



### Sun Tran Facts

- Sun Tran was established in 1975. A contest was held and the winning name was selected from entries submitted by members of the community.
- Currently Sun Tran has 206 buses in its fleet.
- Each bus is 40 feet long, 10 feet high and just under 9 feet wide.
- Sun Tran was named America's Best Transit System for 2005 and 1988, as well as Arizona's Best Transit System for 2004.
- Sun Tran buses travel 27,000 miles each day.
- A bus weighs 35,000 pounds and seats up to 43 passengers.
- Sun Tran has more than 2,200 bus stops.
- Sun Tran has more than 500 employees.
- Every bus is equipped with a bike rack that can carry up to two bicycles.

### Decreasing Traffic Congestion & Air Pollution

- If all Americans who currently ride the bus decided to drive, their cars would circle the globe with a line of traffic 23,000 miles long.
- Each Tucsonan traveling during peak hours wastes, on average, 42 hours a year – more than five full working days – in congestion.
- One Sun Tran bus takes as many as 60 vehicles off our streets.
- 100 percent of Sun Tran's fleet utilizes cleaner-burning fuels such as bio-diesel and compressed natural gas.
- Each year, public transportation use saves more than 1.4 billion gallons of gasoline. This represents nearly 4 million gallons of gasoline per day.

### Saving You Money

- It costs \$5,677 to operate and maintain a small car driving 10,000 miles annually vs. \$275 for an annual Sun Tran pass.
- Traffic congestion costs Americans \$63.1 billion a year.
- The average household spends 18 cents of every dollar on transportation, 94 percent of which is for buying, maintaining and operating cars.
- The Federal Transit Administration reports that the 80 million Americans who live in transit-intensive metropolitan areas save an estimated \$20 billion in auto expenses each year.

### Giving You Independence & Safety

- 32 million seniors increasingly rely on public transportation nationwide as their ability to drive decreases with age.
- 24 million members of the disabled community across the nation need public transportation to maintain their independence.
- 37 million individuals living at or below the poverty line often rely on public transportation because they are unable to afford their own vehicle.
- 10 million Americans use public transportation to get to work every day, with even more using transit on a less frequent basis.
- 100 percent of Sun Tran's buses are equipped with ramps or lifts.
- Riding the bus is 170 times safer than traveling by car.

Source: [Transit Fact Book](#), American Public Transit Association.