

CITY OF BUCKEYE
Regular Council Meeting
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

MEETING DATE: 12/02/25	AGENDA ITEM: 5.A. PMO - Transit Master Plan
DATE PREPARED: 12/01/25	DISTRICT NO.: ALL
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DEPARTMENT: Program Management Office	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Public Meeting / Non Consent - New Business

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council)
Council to take action on the Transit Master Plan Update.

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The current City of Buckeye Transit Master Plan was completed by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) in November 2016. A City Council Action Item was to update the Transit Master Plan to address concerns from residents. The City hired Nelson-Nygaard to complete the Transit Master Plan Update. The goal was to study whether Buckeye needs public transit, what options make sense, and how much they would cost. The study looked at Buckeye's growth, land use, and population trends, and included input from residents, workers, and community partners. It outlines practical recommendations and a step-by-step plan for how to move forward, including costs, staffing, funding sources, and timelines.

BENEFITS:

As Buckeye grows, the need for public transportation will increase. The First Phase (Phase 1) includes purchasing new vans to support the current Community Services Development (CSD) program. The CSD program is currently oversubscribed (backlog of requests), and Phase 1 of the Transit Master Plan will assist those residents who are in most need of transportation service. It also allows the City to test the transit ride booking software and evaluate for future implementation. The Transit Master Plan also lists possible funding sources (grants) the City can track and apply for to offset future expansion costs.

FUTURE ACTION:

Identification of future funding for transit will be required with each annual budget.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Community Services Department FY26 budget includes funding for two new vans, ride-scheduling software, a transit mobility manager, and 2.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) drivers. The vans and software have already been purchased, and the mobility manager position was approved by Council and is part of the department's budget.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

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BUDGETED:

Yes

FISCAL YEAR:

FY26

Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Transit Master Plan Report - November 18, 2025.docx](#)

[Transit Master Plan PP-2025-12-02.pptx](#)