



City Council Work Session

Monday, September 14, 2026
Immediately following the
Special Meeting Executive Session
which begins at 4:00 p.m.

Council Chambers Conference Room
88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ



Work Session



Pursuant to Resolution No. 4464 of the City of Chandler and to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Chandler City Council and to the general public that the Chandler City Council will hold a WORK SESSION open to the public on Monday, September 14, 2026, immediately following the Special Meeting Executive Session which begins at 4:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers Conference Room, 88 E. Chicago Street, Chandler, Arizona. One or more members of the Chandler City Council may attend this meeting by telephone.

The City Council may vote to recess into an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the city attorney on any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

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Agenda

Call to Order

Discussion

1. **Presentation and Discussion regarding Proposition 479**

Public Comment

Public comments will be heard only for the item(s) on that published meeting agenda. Up to 15 minutes will be allotted for public comments on the agenda item(s) at the end of the agenda and each speaker will be allocated up to three minutes at the discretion of the Presiding Officer or designated parliamentarian.

Adjourn



**City Council Memorandum
Policy Memo No. N/A**

Government Relations & Transportation

Date: September 14, 2026

To: Mayor and Council

Thru:

From: Jason Crampton, Transportation Planning Manager

Subject: **Presentation and Discussion regarding Proposition 479**

Proposed Motion:

Background/Discussion:

Evaluation:

Attachments

Presentation and Discussion regarding Proposition 479

Transit and Proposition 479

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Decision Points

- › Paratransit Service Area
- › RideChoice Eligibility (65+ Program)
- › Bus Service Enhancements
- › Chandler Flex Expansion

