

Making Essential Connections



Yuma County Intergovernmental
Public Transportation Authority

Who is YCIPTA?

Through YCAT-branded bus services, YCIPTA serves the transit needs of the Yuma area.

Established and sustained by cooperation of Yuma County, City of Yuma, City of Somerton, City of San Luis, Town of Wellton, Cocopah Tribe, Quechan Tribe, and Arizona Western College, YCIPTA is a political subdivision of the State of Arizona, independent of its member agencies. Public transportation services have been available in Yuma County since 2000 via private vendors and public services.



Our mission.

Make essential connections possible.

Our vision.

Empower and connect the community.



Why does public transit matter?

Every segment of society is impacted. Individuals, families, communities, and businesses all benefit from public transportation.

Public transportation connects millions to other people, places and possibilities. It also builds thriving communities, creates jobs, eases traffic congestion and promotes a cleaner environment. Investment in public transportation spurs both local and national economies.



Public impact.

- An estimated **\$39 billion** of public transit expenditures flow into the private sector.
- Public transportation **saves 6 billion gallons of gasoline** annually in the U.S.
- Of all riders, 71% are **employed** and 7% are **students**.
- 87% of trips on public transit have a **direct impact** on the local economy.



Personal importance.

- It is **10 times safer** per mile to travel by public transportation vs. automobiles.
- Home values were up to **24% higher** near public transportation than in other areas.
- The average household spends 16 cents of every dollar on transportation, and 93% of this goes to buying, maintaining, and operating cars – they could **save more than \$13,000** by taking public transportation.





What do we do?

YCAT operates traditional **bus service** with fixed routes and flex routes from Fort Yuma south to San Luis and from Wellton west to El Centro. Additionally, YCAT OnCall provides **paratransit mobility** through our demand-response service.

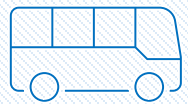
What do we deliver?



Our bi-state system serves rural, urban, and intercity needs.

FY25

8 Eight fixed and flex routes



35,284 Revenue service hours



409,471 Passenger trips annually



We deliver more.



Door-to-door demand response service empowers people.

FY25

6,854

Passenger trips annually

4,077

Revenue service hours



DID YOU KNOW?

We facilitate
35 shared vans to
Yuma Proving Grounds
and other local
enterprises.



How do we do it?

YCIPTA is centered on four core priorities.

Customer Satisfaction. Provide mobility solutions that connect the community and encourage independence.

Operational Excellence. Build innovative and best-in-class practices that empower the community.

Financial Sustainability. Develop local, matchable funding sources that sustain operations and growth.

Community Value. Support activities and partnerships that enhance service, education, and economic impact.



Our expert team knows transit.

Our contract operations provider **RATP Dev USA** brings over 50 years of success operating safe and efficient transit systems throughout the U.S.

Founded in Paris over 120 years ago, RATP Dev's first Metro line ran for the 1900 Paris World Fair. Today, RATP Dev's parent group is one of the world's largest providers of transit, supporting services in 16 countries.

Their responsibilities include operating services and managing operational personnel, accountable to YCIPTA staff.



YCIPTA people and parts.

FY25

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Buses
19 large-format vehicles

9



Paratransit
9 medium-format vehicles

10



Utility
10 support and utility vehicles

49



Contractor
49 staff & operators

7



Agency
7 employees

8



Board
8 directors



Real impact for real people.

YCAT and YCIPTA give back to our communities and causes



**Yuma
Air Show**
Parking
Shuttle
Sponsor



**Job and
Education
Fair**
Free Rides
To Event



**Chamber
Community
Expo**
Event Booth
and Sponsor



**Holiday
Festivities**
Parade Bus
Decorated
with Lights



**Animal
Training**
Guide Dogs
for the Blind
Experience



**Senior
Wellness**
Health Expo
Booth and
Sponsor



A photograph of the Hotel del Sol building at dusk. The building is a large, multi-story structure with a light-colored facade and numerous arched windows. A sign on the roof reads "HOTEL DEL SOL". In the foreground, a blue and yellow YCAT bus is parked on the street. The sky is a mix of blue and grey, indicating twilight.

Local investment is key.

YCIPTA continues to pursue additional funding sources such as advertising sales and in-kind contributions. However, without the ongoing and growing support of member entities, the availability of YCAT services will suffer.

Partners make us better.

