



2023 State Legislative Agenda

Chandler City Council Work Session
December 5, 2022



2023 Session Overview



Opening Day



Themes



Ongoing Information

Legislative Principles

A wide-angle photograph of the Arizona House of Representatives chamber. The room is semi-circular with wood-paneled walls and large murals of Arizona landscapes. Rows of wooden desks with red chairs are arranged in a U-shape. At the front, a speaker's podium and a large screen displaying the Arizona House of Representatives logo and the text "Arizona House of Representatives" and "Senate Is Off The Floor" are visible. The floor is blue with a circular seal in the center.

Protect Local
Authority

Preserve Local
Revenues



Fiscal Sustainability

Support retention of State-Shared Revenue at current levels

Protect local authority to determine appropriate revenue sources

Encourage Legislature to evaluate impact of unfunded mandates

\$ Food and Residential Rental Tax



Renewed interest in removing local ability to levy food and residential rental taxes



A diverse tax base helps Chandler maintain a low cost of living and weather challenging economic conditions



These tax categories are especially important for low tax cities and cities with limited revenue options

Tax Type	Financial Impact
Food for Home Consumption	\$12-\$14 Million
Residential Rental	\$10-\$11 Million
Total	\$22-\$25 Million (Ongoing)



Transportation

Support regionally coordinated transportation planning

Support the updated Regional Transportation Plan that is funded through a voter approved regional sales tax

Oppose efforts that limit local control in the transportation decision-making process

Proposition 400 Extension

Direct and Indirect Chandler Benefits



Investments in East Valley Freeway corridors and High-Capacity Transit, enhancing quality of life and supporting economic development



Improvements to arterial roadways, targeted to aging roads in North Chandler



Funding for 81% of all bus transit in Chandler and 100% of all federally-mandated Paratransit service (approximately \$9.8M per year)



Creation of programs supporting Bike and Pedestrian Projects, Arterial Intersection Improvements, Intelligent Transportation Systems, and Regional Safety Programs

Program	Est. Chandler Benefit
Freeway	\$460m
Arterial Street	\$150m
High-Capacity Transit	\$420m
Bus Transit (Including Paratransit)	\$400m
Regional Programs	\$260m
Total	\$1,690m



Transit Ridership

11 Local Bus Routes

- 950,000 Annual Boardings (FY2019)

2 Express Bus Routes

- 60,000 Annual Boardings (FY2019)