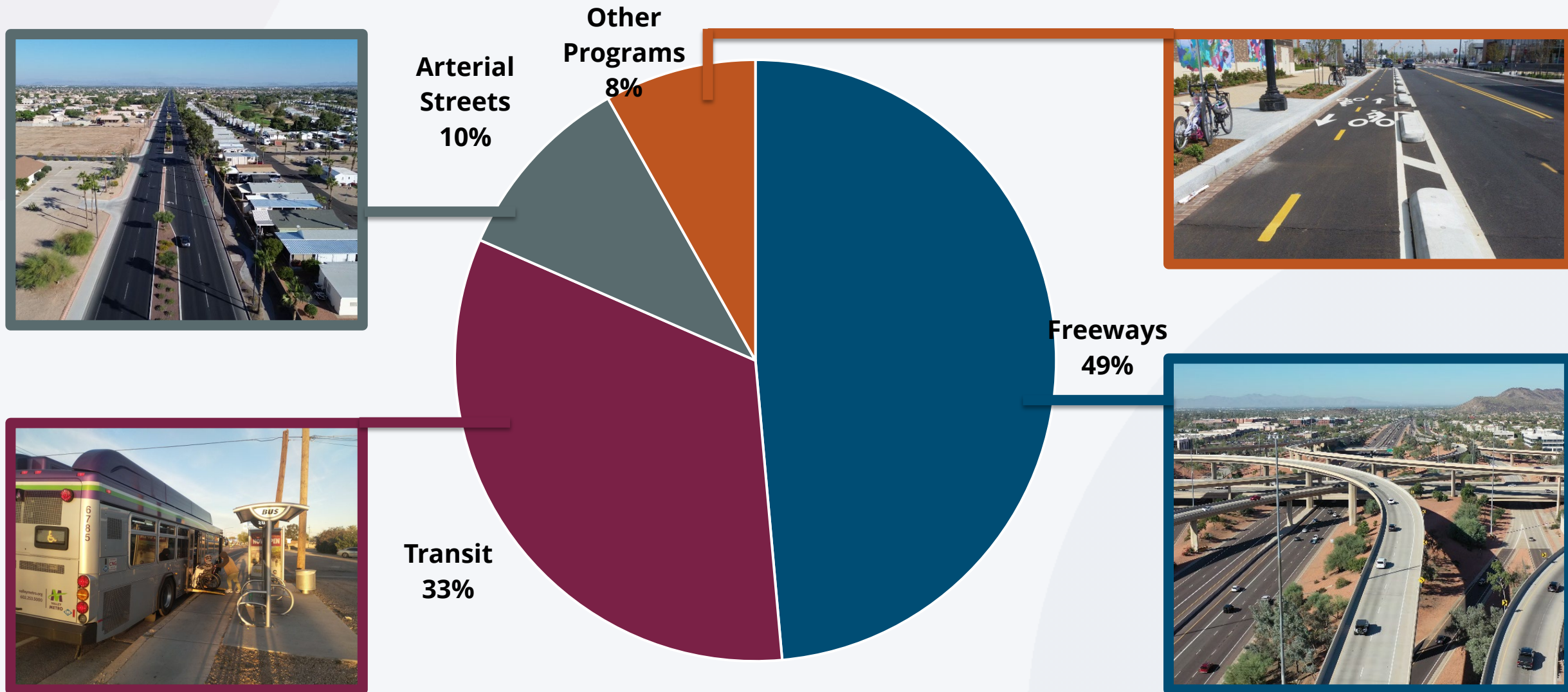


Proposition 479 Background

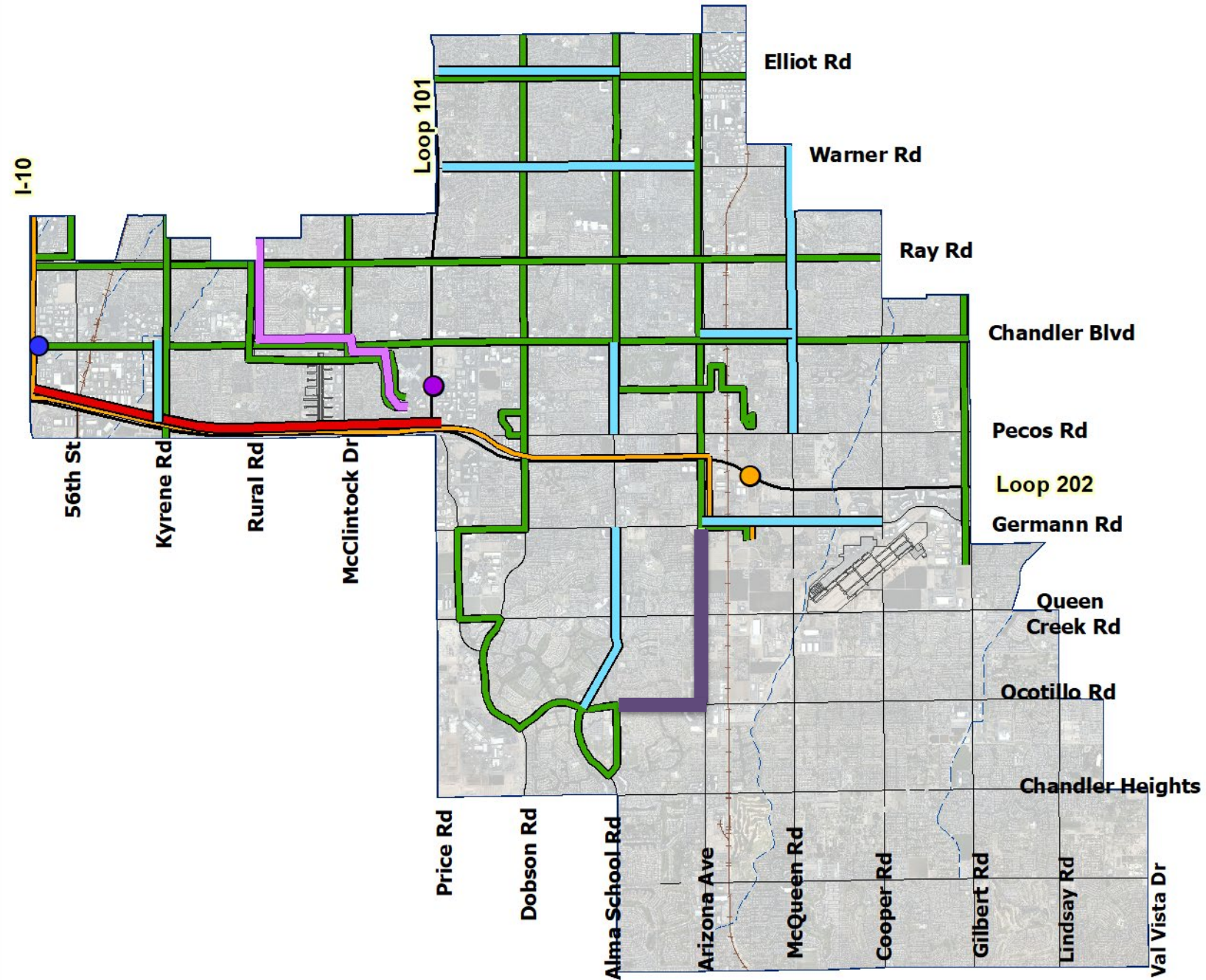
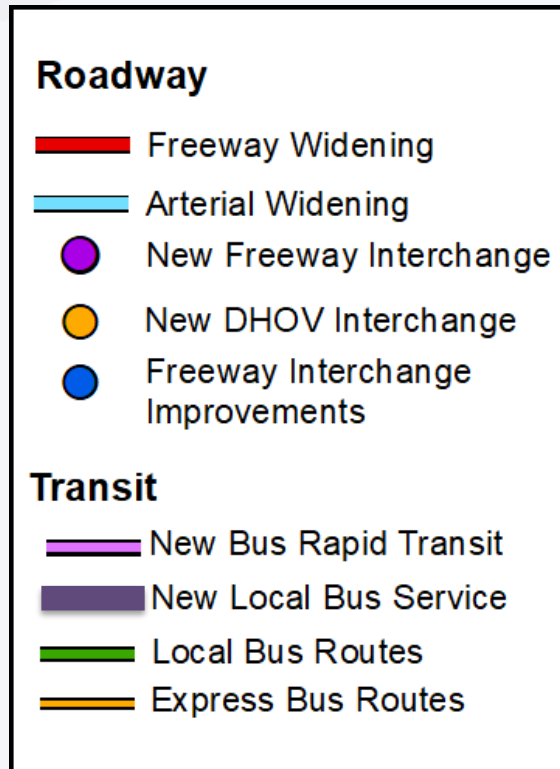
- > Maricopa County ½-Cent Sales Tax for Transportation
 - > Approved by Voters November 2024
 - > Replaces Expiring Proposition 400
- > Effective January 2026 – December 2045



Proposition 479: County Funding Programs



Prop. 479 Projects in Chandler



Note: Chandler may get funding for other projects as well through a competitive process.

Prop. 479 Transit Lifecycle Program

Mode	Regionally-Funded	Locally-Funded
Express Bus	100%	-
Local Bus	100%	Expansions beyond regional funding allocation
Paratransit / RideChoice	Federally-Mandated Service (Near Bus Routes) for ADA Certified Riders	- 65 and Over Program - Southeast Chandler
Microtransit (Chandler Flex)	-	100%

Transit Lifecycle Program (Cont.)

	Prop 400 Rules		Prop 479 Rules	
Mode	Regional (Prop 400)	Local (Prop 400)	Regional (Prop 479)	Local (Prop 479)
Express Bus	\$550,000	\$180,000	\$730,000	\$0
Local Bus	\$11,110,000	\$2,450,000	\$13,560,000	\$0
Paratransit + RideChoice	\$2,850,000	\$730,000	\$2,320,000	\$1,260,000
TOTAL	\$14,510,000	\$3,360,000	\$16,610,000	\$1,260,000

\$2.1M Decrease in Local Expenditures

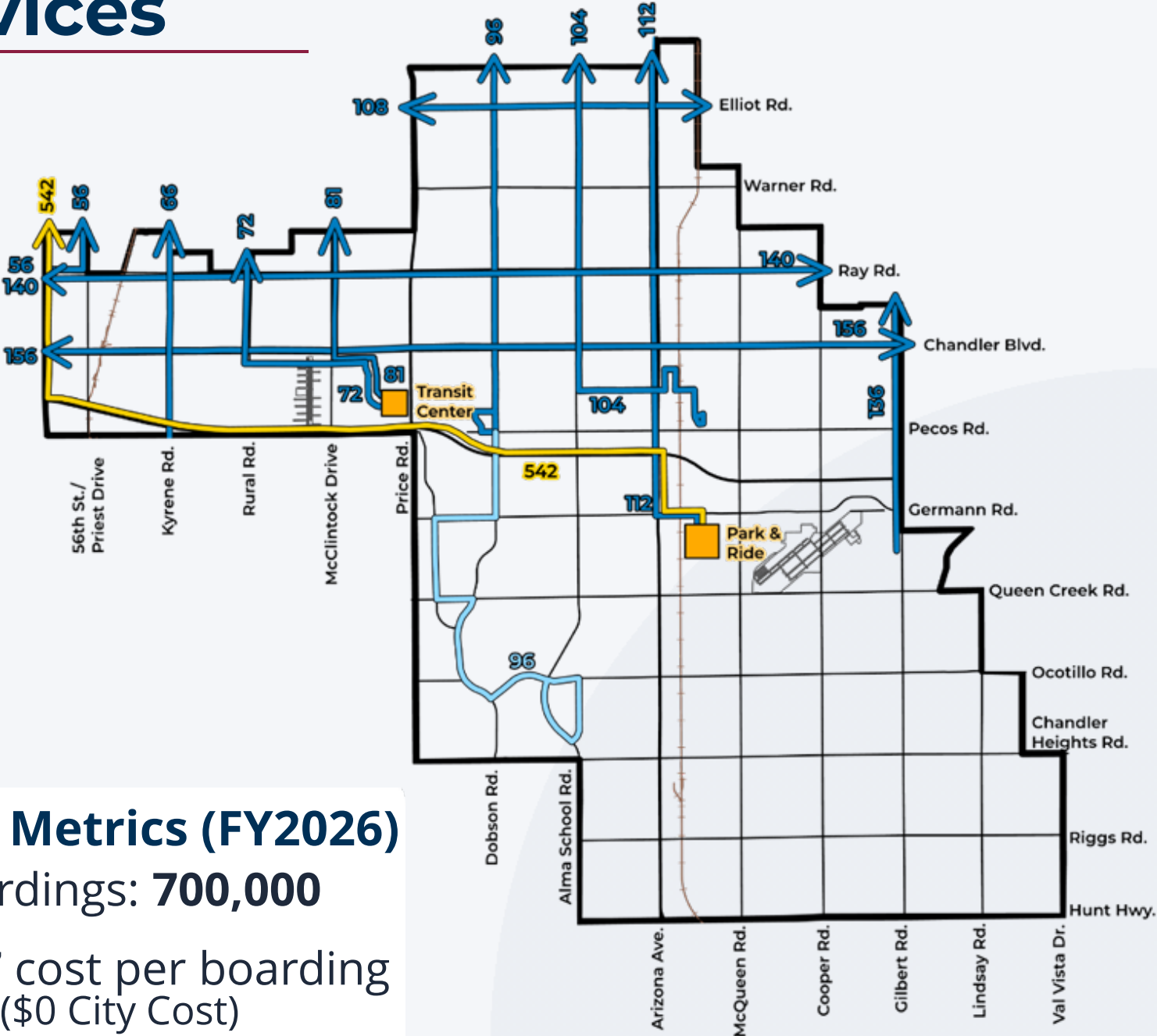
FY2027 Local Funding – Without Policy Changes