Many local, regional, and national partners share the cost.

IPTA Members

Yuma County

City of Yuma

City of Somerton

City of San Luis

Town of Wellton

Arizona Western

Cocopah Tribe

Quechan Tribe

Other Public Entities

Federal Transit Administration

Arizona Department
of Transportation

Arizona Department
of Employment Security

Yuma County

Juvenile Mental Court

Equal Opportunity
Commission

Imperial County

Transportation Commission

YPIC Charter High School,
PPEP Tec High School,
Vista High School

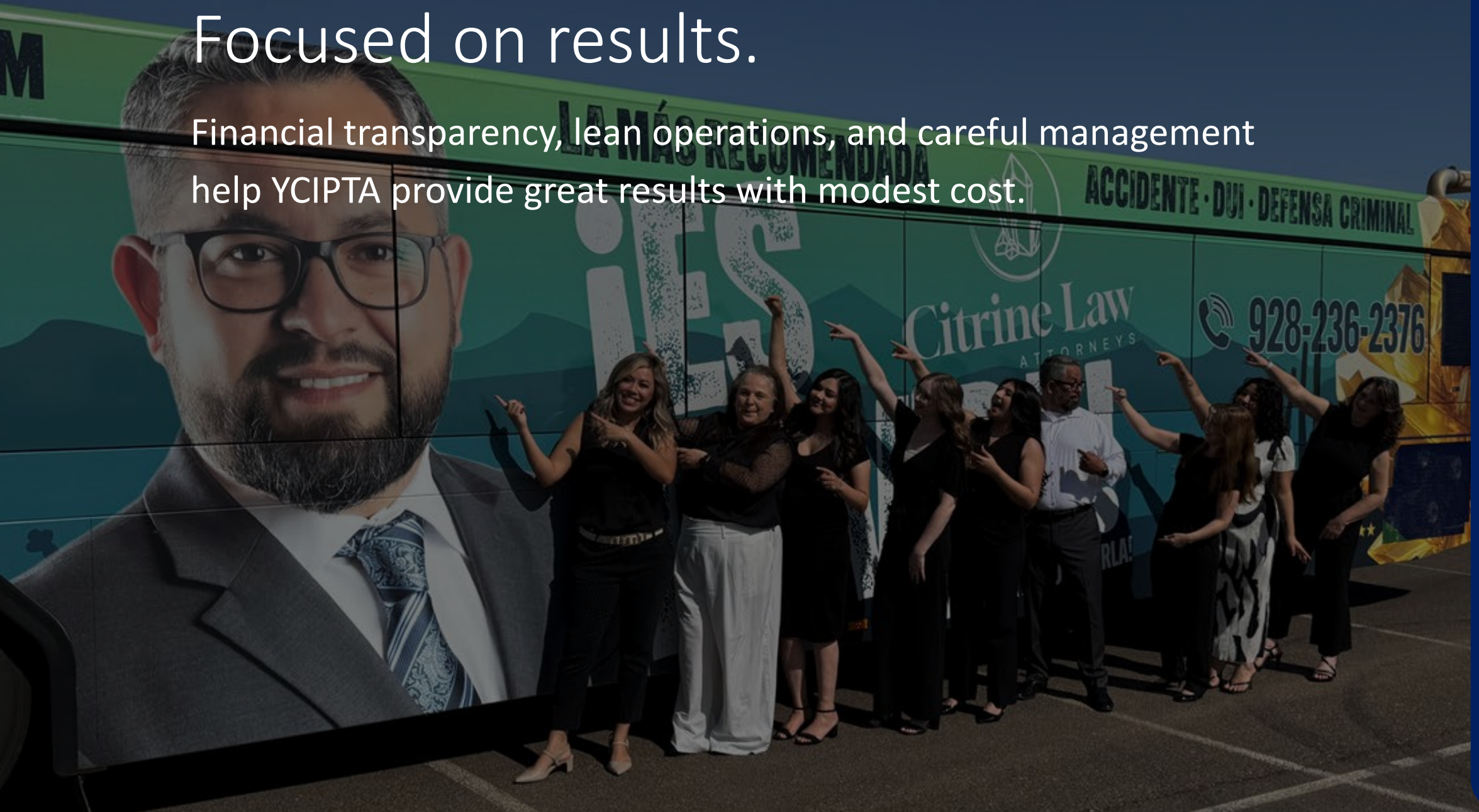
Greyhound / Flixbus

Saavi Services for the Blind



Focused on results.

