



Having a reliable, efficient public transportation option is important for the overall quality of life for the residents of any city. We have always strived to provide the best options for public transportation in the City of Glendale.

Unfortunately, changes to the regional plan are often out of our control. Recent changes to the Transit Life Cycle Program (TLCP) of the Valley Metro Regional Public Transit Authority (RPTA) and decisions by our state legislators to eliminate the Local Transportation Assistance Fund (LTAF) and LTAF II, which were designated for local public transportation, have left the residents of our city facing the elimination of several of our bus routes. I want to explain some of the changes that our residents are facing and also inform you of an upcoming public hearing that will address these potential eliminations and reductions.

Representatives of Valley Metro will be in Glendale on Wednesday, May 19 in the Glendale City Council Chambers. There will be an open house from 5:30 to 6:30 to provide a question and answer forum, and the formal public hearing will occur from 6:30 to 7:15. The hearing will include information on the proposed cuts valley-wide and not just in Glendale. Information will be included about cuts that are a result of changes to the TLCP, and also cuts that are a result of the elimination of LTAF funds.

The changes to the TLCP will result in the elimination of two express routes in Glendale. These routes include route 572, with service between Surprise, Glendale, and Scottsdale and route 576, with service from Community Church of Joy to Arrowhead Mall to the Light Rail station at Montebello and 19th Avenue.

The elimination of the LTAF funds will result in the elimination of two local routes that run along Union Hills and Cactus Road. The Thunderbird route that currently runs through Glendale from 51st to 67th Avenues would also be reduced to run only from 51st to 59th Avenues. There are also four additional routes (51st Ave., Northern, Olive, Peoria) that will no longer run on Sundays.

Some of you who are receiving this Bulletin may be users of public transit; others may know friends or family members who use the routes being discussed; still others of you may be employers whose employees use these services. We are very mindful of the difficulties that will face riders as they search for transportation alternatives.

I am requesting that you help me get the word out to all who use transit service. Virtually every city in the valley will be cutting their transit service because of the

reduction/elimination of funds we are experiencing. More will be explained at the public hearing on May 19. I encourage you to come to get answers to your questions and express your opinions about the changes that Glendale is facing.

Thank you taking the time to read my "Glendale Bulletins". Please contact me at (623) 930-2260 or mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com, if you have any comments or questions. I strive to provide the most timely information and best possible service to you, the citizens of Glendale. I sincerely appreciate your feedback.