Program	% Locally Funded	Local Funding Needed
Bus	0%	\$0
Paratransit / RideChoice	35%	\$1,260,000
Chandler Flex	100%	\$1,400,000
Total	14%	\$2,660,000

Existing Transit Services

Chandler Transit Services Map

Legend



Key Metrics (FY2026)

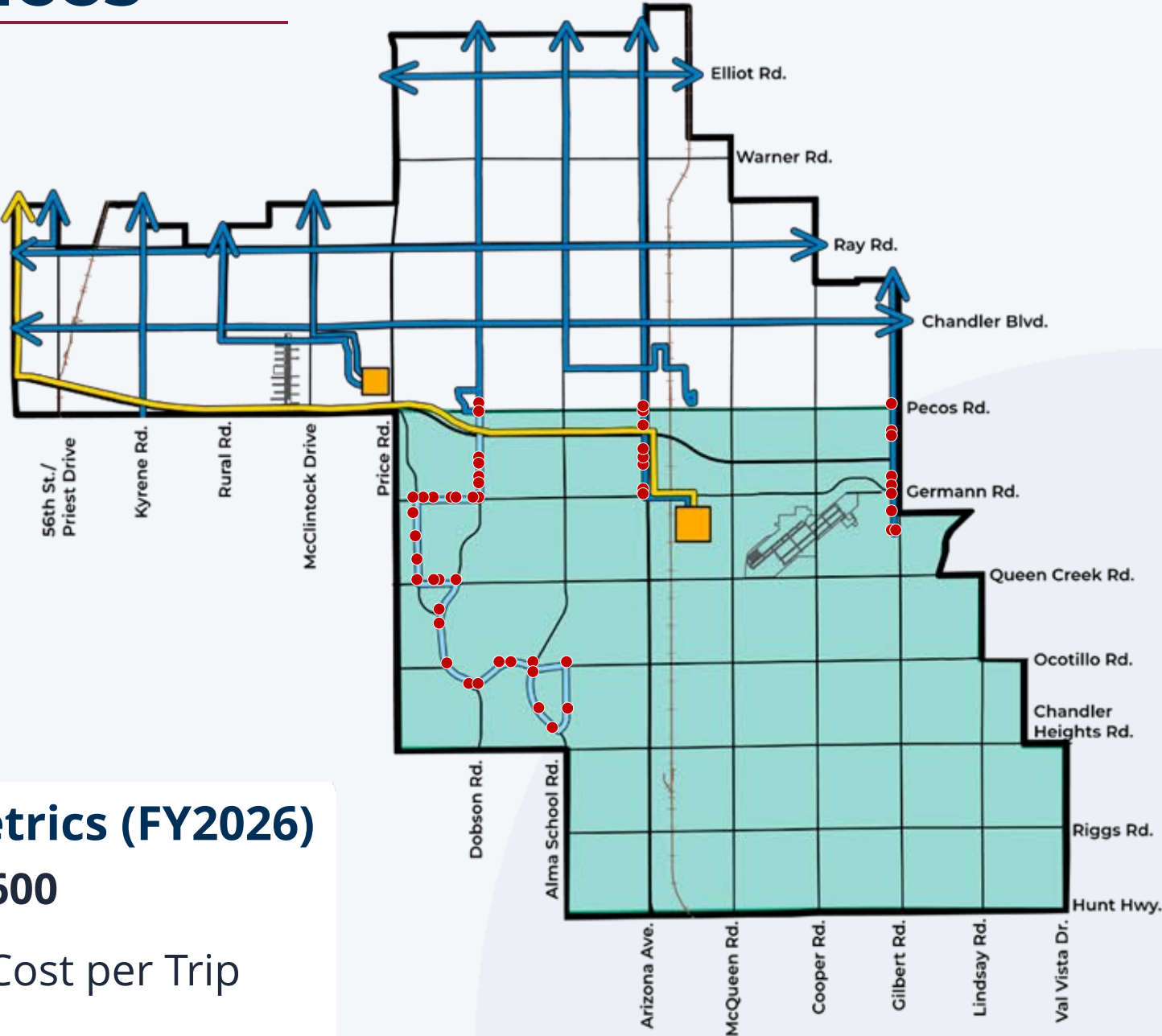
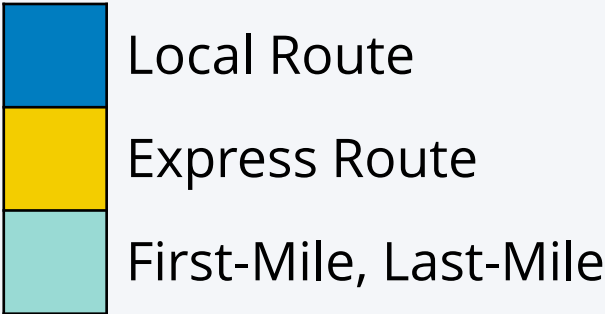
Boardings: **700,000**

\$17 cost per boarding
(\$0 City Cost)

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Key Metrics (FY2026)