Financial transparency, lean operations, and careful management help YCIPTA provide great results with modest cost.



YCAT fixed route rider results.

FY25

409,471



Fixed Routes

Total ridership on eight fixed routes.

241,822








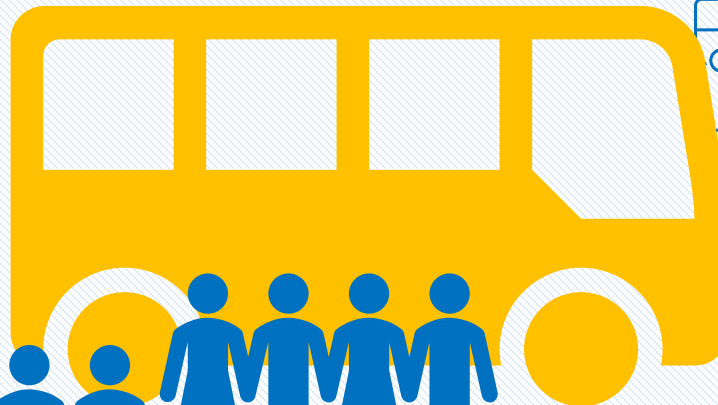
Yellow 95

Ridership on busiest route.

Ridership Trends

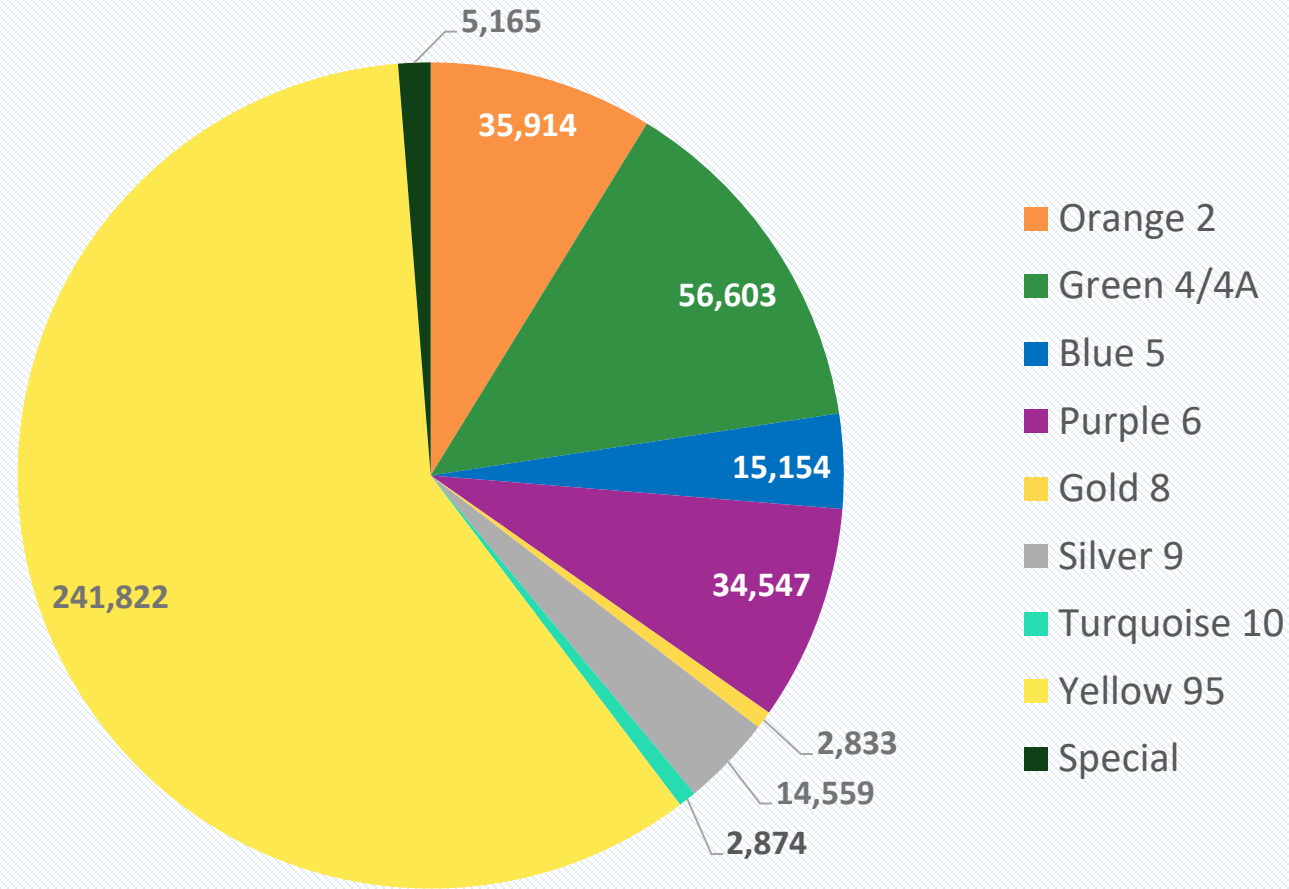
Total passenger trips

	FY25	409,481
	FY24	415,788
	FY23	351,261
	FY22	284,065
	FY21	231,601



YCAT results by route.

FY25



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YCAT on-call rider results.

6,854



On-Call Riders
Total ridership for
on-call services

FY25

On-Call Trends

Total passenger trips



FY25
6,854



FY24
7,173



FY23
6,607



FY22
7,291



FY21
6,489





YCIPTA FY2025 report for
City of San Luis

City of San Luis IPTA Dues



FY26 Intergovernmental Dues

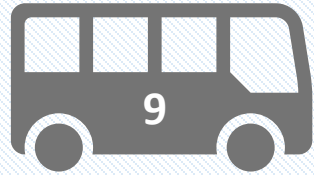
\$141,950

The YCIPTA Board of Directors approved a modest 3% increase in member organization dues for FY2026.

Service results – FY25 Details

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Revenue Service Hours