Paratransit

- 50,000 Trips/Year

RideChoice

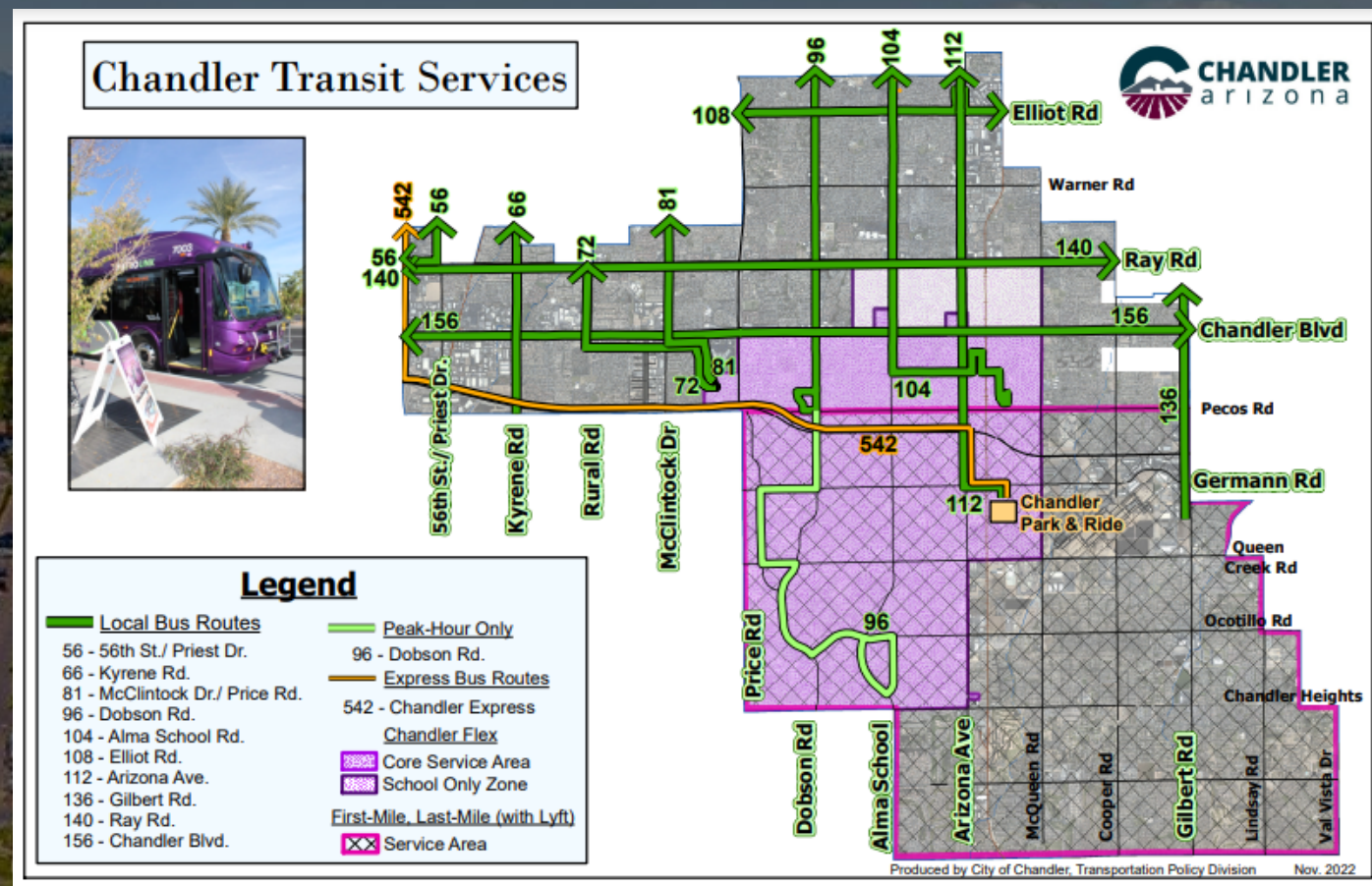
- 12,000 Trips/Year

Chandler Flex

- 2,506 rides completed in November 2022

Covid-19 Impact on Ridership

- Approximate 60% Reduction in 2020
- Approximate 20% Increase in 2021/2022





Chandler Bus Rider Profile

79% of riders are employed

- Over half of all trips are to/from work
- 14% of riders are students, 6% are retired

