

Proposed Elimination of Non- ADA Dial a Ride

City Council Meeting
Mesa, Arizona

July 5, 2006

City Budget Reductions

- The City faced a severe revenue shortfall for FY 2006-07 and future fiscal years to maintain services
- City Council identified potential budget reductions prior to the May election
- Budget alternatives included elimination of non-ADA Dial a Ride as part of budget
- Property tax failure prompted cuts in many areas, including Transit

Transit Reduction Alternatives

Possible service reductions include:

- Fixed route bus service
 - Reduce evening and Saturday frequencies
 - Nearly all routes Federally protected by Title VI
- ADA Dial a Ride
 - Limit service area to ADA requirement: within 3/4 mile of fixed route
- Non-ADA Dial a Ride
- Maricopa Co. Special Transportation Services
- Ride Choice – Mesa Senior Services
 - Discounted taxi coupons
 - Mileage reimbursement

Estimated Budget Reduction

Budget Reductions	
Non-ADA Dial-a-Ride cost, FY 2006-07	\$1.4 Million

Budget Increases	
Increase Ride Choice funding	\$146,000
Increase County STS funding	\$40,000

Added Funding for Alternative Transit

- Additional funding for more cost-effective service helps offset elimination of Non-ADA Dial a Ride
- Increase City funding for Ride Choice to \$350,000
- Increase City funding for Maricopa Co. Special Transportation Services to \$100,000
- Both programs prepared for increase in users

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Program cost per trip (FY 04-05) and Service Hours	
Ride Choice; cab coupons •24 hour service •Very limited wheelchair access	\$10.83
Ride Choice; trip reimbursement •24 hour service •Dependent upon availability of others	\$4.39
County Special Transportation Services •Mon.-Fri. 8am to 5pm	\$14.01
ADA Dial a Ride •Mon.-Sat. 4am to 12 midnight	\$24.31
Non-ADA Dial a Ride •Daily 7am to 7pm	\$24.31

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Summary of Proposal

Eligibility Requirements
Ride Choice Programs –Age 65 and up
County Special Transportation Services –Age 60 and up, or –Disabled, or –Low income (150% of poverty)
ADA Dial a Ride –ADA Certified through Valley Metro due to disability
Non-ADA Dial a Ride –Age 65 and up or ADA Certified

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Eliminate non-ADA Dial a Ride –No Dial a Ride service for those not ADA Certified –No Sunday travel options for ADA Certified in motorized devices	
Increase funding for alternatives –Lower cost per trip for Ride Choice and STS rides –More rides available for Non ADA Certified	
Cost Implications	
Eliminate Non-ADA service	\$1,400,000
Increase funding for alternatives	\$186,000
Net Savings	\$1,214,000

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CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL for Z06-040, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board on May 18, 2006:

1. Compliance with the basic development as described in the project narrative and as shown in the floor plans submitted.
2. Compliance with all City development codes and regulations.
3. Compliance with all requirements of the Development Services Department (Engineering, Traffic Engineering, Solid Waste and Facilities, etc.).
4. Non-conforming and/or prohibited signs shall be brought into conformance prior to the issuance of a building permit.
5. Employees, customers, and clients of Damage Ink tattoo and body piercing salon shall not congregate or loiter outside of the premises, including, but not limited to, the sidewalk adjacent to any of the suites and the parking lot.
6. This Council Use Permit may be suspended, revoked, or modified at any time by the City Council, upon a finding at a public hearing, that any condition, stipulation, or term of the approval of this CUP, or any provision of the Mesa City Code, has been violated.
7. Review of the operations of Damage Ink tattoo and body piercing salon by the City Council within one year from the effective date of the Ordinance.
8. This Council Use Permit is non-transferable and terminates upon the transfer of the property to any other operator other than Damage Ink.
9. The clientele of the tattoo parlor and body piercing salon shall be limited to persons over the age of 18 years.

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