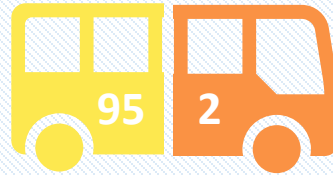


14,609

Ridership

17,419

Revenue Service Hours



277,715

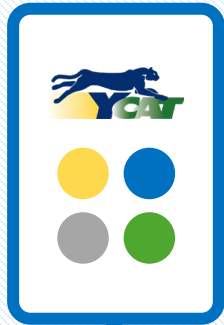
Ridership

Actual Cost	\$3,271,473.10
Contribution	\$141,950.00
Match Required	\$1,635,736.50
Cost / Passenger Trip	\$11.19



San Luis Stops and Shelters

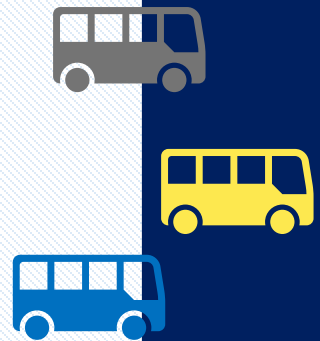
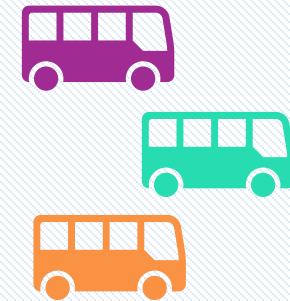
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Member contributions.

Local revenue is the foundation.

Entity Dues

	FY24-25	FY25-26	Amount
Governmental Entity		3% Increase	of Increase
Yuma County	\$302,605.81	\$311,683.99	\$9,078.17
City of Yuma	\$390,555.87	\$402,272.54	\$11,716.68
Town of Wellton	\$28,316.00	\$29,165.48	\$849.48
City of San Luis	\$137,815.96	\$141,950.44	\$4,134.48
City of Somerton	\$58,425.60	\$60,178.37	\$1,752.77
Quechan Indian Tribe	\$11,239.78	\$11,576.97	\$337.19
Cocopah Indian Tribe	\$80,124.79	\$82,528.54	\$2,403.74
AWC	\$78,210.00	\$78,210.00	\$0.00
Total	\$1,087,293.82	\$1,117,566.33	\$30,272.51

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Local revenue details.

A closer look at where the money comes from.



