

**JOINT WORK SESSION
FLAGSTAFF CITY COUNCIL/COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

AGENDA

**4:00 PM - MONDAY
MARCH 7, 2016**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
211 WEST ASPEN AVENUE**

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call:

NOTE: One or more Councilmembers/Supervisors may be in attendance telephonically or by other technological means.

CHAIRWOMAN FOWLER
SUPERVISOR ARCHULETA
SUPERVISOR BABBOTT

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COUNCILMEMBER PUTZOVA

4. Public Participation:

Public Participation enables the public to address the Council about an items that are not on the agenda. Public Participation appears on the agenda twice, at the beginning and at the end of the work session. You may speak at one or the other, but not both. Anyone wishing to comment on an item that is on the agenda is asked to fill out a speaker card and submit it to the recording clerk. When the item comes up on the agenda, your name will be called. You may address the Council up to three times throughout the meeting, including comments made during Public Participation. Please limit your remarks to three minutes per item to allow everyone an opportunity to speak.

5. NAIPTA General Update

6. Discussion on snow play in the Flagstaff area.

7. Coconino County and the City of Flagstaff Legislative Update

8. Informational Items To/From Chairman, Supervisors and County Manager/Mayor, Council and City Manager.

9. Public Participation

10. Adjournment

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Flagstaff City Hall on _____, at _____ a.m./p.m. in accordance with the statement filed by the City Council with the City Clerk.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Elizabeth A. Burke, MMC, City Clerk

CITY OF FLAGSTAFF STAFF SUMMARY REPORT

To: The Honorable Mayor and Council
From: Barbara Goodrich, Deputy City Manager
Date: 03/03/2016
Meeting Date: 03/07/2016



TITLE:

NAIPTA General Update

DESIRED OUTCOME:

General update provided

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Coconino County Board of Supervisors and Flagstaff City Council to receive an update from NAIPTA on their progress regarding service improvements and growth as promised with the 2010 Transit Tax renewal.

INFORMATION:***COUNCIL GOALS:***

- 3) Provide sustainable and equitable public facilities, services, and infrastructure systems in an efficient and effective manner to serve all population areas and demographics
- 6) Provide a well-managed transportation system
- 8) Improve effectiveness of notification, communication, and engagement with residents, neighborhoods and businesses and about City services, programs, policies, projects and developments
- 10) Support and assist the most vulnerable

Attachments: [NAIPTA Update Powerpoint](#)
[NAIPTA Staff Report](#)
[NAIPTA Strategic Plan](#)



Mountain Line Update and Plan

March 7, 2016, Joint Meeting

Title

~~*Promises Made, and Keeping Them*~~

Promises Kept



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Mission

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VISION

To create the finest public transportation experience making NAIPTA services an excellent choice for Northern Arizona Communities.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Respect
- Initiative
- Collaboration
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Dependability
- Environmental Stewardship