Trips: 8,600

\$5 City Cost per Trip



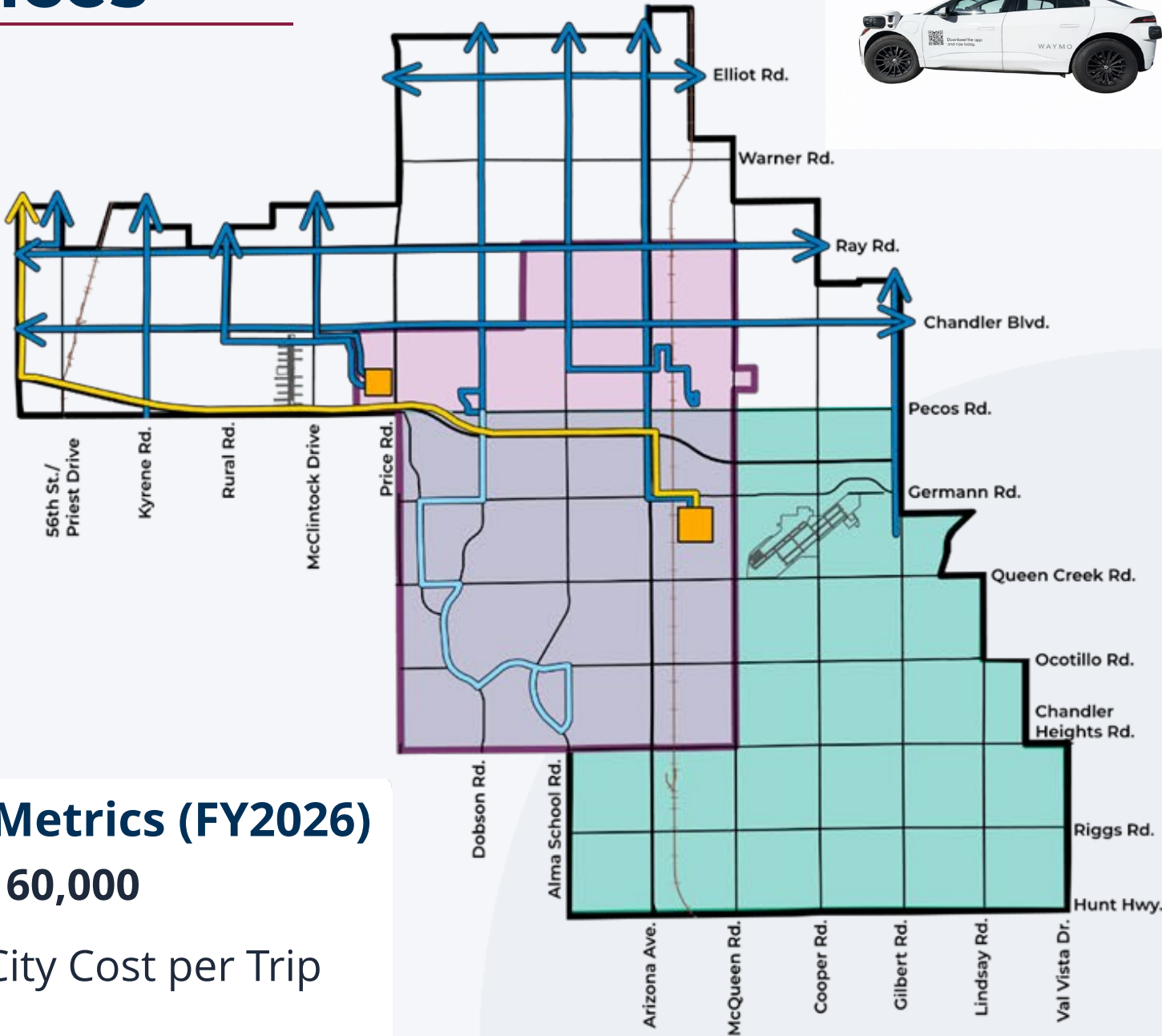
Existing Transit Services



Chandler Transit Services Map

Legend

- Local Route
- Express Route
- First-Mile, Last-Mile
- Chandler Flex



Key Metrics (FY2026)