REVENUE		
	FY 2024-2025	FY 2025-2026
Local Revenue		
Intergovernmental Contributions	\$914,956.00	\$851,123.00
Tribal Contributions	\$780,454.00	\$937,202.00
Public Entity Contributions	\$120,460.00	\$120,460.00
YCAT & On Call Fares	\$454,200.00	\$460,200.00
Advertising Sales	\$203,605.00	\$441,110.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$26,940.00	\$11,000.00
	\$2,500,615.00	\$2,821,095.00
In-Kind Contributions		
Quechan Parking Lot Priveleges	\$22,248.00	\$22,248.00
Greyhound Intercity	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
	\$322,248.00	\$322,248.00
Grant Revenue		
ADOT 5311 Rural	\$1,723,030.00	\$1,833,005.00
FTA 5307 Urban	\$1,891,113.00	\$2,051,344.00
	\$3,614,143.00	\$3,884,349.00
Total Revenue	\$6,437,006.00	\$7,027,692.00



Fare details.

Rider fares help offset operational expenses

FARES			
	Full Fare	Discount Fare	On Call Fare
One Way	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$4.00
1-Day Pass	\$5.00	\$2.50	
10-Ride Pass	\$17.50	\$7.50	\$35.00
31-Day Pass	\$60.00	\$30.00	
Deviation	\$2.00	\$2.00	

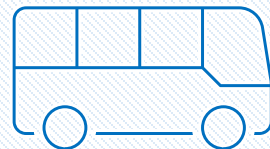
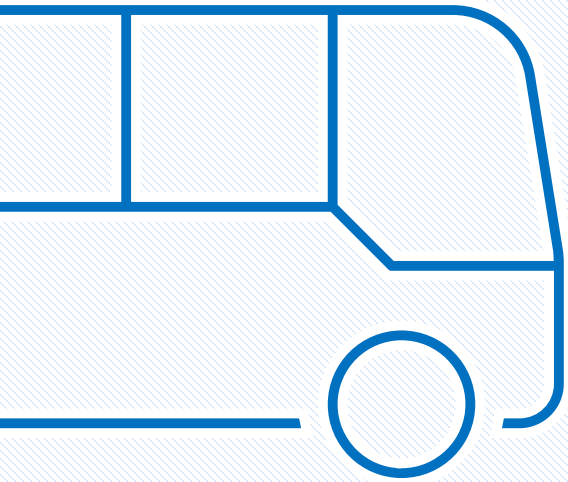


YCIPTA operating expenses.

	FY25	FY26
Operating Expenses		
Wages & Salaries	\$438,098	\$424,778
Employee Benefits	\$188,349	\$291,991
Services & Contract Operator	\$4,740,499	\$5,179,783
Materials & Supplies	\$701,485	\$680,500
Utilities & Insurance	\$44,146	\$53,300
Leases & Rentals	\$65,150	\$77,150
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$63,790	\$69,040
	\$6,241,517	\$6,686,539

FY26 operating revenue need

\$6,686,539



YCIPTA cost per hour.

Fully allocated operating cost per revenue service hour

FY26

\$178.02

This is one important factor in calculating IPTA member dues.



YCIPTA revenue review.

All funding comes from three sources.



FTA Grants

+



Local Revenue

+



In-Kind Contributions



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FTA funding primer.

- 1** FTA determines YCIPTA annual apportionment amount by statutory formula and YCAT transit data.
- 2** Apportioned amounts are allocated as grants up to the amount of local matching revenue. Grants are cash matched with either 50% for operations or 20% for capital.
- 3** Apportioned amounts exceeding local matching revenue are returned to the state pool.



Use it or lose it.

YCIPTA has returned apportioned amounts due to insufficient matchable local revenue.

	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Federal Apportionment	\$3,563,693	\$3,623,205	\$6,190,172	\$5,377,678
Utilized by YCIPTA	\$0	\$3,623,205	\$3,000,000	\$0
Returned to State Pool	\$3,563,693	\$0	\$3,190,172	\$5,377,678



More than \$12 million dollars
have been returned since FY22.



How can you help?

