

# **Transit Choices Workshop Report by Jarrett Walker & Associates (JWA)**

## **Summary**

### **Workshop Goals & Objectives**

The major objective of this workshop was to collect input from people representing a broad array of organizations and constituencies on their visions for the future of transit in Tucson. The results of this event were intended to form the framework for the development of a vision to be included in the Pima Association of Government's 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.

### **A Vision for Transit**

This plan presents a preliminary vision of a transit system where buses come more often, waits are shorter, connections are easier, and ultimately transit is more useful. Stakeholders expressed a strong sense that transit should focus on ridership and not about investing in a rich Frequent Network, providing a high level of service to the parts of Tucson where density and urban living suggest that it can be most competitive with other modes of transportation.

The stakeholder's strongest point of agreement was a rich and extensive Frequent Network for Tucson. The existing transit network has already introduced this principle across a wide area of Tucson. The existing Sun Tran network proves that in Tucson, frequent service can generate high transit ridership, as people make the choice to use a travel option that is convenient and well-suited to their everyday life. This is the case today on Sun Tran Routes 8-Broadway, 4-Speedway and along the Sun Link streetcar line, for example. The JWA recommendations extends this principle to more people in more parts of the city, inviting a larger portion of the citizens of Tucson to share in the type of transit mobility that already exists in core areas.

### **May Workshop Summaries**

Workshop groups were given 25 percent additional budget to improve the transit network. Below were their recommendations.

Increased frequency on several common corridors:

- Country Club
- Alvernon
- Oracle
- Speedway east of Kolb
- Broadway east of Wilmot and Kolb
- Kolb
- Euclid
- Grant west of Campbell

Need for new coverage:

- Houghton Road
- To La Encantada
- Express service to Tucson International Airport
- Express service between transit centers
- Extend Route 3-6<sup>th</sup> Street/Wilmot and Route 16-Oracle/Ina
- East/West connection between Campbell and Oracle
- Additional service on Route 4-Speedway and Route 8-Broadway (father east)

Groups expressed the need for additional weekend service.

Following is a list of locations the groups determined would benefit from high capacity transit:

- Tucson International Airport
- Campbell
- Broadway (to Pantano and the Williams Center)
- Speedway
- South 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Grant
- Oracle

Please view the entire Transit Choices Workshop Report from JWA for more detail.