Trips: 60,000

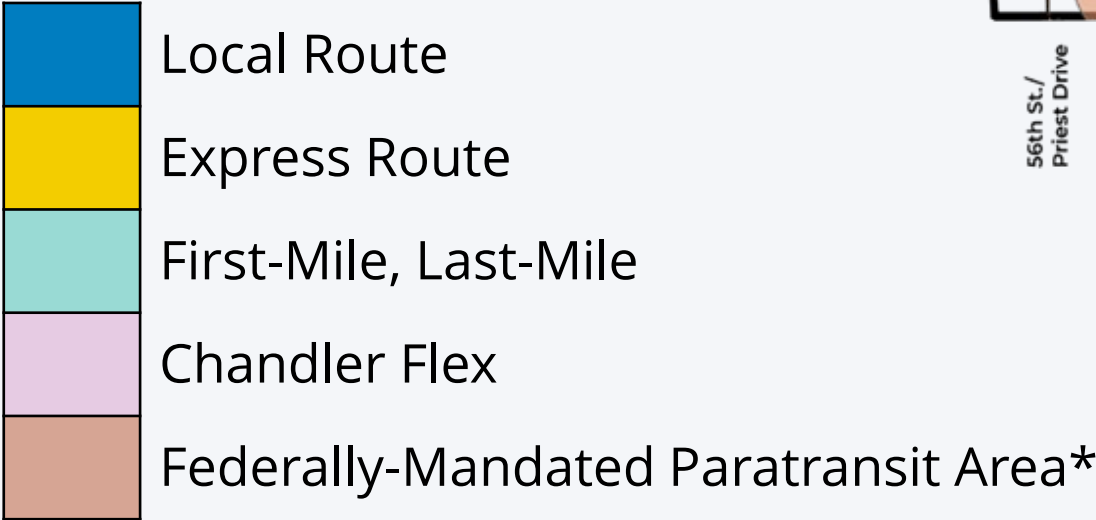
\$22 City Cost per Trip



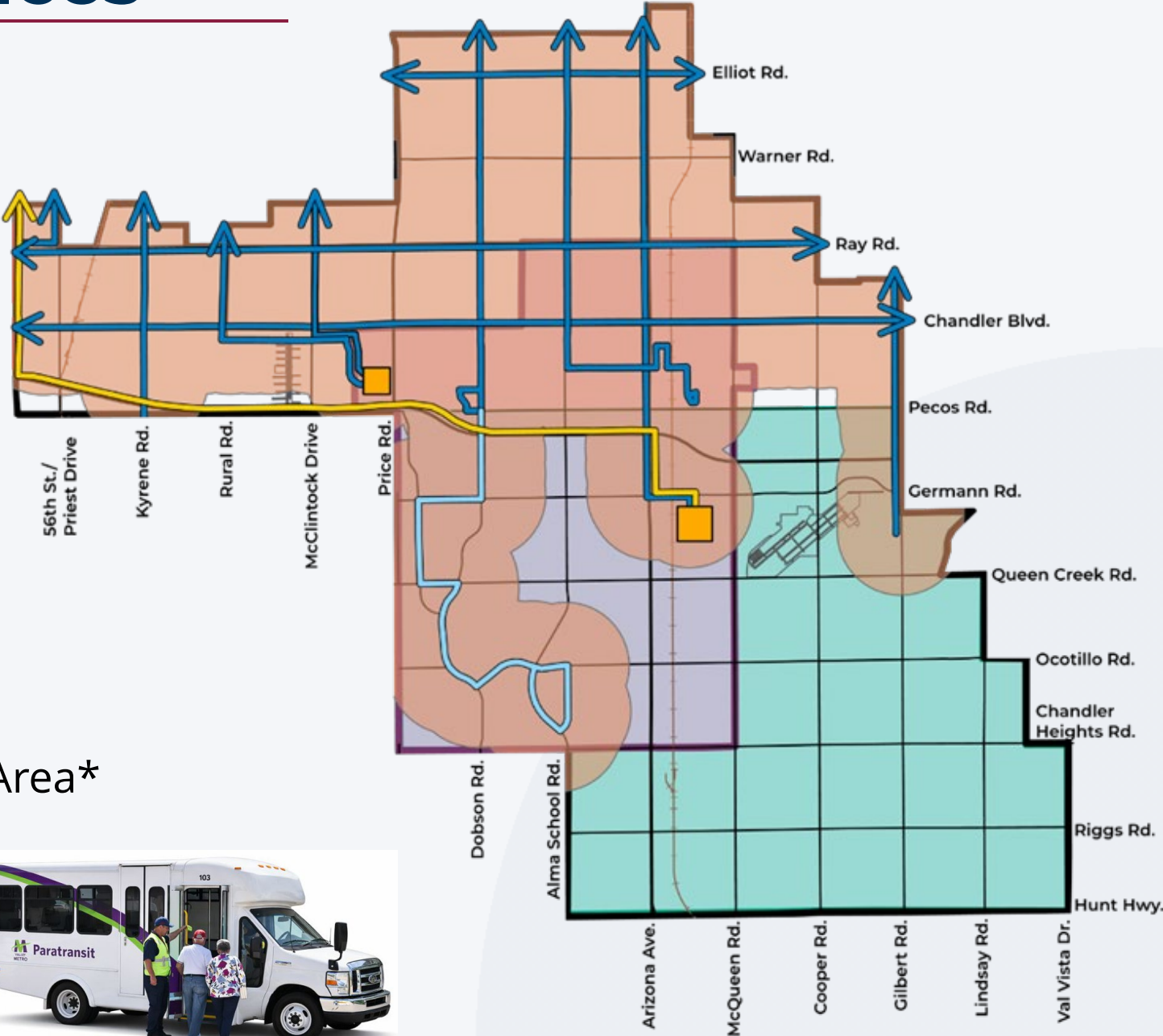
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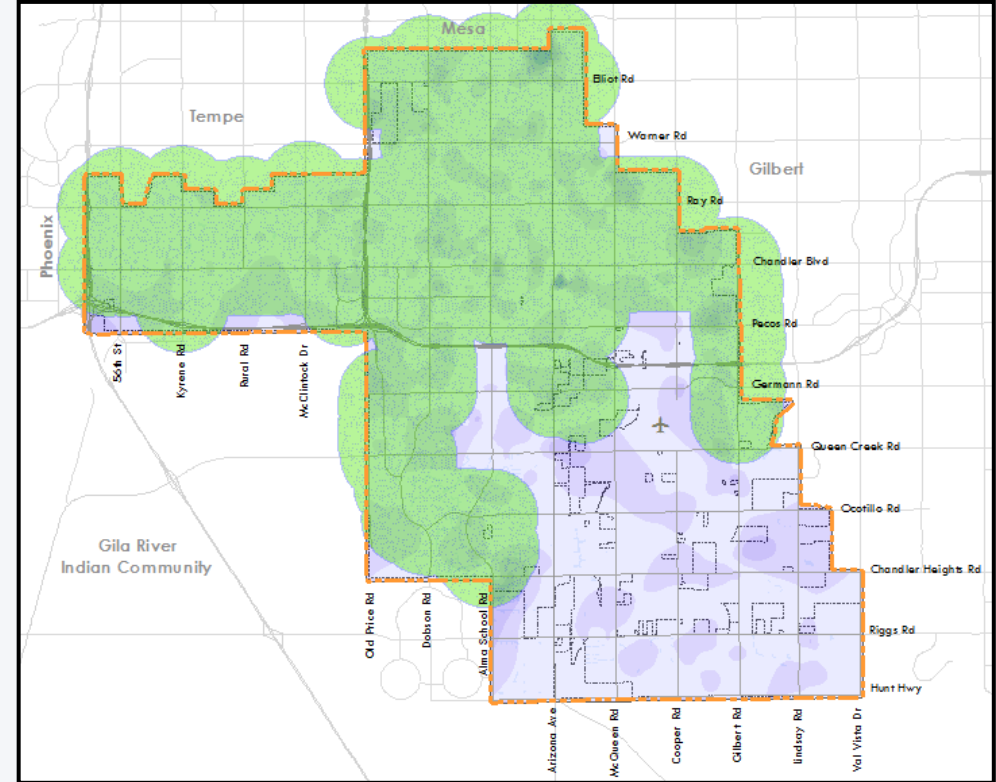


**Paratransit and RideChoice Available Citywide*



Paratransit Services

- › Federally-compliant service for people with disabilities.
- › Users must be formally ADA Certified.
- › Door-to-Door Service
- › **Local/Regional Cost:** \$75 / trip
- › **Resident Fare:** \$4 / trip
- › **Volume:** 25,000 Trips / Year



RideChoice

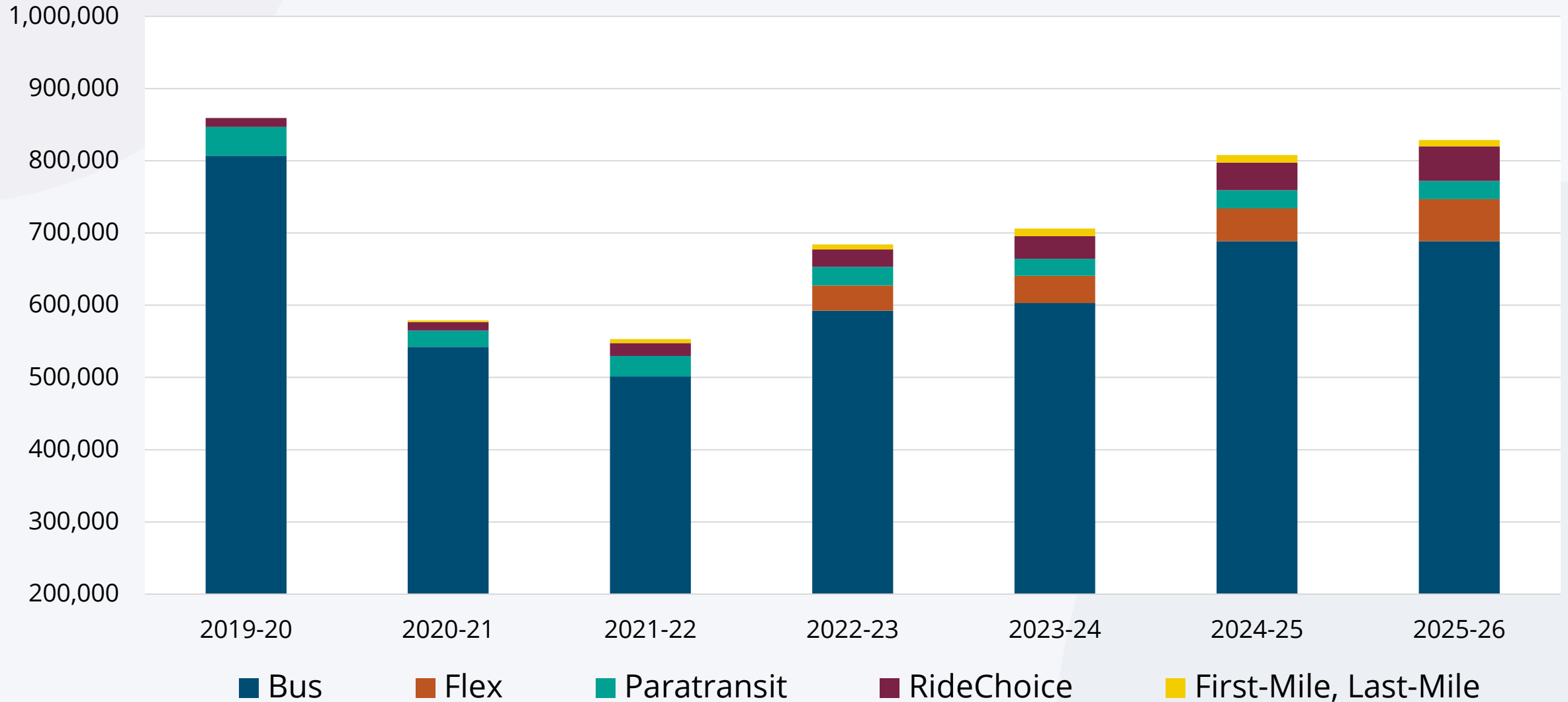
- Alternative Service for People with Disabilities
- Does not meet federal ADA requirements
- Citywide Service, also offered to Seniors (65+)