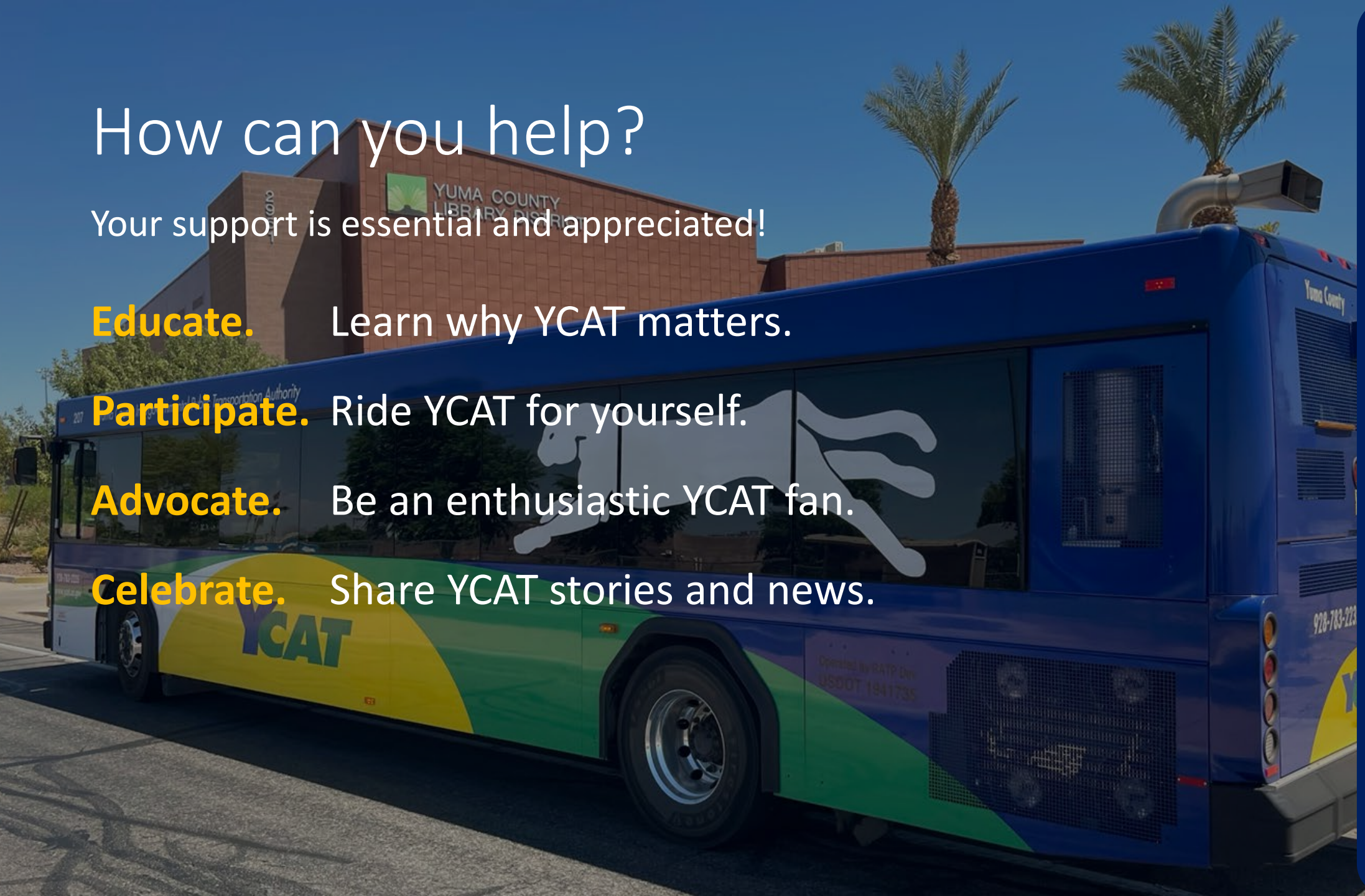
Your support is essential and appreciated!

Educate. Learn why YCAT matters.

Participate. Ride YCAT for yourself.

Advocate. Be an enthusiastic YCAT fan.

Celebrate. Share YCAT stories and news.



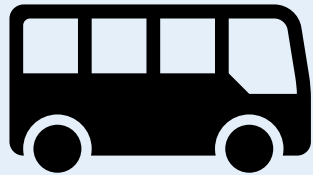


**YOU CAN
GET THERE!**



System service

Area-wide, YCAT fixed routes serve thousands.

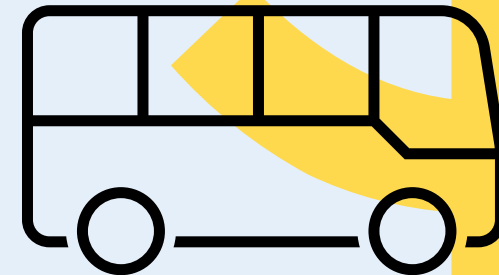


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Revenue service hours

409,481

Ridership

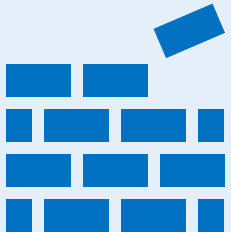


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Capital. Things that last.

