

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE



FORT APACHE CONNECTION TRANSIT

TRANSIT UPDATE REPORT

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Project Type: Grant FTA 5311 (C)

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Budget Number: 1 Budget Approved

PHASE I – PLANNING STAGE WITH IMPLEMENTATION

The White Mountain Apache Tribes Fort Apache Connection Transit Feasibility Study. “COMPLETED”

The WMAT Fort Apache Connection Transit has analyzed and prepared the start-up first year implementation plan in compliance to FTA Rules and Regulations / Policy and Procedures. “In Process Mode to completion”

The Fort Apache Connection Transit has updated the annual Certifications & Assurances signatory forms to be in present compliance status to Grant Funding Policy.

The WMAT Fort Apache Connection Transit has establish direct authorized financial access into the FTA Electronic Accounting Management System (TEAM, ECHO, AND TrAMS) for draw-down approval of Grant awarded Funding.

The Fort Apache Connection Transit (F.A.C.T.) is in process of submitting for the procurement/purchasing of transit buses, office furniture with equipment, and the hiring of staff (two CDL Drivers, one Dispatcher) for the start services of The W.M.A.T. Fort Apache Connection Transit Services.

The Fort Apache Connection Transit will arrange the hiring of Transit Staff

The W.M.A.T. F.A.C.T. will advertize the job announcements positions for: Two CDL Drivers and One Dispatcher as soon as authorized by Tribal regulated authorities.

The F.A.C.T. will arrange Open House Meetings of Transportation Services Operations in the intended service area for comment on The Characteristics of the transportation availability for: 1. Education/ Employment/ Medical/Shopping, and Recreation Activities. 2. Recognize local district activity centers opportunities of services in the service areas. 3. Establish trips and destination Data (Map will be attached and calculations will be documented and filed for future reference) Date, Time, and Locations will be announced and posted in immediate future.

The F.A.C.T. will establish a Local Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)

Local Agency Program Representatives (Public/ Private) forming a coalition to supplement/develop improvements to the transportation services operations.

The F.A.C.T. will establish a marketing component (action plan)

Advertising/Surveys/Outreach will be conducted according to plans and funding allowable.

Fort Apache Connection Transit will seek electronic development with the changes in the technical field of transportation operations with funding capabilities.

THE F.A.C.T. Will PURSUE COORDINATION OPPORTUNITIES

Social Service Agencies in Service Area

Government Agencies and private sector businesses in Service Areas

Other Transportation Providers in Geographical area (Show Low/Pinetop, San Carlos, and Globe/Miami)

F.A.C.T WILL BE ANALYSING, EVALUATING THE COST / REVENUE FACTORS FORECAST OF THE OPERATIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCES

Capital Cost Forecast/Estimations – will be programmed after first six (6) months of transit services.

Seek Potential Financial Support Subsidy's.

Seek Local Government Involvement/Partnership-Participation/ Stakeholders

Adapt to all Service Changes as permitted and reasonable.

OPERATION MONITORING Perform evaluation/monitoring practices with documentation / record keeping for future references to future Grant funding for the WMAT Transit Services.

User Data will be established for reference purposes to future Grant Funding.

TRANSIT SERVICE DESIGN 2015 Routes (Map route will be designed and attached) / Modes - Purchase (two (2) New 22 passenger-2 wheelchair equipped buses)

Phase II Transit Services Start

Starting One Direct Route

Start operating Transit services in local area (Whiteriver and its community districts on reservation) to the Tribes main center of business, employment, shopping and medical assistance (Whiteriver, AZ) with the W.M.A.T. Honda Casino as the last destination point of its days run with future plans to access similar services to the nearby neighboring cities of Pinetop/Lakeside and Show low.

The Hon dah Casino will be the focal / primary point of the daily transit services and will also be a transfer point for the time being until further notice. All riders continuing their destinations further to the neighboring communities of Pinetop Lakeside/Show Low/ McNary or back to Whiteriver and its districts will transfer here at the Hon dah Casino.

(Routes will be monitored, analyze than changed if needed and posted for viewing in services area locations).

The Show Low Four Seasons Connection Transit will be the Transit provider to the Lakeside/Pinetop-Show low destinations from the Hon dah Casino transfer point.

All routes will have daily transit services back in reverse order (Map of Transit Route and Times will be available).

Operations Monday through Friday / Add Saturday service in 2017/2018

Provides Public Transit Services to employment, medical, shopping, education and training.

McNary Route - Connects McNary riders to the Transfer point at the Hon dah Casino. All riders continuing their destination into Pinetop Lakeside – Show low or to Whiteriver and its district communities/towns will transfer here at Hon dah Casino.

There will be a reverse order of transportation to the starting point of McNary, AZ. (map of Transit Route and times will be available).

The Show Low Four Seasons Connection Transit will be the transit provider to the Lakeside/Pinetop-Show low destinations from the Hon dah Casino transfer point.

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EAST FORT ROUTE / Support Route- On Hold

This Support Route will be put on hold due to present insufficient funds. *Although temporarily not serviceable, this will be connected to the Transit Route as planned in the immediate future.*

Will connect all riders in East Fort, Seven-mile, Fort Apache, Basha's, to the White Mountain Apache Tribe Head Quarters.

Transfer point will be at the Tribal Head Quarters for riders headed to the Hon Dah Casino. Hondah Casino will be the other transfer point for all riders continuing on into Pinetop/Lakeside or Show-Low and McNary, AZ. There will be a reverse order of transportation to the starting point of the East Fork Route. All transit schedules will be analyze and assigned for approval before services start. (Map of Transit Route and times will be available).

Operations Monday through Friday / Add Saturday service in 2017/2018

Provides Public Transit Services to employment, medical, shopping, and education and training.

On-Call Demand/Response Services / Recreational Services ----- On Hold

Recreational transportation Services for Tribal elders and other Special Event Transportation for all programs within the districts service area will be analyze/discussed during the services development plans than added to future operations with grant funding subsidies as planned.

Transit Development Plans Order

SHORT-TERM

2015-2016
2017-2018



Plan on adding Saturdays Route in 2017-2018
Plan on adding San Carlos Route in 2017-2018
Plan on adding Phoenix Route in 2018-2019
Plan on adding Flagstaff Route in 2019-2020

MID-TERM

2023-2032



Will analyze, monitor and develop

LONG-TERM

2033-



Will analyze, monitor and develop

Short-term/Mid-term Service Proposals- Goals

- * Add the San Carlos / White Mountain Transit Coordination Plan
- * Additional coordination plans with the Show-Low Transit Program
- * Conduct future surveys to the public for addition services awareness needs for services in the communities
- * Utilize, analyze, and coordinate/develop Short-term-Mid-term Capital Expenditures for 2016, 2017, and future Transit plans
- * Apply for additional Grant funding for continuations of Transit service.
- * Apply for and preplan for procurements of new Transit vehicles and equipment for future business operations of the WMAT Fort Apache Connection Transit Services.

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Thank you,
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