City Cost: \$33 / Trip | **Resident Fare:** \$3 | **Volume:** 48,000 trips / year



Ridership Trends

Annual Transit Ridership - Boardings/Trips by Mode



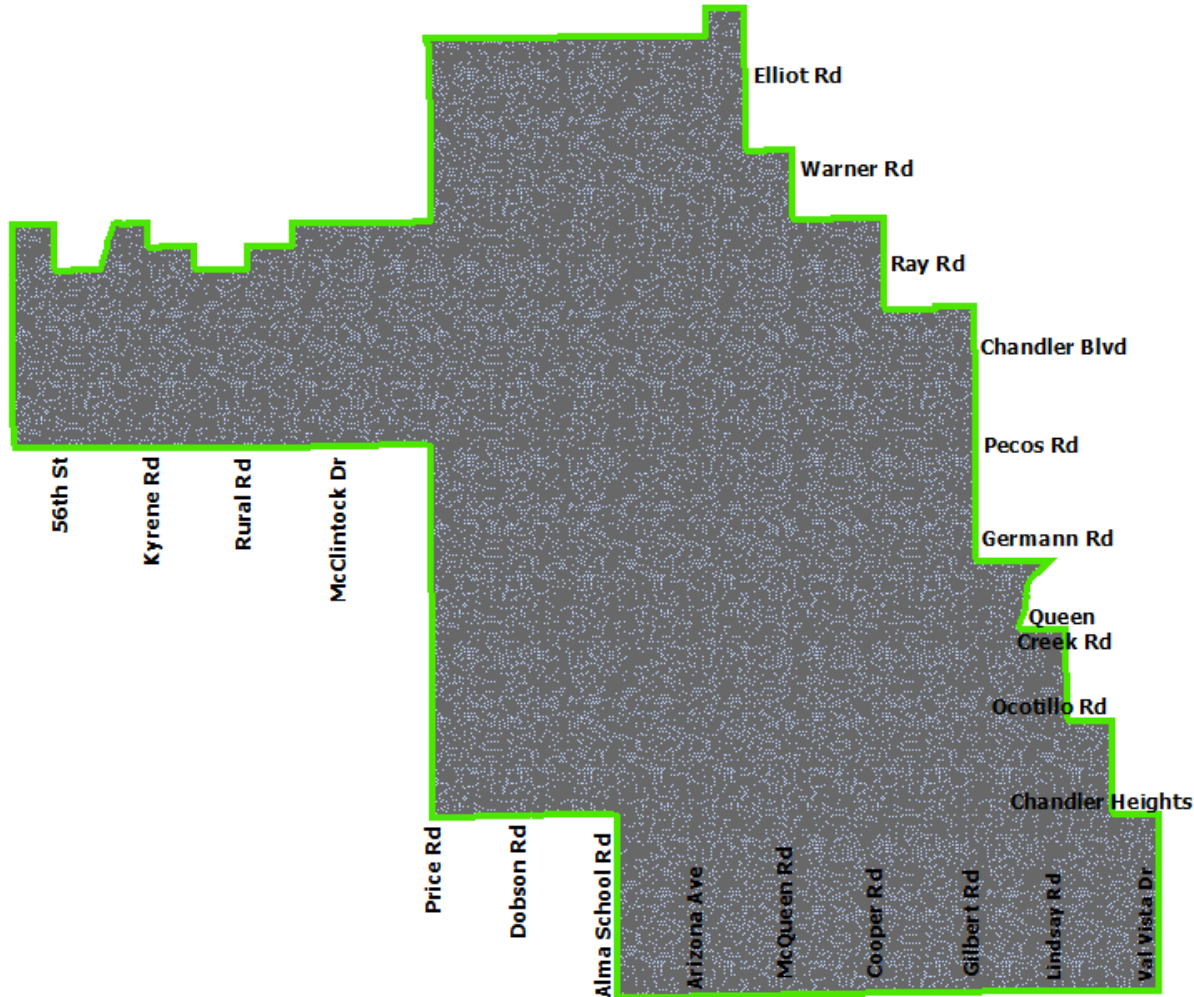
Recommendation # 1 (Paratransit)

