

Transportation – Bus and Bus Facilities



EAST BASELINE ROAD PARK-AND-RIDE

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

Request: Appropriate \$7,160,000 to Acquire Land, Design and Construct the East Baseline Road Park-and-Ride.

Community Value:

The proposed East Baseline Road Park-and-Ride facility along Baseline Road east 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 extensive 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 near 120,000 residents and 65,000 employees.

Background:

The city of Phoenix Public Transit Department plans to develop a park-and-ride on land east of Central Avenue on Baseline Road in this high growth area of Phoenix. This future facility will include approximately 400 parking spaces and a guard facility 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 eastern leg of RAPID along Baseline Road, which would terminate near 24th Street. The city of Phoenix currently is investigating land opportunities for the future park-and-ride.



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