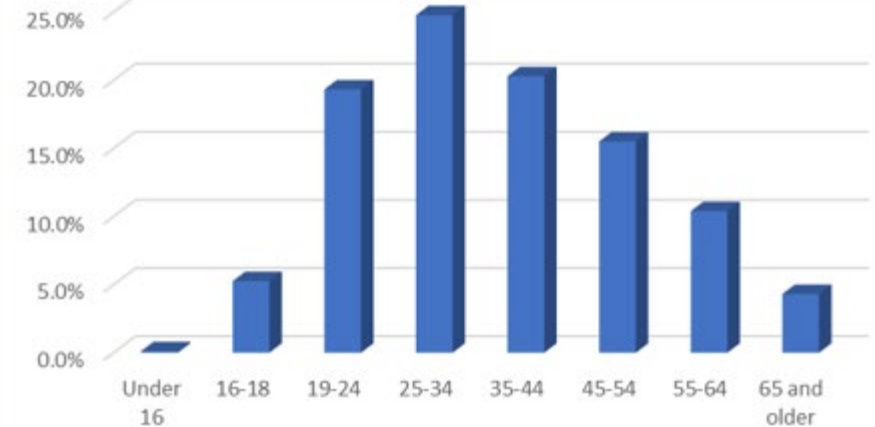
62% of bus riders are Transit Dependent

- An additional 20% of riders have only 1 vehicle in their household

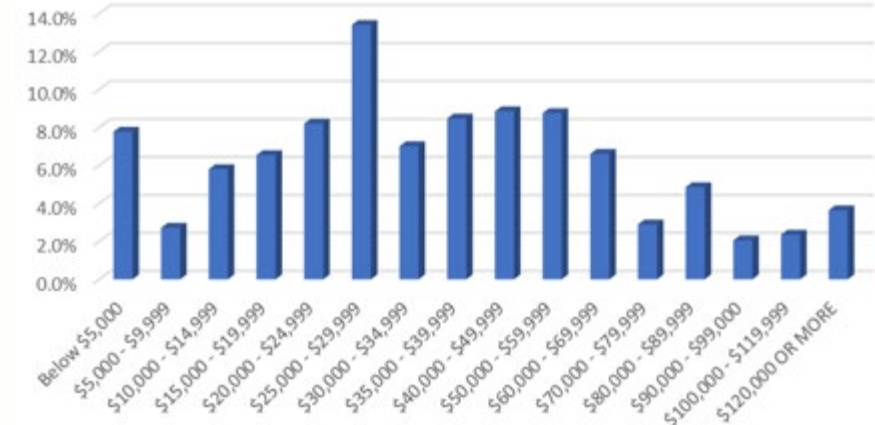
55% of boardings in Chandler are made by Chandler residents

- 36% are Tempe, Mesa or Phoenix residents (most of whom work in Chandler)

Rider Age



Rider Annual Income





Chandler Paratransit/Ridechoice Rider Profile

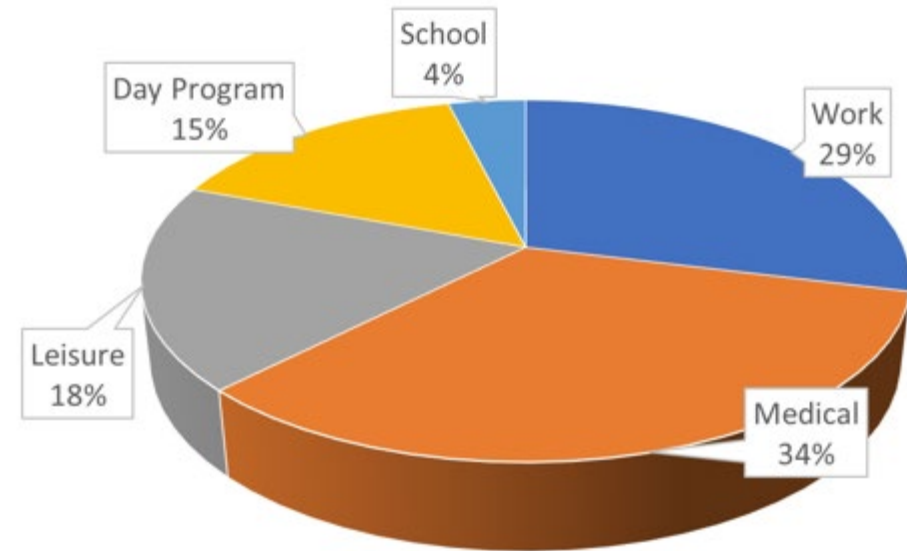
469 Active Paratransit Users

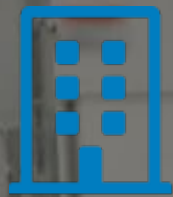
- Active users take an average of 5 trips/month
- 35% of trips are made by wheelchair users
- Average subsidy per user = \$260/month (FY22)

429 Active RideChoice Users

- Active users take an average of 3.5 trips/month
- 80% of users have a certified disability
- 20% of users are over 65 without a certified disability
- Average subsidy per user = \$88/month (FY22)

Paratransit Trip Purpose





Economic Development

Support efforts that enhance Chandler's economic competitiveness

Support diversification of economic development tools

Protect local authority on development projects



Neighborhoods

Support policies that strengthen the quality of life in Chandler's neighborhoods

Protect rights of citizens to actively engage in public policy





Public Safety

Preserve and enhance the ability of local governments to strategically plan for and respond to emergencies



An aerial photograph of a city street, likely in a warm climate, featuring palm trees, greenery, and various buildings. The street is wide with multiple lanes and parking areas. In the background, more city buildings and distant mountains are visible under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

Land Use Planning

Protect local authority in land use planning

Support efforts that promote orderly growth

Oppose efforts that impede growth
management



Water and Environmental Resources

Support the wise use of natural resources

Protect the City's investment in safe and reliable water resources and wastewater services

Thank You