Maintain Citywide Paratransit Service

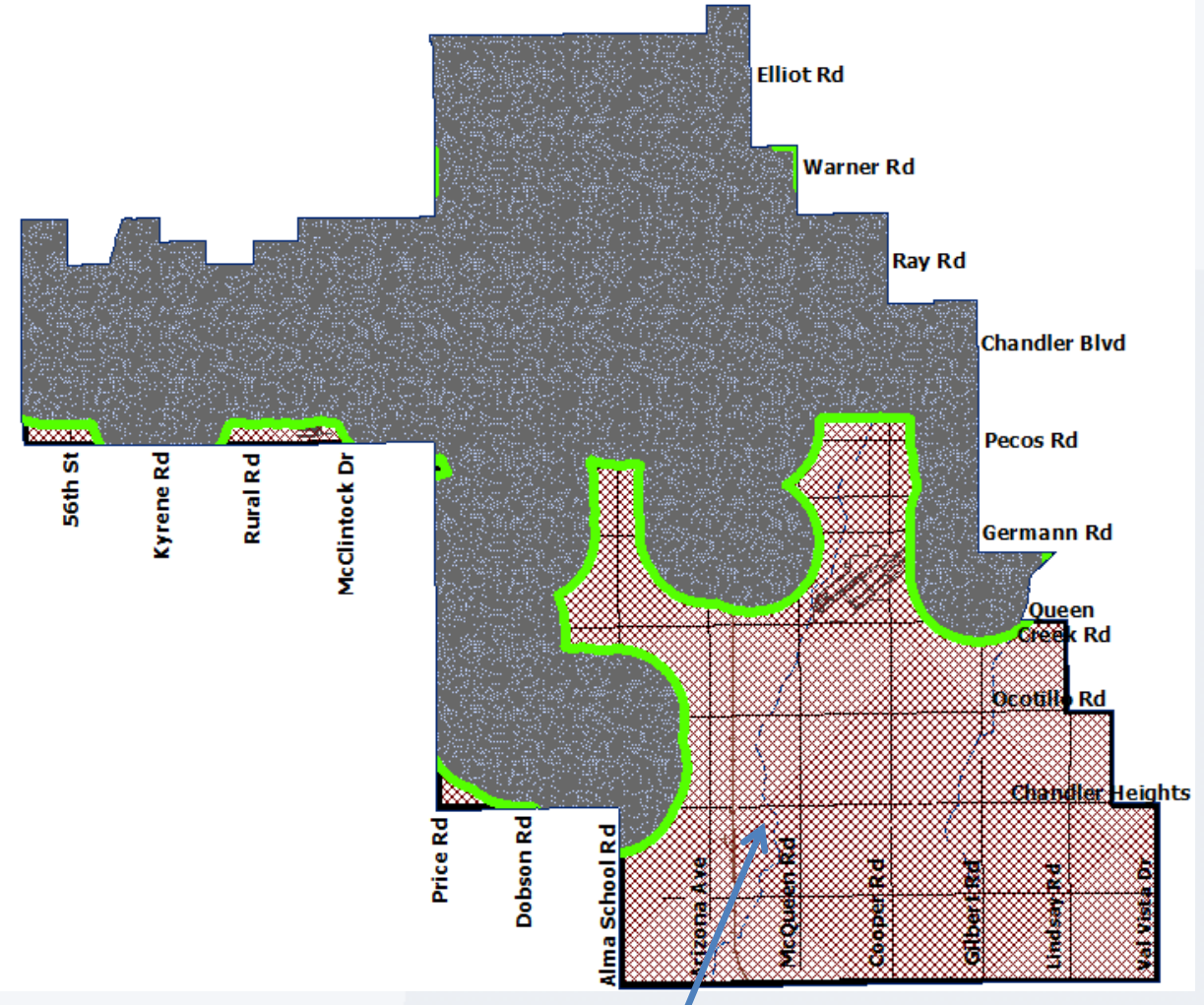


1. Paratransit Service Area

Current Citywide Coverage



Federally Mandated Area



130 residents take about 6,000 trips/ year outside of federally mandated area

1. Paratransit Service Area Implications

- › **Ridership:** 25,000 Annual Trips
(6,000 Trips Outside $\frac{3}{4}$ Mile).
- › **User Base:** 128 Passengers



Cost / Savings

City Cost for Trips Outside Mandated Area: ~**\$500K per year.**

Potential Cost Savings to reduce area: **\$200 - \$250K per Year.**

1. Keep Paratransit Service Area – Impact

Pros

- › Residents Maintain Paratransit Benefits
- › Paratransit Provides Door-to-Door Service
- › Residents Still Have the Option to Use RideChoice

Cons

- › City does not realize savings (\$200 - \$250K/ Year)
- › City does not align with most of the region



Recommendation # 2 (RideChoice)

2.a. Require Existing 65+ RideChoice Passengers to Pursue ADA Certification.

2.b. Require New RideChoice Applicants to Meet ADA Certification Requirements.

2a. ADA Certification for Existing RideChoice Participants

- › 200 Residents in 65+ Program (155 Active Users).
- › Participants provided age documentation; eligible participants were approved as 'non-ADA'.
- › City is responsible for all 'non-ADA' trips under Proposition 479.

Recommendation

Require all 65+ Program Participants to go through ADA Certification Process (Provide Information from Doctor, Go to Valley Metro Mobility Center for Assessment).

- › **If Certified:** Trips Paid by Regional Prop 479 Funds.
- › **If Not Certified:** Can Continue Using Program (City Pays).

2b. ADA Certification for New RideChoice Applicants

New 65+ Applicants

Required ADA Assessment for all New Applicants

- > **If Certified:**
Program Access Granted.
Trips Paid by Proposition 479.
- > **If Not Certified:**
Suggest Other Transportation Options:
 - Chandler Flex
 - Bus
 - First-Mile, Last-Mile



2. RideChoice 65+ Certification Requirement Impact

Local Cost to Provide Service = \$340K and Growing

- › **11,000** Annual 65+ Trips @ \$31 / Trip
- › **155** Active 65+ Passengers
- › **29** High Frequency 65+ Users (100+ Trips per year)
- › **Over 100** New 65+ Users per Year

Estimated Annual Cost Savings

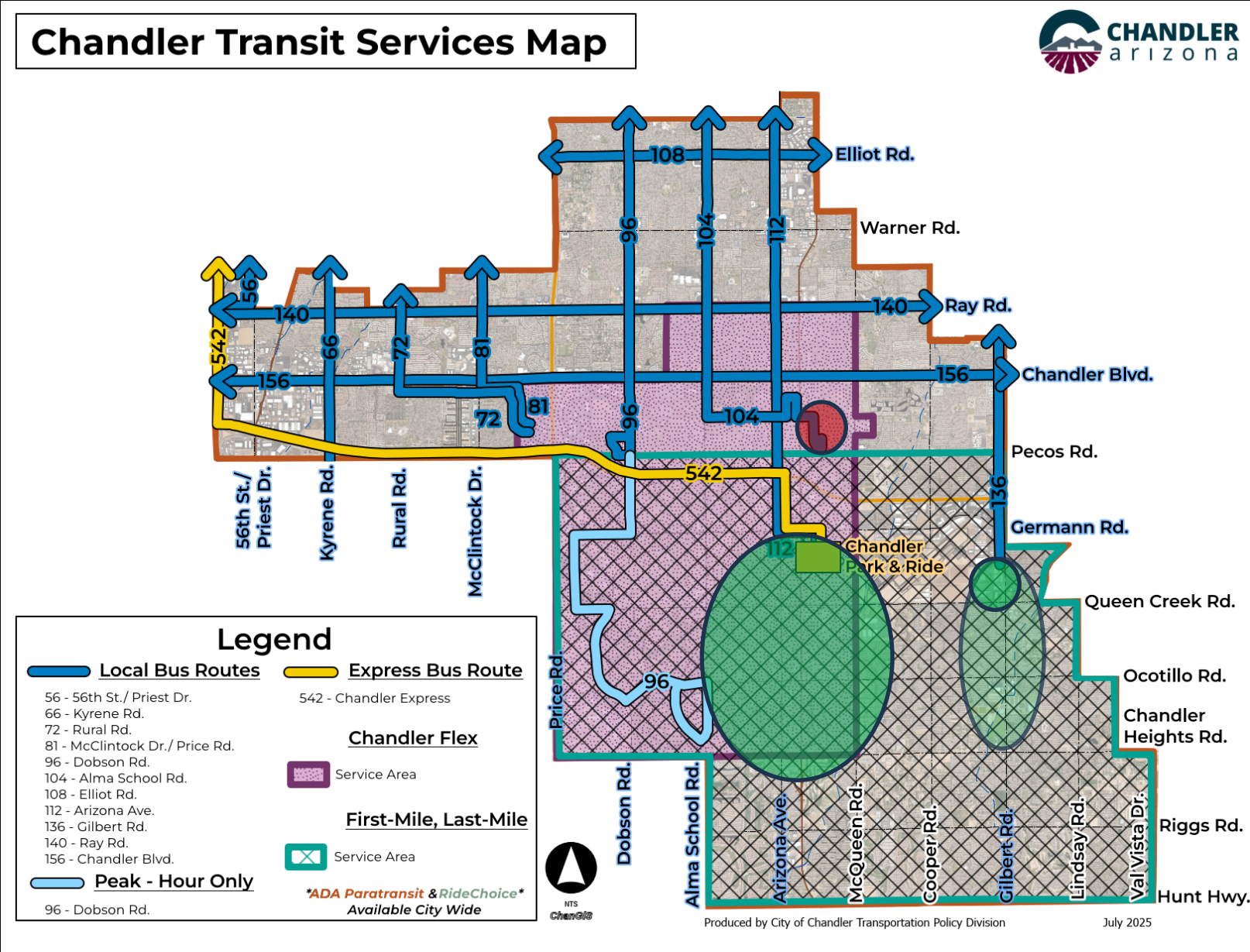
- › \$150,000 - \$200,000 Immediately
- › Prevents future cost increases of ~\$50K / Year

