



January 6, 2011

Chairman Romley & Executive Board Members
Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization

Re: Region Public Transit Service

Dear Chairman Romley:

Town of Prescott Valley Council applauds the efforts of the Central Yavapai Metropolitan Organization to seek proposals from private contractors to initiate and operate a regional public transit system. A regional system to serve the transit dependent community will provide added community value to fulfill basic household, medical and job needs.

As local governments continue to grapple with maintaining service levels in this economic downturn, it is important to focus attention to instruction given in the Request for Proposals that "No local government dollars are available for possible implementation of transit services." If Contractor Proposal identifies any monetary funding from local governments, Town of Prescott Valley will not contribute at this time or in the future any gap in funding to operate a regional transit system at the expense of other existing Town service levels. Town Council continues to support direction outlined in a letter dated March 9, 2009, to CYMPO Board to identify a new sustainable funding source by a regional property tax through an establishment of a Metropolitan Public Transit Authority.

Town of Prescott Valley looks forward to proposals this February from private contractors to initiate and operate a regional transit system with no monetary contribution from existing local government.

Sincerely,

Mayor Harvey C. Skoog,
Town of Prescott Valley

cc: Chris Bridges, CYMPO Administrator