for the operational and capital expenditures of regional transit providers.

TECHNICAL, POLICY, LEGAL OR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The policies developed by the TWG for the evaluation of regional federal transit funds and for the use of RTA transit funds are included in the SRTP.

ATTACHED ADDITIONAL BACKUP INFORMATION

Short Range Transit Program Implementation Plan – FY 2017-2021 Final Draft.

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