Recommendation # 3 (Bus)

Leverage Regional Funds to Enhance Bus Service



3. Bus Routes 112 and 136: Extend to South



3. Bus Route Enhancements

Estimated Unprogrammed Regional Bus Funds: \$1.9M

Route 112 (Arizona Ave.) Extension	\$800K
Route 136 (Gilbert Rd.) Extension	\$50 - \$500K
Route 136 (Gilbert Rd.) Evening Trips	\$50K
Route 104 (Alma School Rd.) Evening Trips	\$80K
Route 104 (Alma School Rd.) Saturday Service	\$220K
Route 104 (Alma School Rd.) Rerouting	-\$130K

Total Cost of Enhancement Options: **\$1.1 - \$1.5M**



Recommendation # 4 (Chandler Flex)

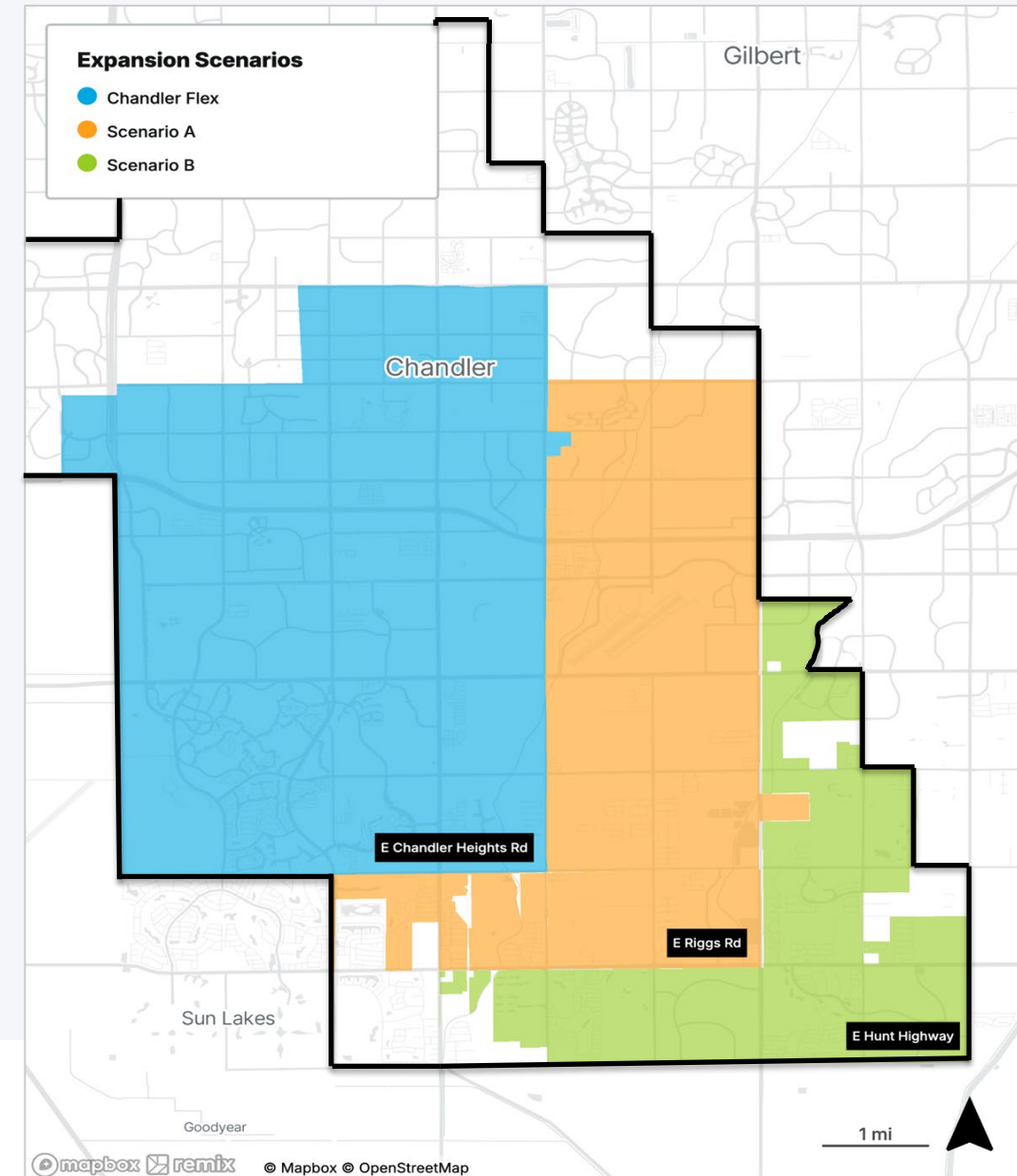
Service Area Expansion Scenarios



4. Chandler Flex Expansion Scenarios

	Current Zone	+Scenario A	+Scenario A & B
Zone Size (mi ²)	23.0	36.6	44.8
Population + Jobs	165,700	220,700	257,700
Weekly Trips	1,060	1,490	1,770
Annual Trips	55,200	77,200	92,200
Weekly Vehicle Hours	300	425	515
Annual Vehicle Hours	15,500	22,000	26,600
Annual Cost	\$1.4M	\$1.9M	\$2.3M

Proposed Mileage-based Fare Modification
\$2.00 up to 6 miles; \$3.00 for trips over 6 miles



FY2028 Transit Budget – With Policy Changes

Program	Without Modifications	With RideChoice Recommendation and Flex Expansion A	With RideChoice Recommendation and Flex Expansion A & B
Bus	\$0	\$0	\$0
Paratransit / RideChoice	\$1,330,000	\$970,000	\$970,000
Chandler Flex	\$1,400,000	\$1,900,000	\$2,300,000
Total	\$2,730,000	\$2,870,000	\$3,270,000

Ongoing Budget Available: **\$3,050,000**
Long-term one-time funding (10 – 15 years): **\$300,000**

Questions and Comments

