

# SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REPORT



**To:** Transportation Commission  
**From:** John Kelley, Senior Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** June 20, 2013  
**Subject:** July 2013 Fixed Route Service Change Update

## ITEM IN BRIEF

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**Action:** Information only.

### **Overview:**

Valley Metro provides service updates and changes for fixed routes twice per year. The changes are effective the fourth Monday in January and July, with new Transit Books published to match those dates. This briefing summarizes the services changes for Scottsdale Routes that will become effective on July 22, 2013.

### **Route Design**

The Express Route 514 (Fountain Hills/Scottsdale to Downtown Phoenix) schedule is adjusted to eliminate ten minutes of travel time for both inbound trips to Phoenix. The first trip will arrive downtown ten minutes earlier than current schedule and the later trip will leave Fountain Hills ten minutes later than current schedule.

The Miller Road Trolley schedule is adjusted on two southbound trips to facilitate more efficient transfer to the Route 514 Express.

Route 106 (Shea Blvd.) will be discontinued in Scottsdale and will terminate at Paradise Valley Mall. This will affect Phoenix service east of Paradise Valley Mall on Cactus to 56<sup>th</sup> Street and 56<sup>th</sup> Street between Shea/Cactus. No service is affected in Scottsdale.

The Route 80 (Northern Ave.) will be extended from the current end of the line at Northern Ave./16<sup>th</sup> St., east on Northern, south on SR51, east on Shea to current 90<sup>th</sup> St. and Mayo Clinic 136<sup>th</sup> St. routes. While there will be a change in ridership patterns, we anticipate ridership will increase in the corridor. New routing will also provide a connection with the SR51 RAPID service at SR51/Shea Park N Ride for service to Downtown Phoenix.

Route 186 (Union Hills Rd./Mayo Ave.) currently ends at Mayo Clinic at Union Hills Rd./56<sup>th</sup> St. The City of Phoenix will extend the route east on Mayo St. to Scottsdale Rd. and use Chauncey as a turn-around. There will be no cost to Scottsdale as the route ends at the Phoenix side of Scottsdale Rd. The new route will provide additional opportunity for Scottsdale residents, including transit access between Mayo Clinic and Mayo Hospital.

### **Operating Cost**

None of the service changes will increase costs to Scottsdale. City of Phoenix is willing to extend the new Route 106 from the proposed end of the line at Paradise Valley Mall, to Scottsdale Road in the future. Phoenix would pay for additional services to city border at 64<sup>th</sup> Street, and Scottsdale would be responsible for the one mile segment from 64<sup>th</sup> Street to Scottsdale Road and the turn-around. Transit staff believes this would be a valuable connection for the future BRT and the existing Route 72. During the next year this addition will be evaluated.

**Future Route Considerations**

Transit staff is encouraged by improving connectivity in north Scottsdale via the new Route 80, with extended Route 186 at no additional costs. Potential connections with the proposed Route 106 at Cactus would further integrate north Scottsdale with the Route 72 and future BRT route. The conversion of the Route 106 on Cactus to Route 80 (which provides connectivity to SR 51 Park and Ride, may also improve ridership on the longer trips to Mayo.

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Bus Service Changes  
Effective July 22, 2013