Long-term success requires constant re-investment.



Capital Costs

- Vehicles: three wheelchair vans, two cars
- Hotel Del Sol multimodal transit center
- Yard safety, computer hardware, etc.

Estimated Cost

\$350,000
\$1,053,895
\$777,471

FY26 planned capital outlay
\$2,181,366

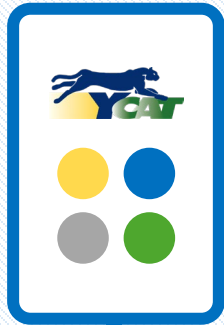


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Yuma County Stops and Shelters

Convenience and safety drive YCAT's service in Yuma County



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More than money.

Other things can qualify as local revenue for matching purposes.

In-Kind.

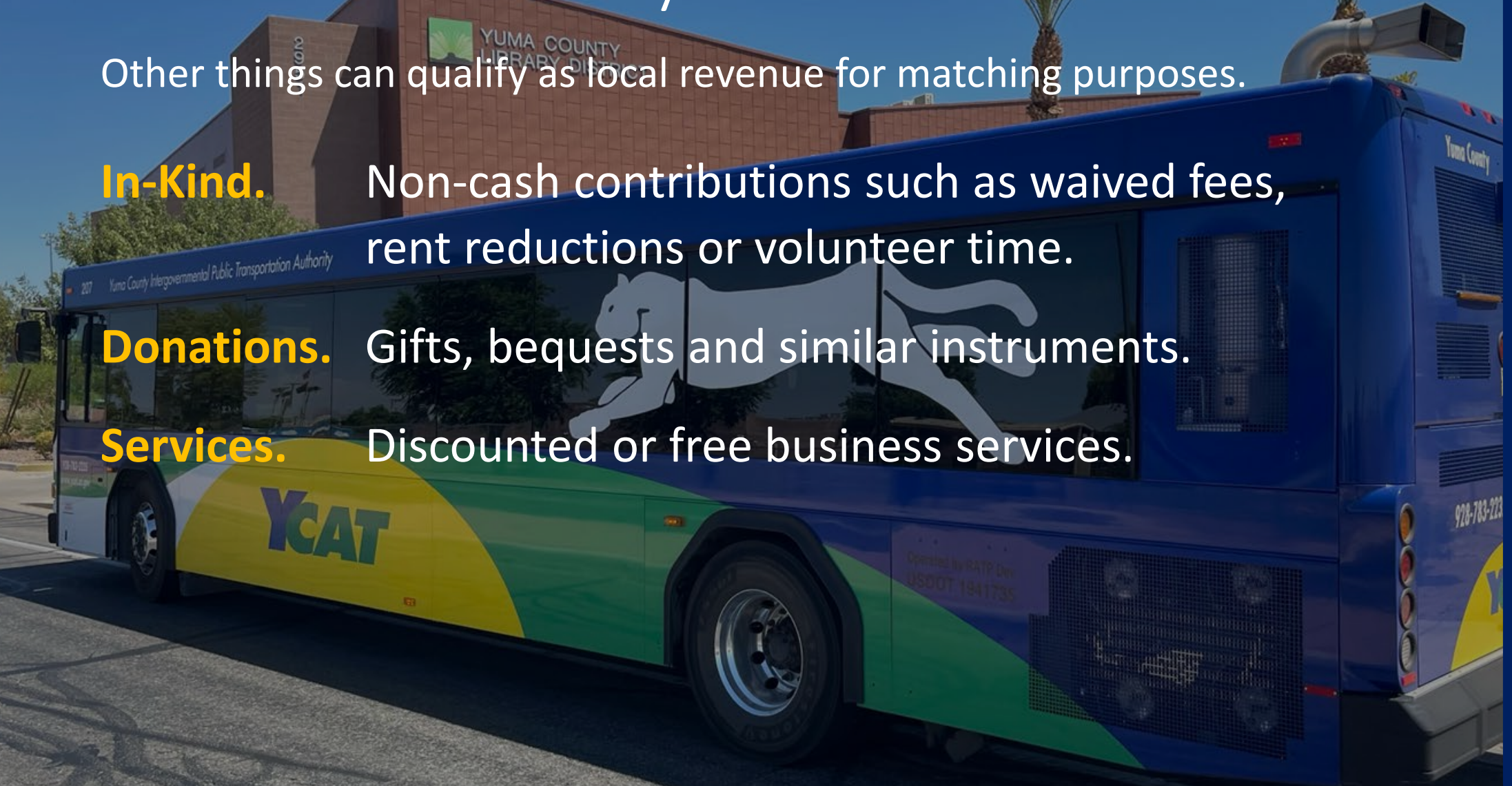
Non-cash contributions such as waived fees, rent reductions or volunteer time.

