

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION  
Date: May 19, 2011**

**SUBJECT:** Update of Regional Public Transit Services

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**PREPARED BY:** Norm Davis, P.E., Public Works Director

**AGENDA LOCATION:** Comments/Communications , Consent , Work/Study ,  
New Business , Public Hearing , Second Reading

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**ATTACHMENTS:** None

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**SUMMARY BACKGROUND:** The Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO) voted at the April 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Board meeting to not move forward with a contract proposal with Prescott Transit Authority to provide regional public transit services in the quad-city area. This decision results in the inability to capture Federal Transit Authority (FTA) dollars that come to the CYMPO region until a public transit system is initiated that meets FTA criteria. Past staff discussions with Council for regional transit enhancements through CYMPO resulted in Town of Prescott Valley direction in a January 6, 2011 letter to CYMPO Board stressing that in this current economic environment, “No local government dollars are available for possible implementation of transit service” and further encouraged Town Council’s recommendation in a March 9, 2009 letter to CYMPO Board, “To identify a new sustainable funding source by a regional property tax through an establishment of a Metropolitan Public Transit Authority.”

Funding sources for public transit continue to be volatile to sustain service to a reliable funding level on more than just a year-to-year basis. The Arizona State Legislature has allocated funding to local governments through LTAF-II this year to continue public transit service. Unfortunately, this is the last year for LTAF-II funding since this funding source has been eliminated by the State Legislature and will not be available for NACOG transit voucher funding as it has been for more than a decade. Town Council gave staff direction at the December 16, 2010 meeting to fund the NACOG Voucher program for FY ‘11/12 budget year as has been the practice for the past many years in Prescott Valley.

With the loss of a dedicated and sustainable funding source for public transit, Town of Prescott Valley is faced with no public transit service after funding dedicated to the FY ‘11/12 budget year is spent and runs out June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

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**OPTIONS ANALYSIS:** For Discussion Only.

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**ACTION OPTION:** For Discussion Only.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** For Discussion Only.

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS:** There is no funding related to this item.

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**REVIEWED BY:**

Management Services Director \_\_\_\_\_ Town Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Town Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Town Manager \_\_\_\_\_

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**COUNCIL ACTION:**

Approved    Denied    Tabled/Deferred    Assigned to \_\_\_\_\_