

Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority

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NAIPTA MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 19, 2020

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Board

FROM: Bizzy Collins, Transit Planner

SUBJECT: Update on the Bus Rapid Transit Project

Since the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) update to the Board of Directors in December 2019, staff have been presenting the project to commissions and business organizations for feedback. Overall groups have been excited to learn about the BRT project and with their unique perspectives have shared insights. Below is a full list of groups that we hope to present to; a brief description of feedback received is included for those presentations that have been completed.

Group	Feedback Received
Airport Commission	Excited by the possibility of using every other BRT bus to serve the
	airport extension.
Pedestrian Advisory	Suggestion to use existing plans to identify ped infrastructure needs.
Committee	Ensure any widening for additional lanes on Milton under railroad tracks
	does not eliminate sidewalks. Open to center-running bus-only lanes.
Planning & Zoning	Do better where we can with bike facilities. Only way to make significant
Commission	impact is with center-lane BRT.
Sustainability	Discussed opportunities and challenges of center bus-only lanes and
Commission	stations.
NAU Transportation	As the Mountain Link BRT (Route 10) has been a proven success, there
Action Team	is excitement about a second line. Appreciated the ambition and vision
	for a center bus-only lane on Milton Road.
Inclusion and Adaptive	The long distance between existing crossings on Milton are challenging
Living	and are happy that the BRT project and the ADOT CMP will address
	that. Would like to see east-west transit routes increase frequency, too.
Flagstaff Lodging,	Overall interest in the project and support for increased transit service
Restaurant & Tourism	throughout the community. Had questions about changes to business
Association	access.
Transportation	Excited about the project and interested in knowing how they could
Commission	support it. Requested more information on the ADOT CMP process.
Bicycle Advisory	Had good discussions about shared bus and bike lanes and
Committee	relationships between biking and transit in general.
Coordinated Mobility	Scheduled for February 21
Council	
ECoNA	Scheduled for February or March





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CVB	Scheduled for March
Affordable Housing	Scheduled for March or April
Commission	·
Coconino County Board	Date TBD
of Supervisors	
MetroPlan Management	Date TBD, tentatively April
Committee	
MetroPlan Executive	Date TBD, tentatively April
Board	
NAU Graduate Student	Date TBD
Government	
Chamber of Commerce	Date TBD
Downtown Business	Date TBD
Alliance	
Flagstaff City Council	Date TBD
Northern Arizona	Date TBD
Leadership Alliance	
(NALA)	
NAU quarterly meeting	Date TBD
Participants of the August	Staff has reached out with BRT project updates and invited them to
2019 BRT Open House	attend the Transportation Committee or Bicycle Advisory Committee
	public meetings to provide feedback.
Flagstaff Bicycle	Staff has reached out with information about the BRT project and invited
Organization	them to attend the Transportation Committee or Bicycle Advisory
Sierra Club	Committee public meetings to provide feedback.

Feedback will be shared with BRT project stakeholders to help inform decision-making on locally preferred alternatives. It is anticipated that public outreach will be completed in April, followed by a recommendation for a locally preferred alternative by the stakeholders. At that time the recommendation will be presented to the Board of Directors for their approval of a locally preferred alternative.

Other ongoing tasks include environmental analysis, determining bus station location and design along with utility impacts, and continued coordination with the ADOT Milton Corridor Master Plan (CMP). Ensuring ADOT's long-range plans include Mountain Line's BRT service enhancement project is vital for success. The planning phase of the BRT project will be completed by September 2020.