Donations.

Gifts, bequests and similar instruments.

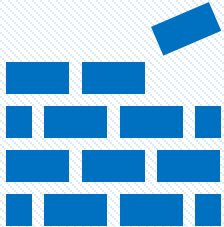
Services.

Discounted or free business services.



Capital funding details.

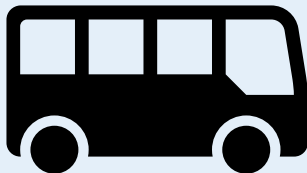
A closer look at where capital expenditures will go.



CAPITAL BUDGET		
	FY 2024-2025	FY 2025-2026
Income		
Intergovernmental Contributions	\$304,907.00	\$304,907.00
Federal Grants	\$1,876,459.00	\$1,876,459.00
	\$2,181,366.00	\$2,181,366.00
Expense		
Hotel Del Sol Multimodal Center	\$1,053,895.00	\$1,053,895.00
Support & Utility Vehicles	\$250,000.00	\$350,000.00
Yard Safety, Computers, Equipment	\$877,472.00	\$777,471.00
	\$2,181,367.00	\$2,181,366.00



Countywide service – FY25 Details

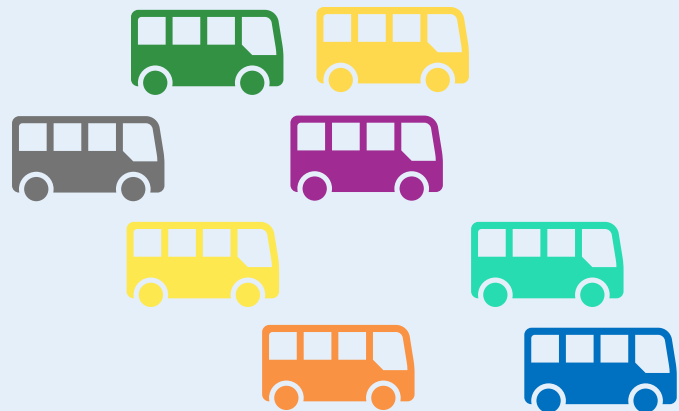


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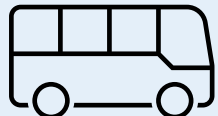
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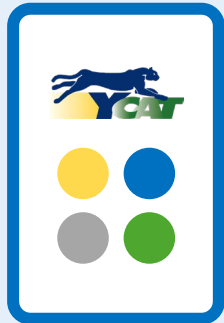


Actual Cost	\$6,281,257.60
Contribution	\$311,684.00
Match Required	\$3,140,628.80
Cost / Passenger Trip	\$15.34



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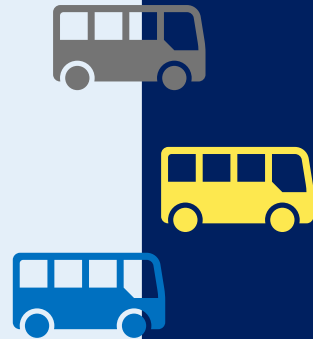
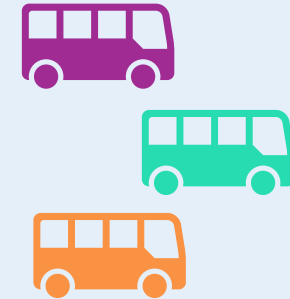
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Future growth path.

More local revenue opens doors for development.



Ways to increase local revenue and federal grants

- Higher intergovernmental contributions
- Maximize in-kind contributions
 - Municipal use of unsold advertising space
 - In-kind donations for shared services
 - Board service hours

Future revenue growth

- Introduce a countywide sales tax