

Transportation – Bus and Bus Facilities



27TH AVENUE/BASELINE ROAD PARK-AND-RIDE

Subcommittee – Transportation – Housing Urban Development (HUD)
and Related Agencies

Request: Appropriate \$3,840,000 to design and construct the 27th Avenue/Baseline Road Park-and-Ride.

Community Value:

The proposed 27th Avenue/Baseline Road Park-and-Ride facility along Baseline Road west of Central Avenue will provide parking for Central-South Mountain RAPID passengers, help to alleviate traffic congestion and work toward completion of the 20-year Phoenix Transit Plan (*Transit 2000*) RAPID network. This portion of the city has expanding local bus service but lacks a commuter route to the downtown core with dedicated, covered, secure and safe parking and needed amenities. Without this, the success of RAPID in this corridor is impacted. This area of Phoenix is a high growth area with a 2020 projected population of more than 100,000 residents and 30,000 employees.

Background:

The city of Phoenix Public Transit Department plans to develop a park-and-ride on the 2.5-acre site near the southwest corner of 27th Avenue and Baseline Road in this high growth area of southwest Phoenix. This future facility will include approximately 250 covered parking spaces and a security building to serve the future Central-South Mountain RAPID route. The Phoenix RAPID system consists of five bus rapid transit corridors approved by Phoenix voters as part of the *Transit 2000* plan.

The Central-South Mountain RAPID route will be the fifth and final RAPID corridor, the only one operating strictly in a street environment. The proposed park-and-ride facility will serve Phase I of the western leg of RAPID along Baseline Road, which would terminate near 35th Avenue. The city of Phoenix has acquired the land for the park-and-ride.

The project is included within the Fiscal Year 2008 - 2012 Maricopa Association of Governments Transportation Improvement Plan.



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