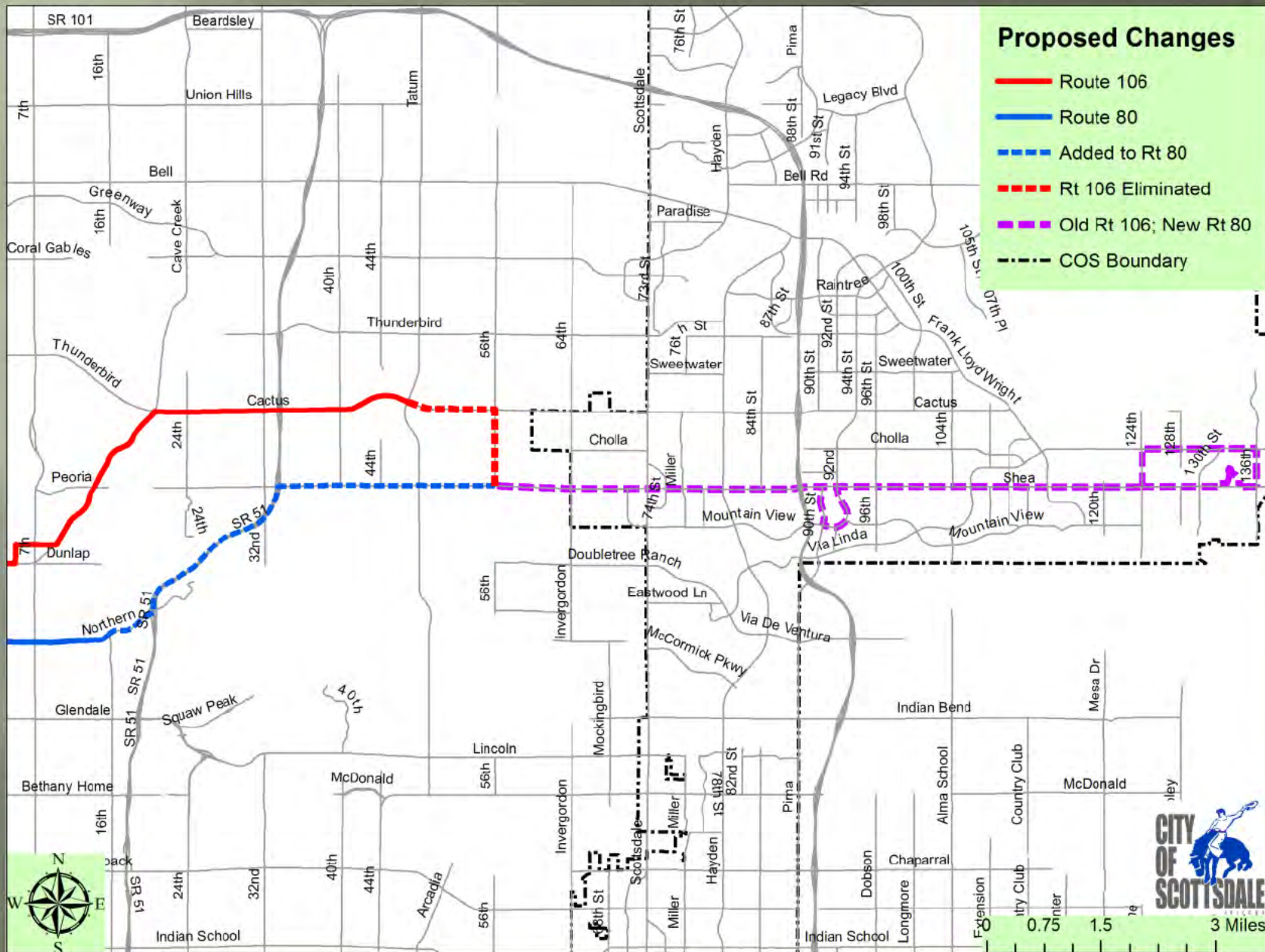
# Overview

- ▣ Bus service provides for major changes twice a year; the fourth Monday in January and the fourth Monday in July.
- ▣ Minor changes may occur the fourth Monday in April and the fourth Monday in October.

# Route 106

- ▣ The Route 106 Shea was changed by City of Phoenix and is outside the participation of City of Scottsdale as the changes all fall within COP boundaries.
  - The Route 106 will terminate at Paradise Valley Mall. The existing route east on Cactus, south on 56th Street will be eliminated.
  - The Route 106 from Shea/56th Street to 92nd Street for short trips and 136 Street for long trips will move to Route 80.

# Route 106 & 80 Changes



# Route 80

- ▣ The existing Route 80 will be extended east on Northern, north on SR - 51, east on Shea to 92nd Street or 136th Street.

# Route 106/80 Issues

- ❑ Eliminates service from PVM to 56th Street/Shea
- ❑ SR- 51 to Shea/56th Street corridor provides more transit access than Cactus.
- ❑ Route 80 provides a direct connection with SR-51 RAPID PNR for displaced 512 Express riders and those who de-board on north Central.



# Route 154 Greenway

- ▣ Routing will change to eliminate stop directly in front of the Airpark terminal
- ▣ Future routing may service new Thunderbird PNR scheduled for completion this summer.

# Route 514 Express

- ▣ Schedule modifications to speed timing for inbound trips.

# Miller Road Trolley

- ▣ Schedule adjustments for trips connecting with the Route 514.