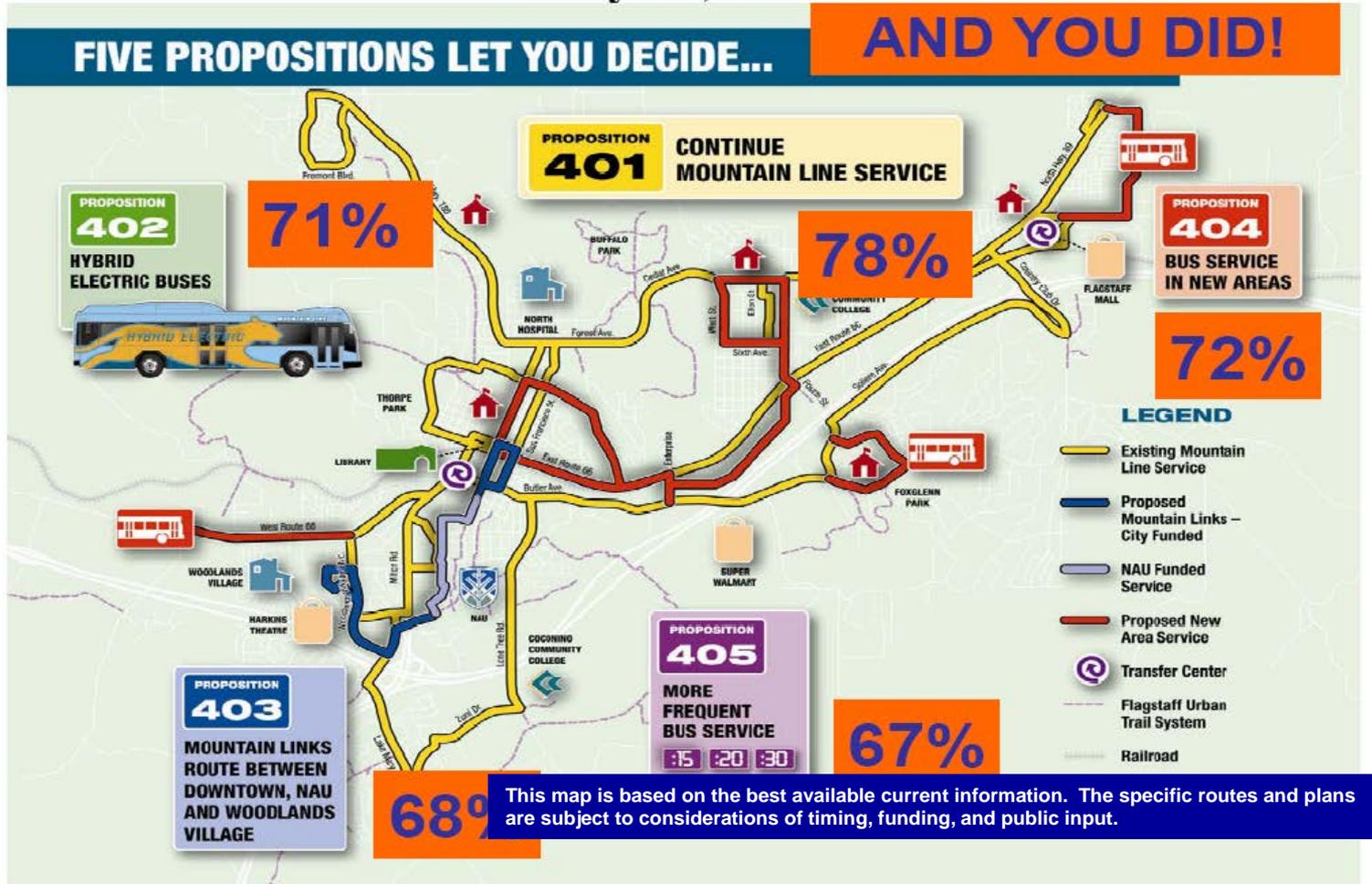




Promises Made FY08

FIVE PROPOSITIONS LET YOU DECIDE...

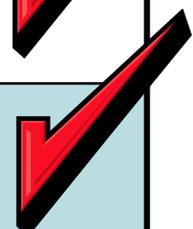
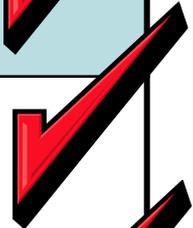
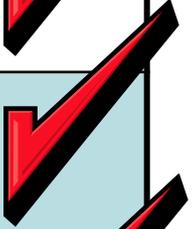
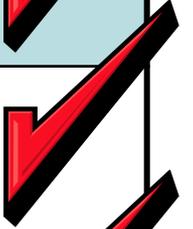
AND YOU DID!



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<i>Prop</i>	<i>Promise</i>	<i>Result</i>
401	Maintain	Done
402	Hybrid Fleet	Done
403	Mountain Link	Done
404	New Service	Rt 7, 10, 10A, 14
405	More Frequent	10, 20, 30 Minute Crosstown Rt. 2 (August)



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FY2016 Accomplishments

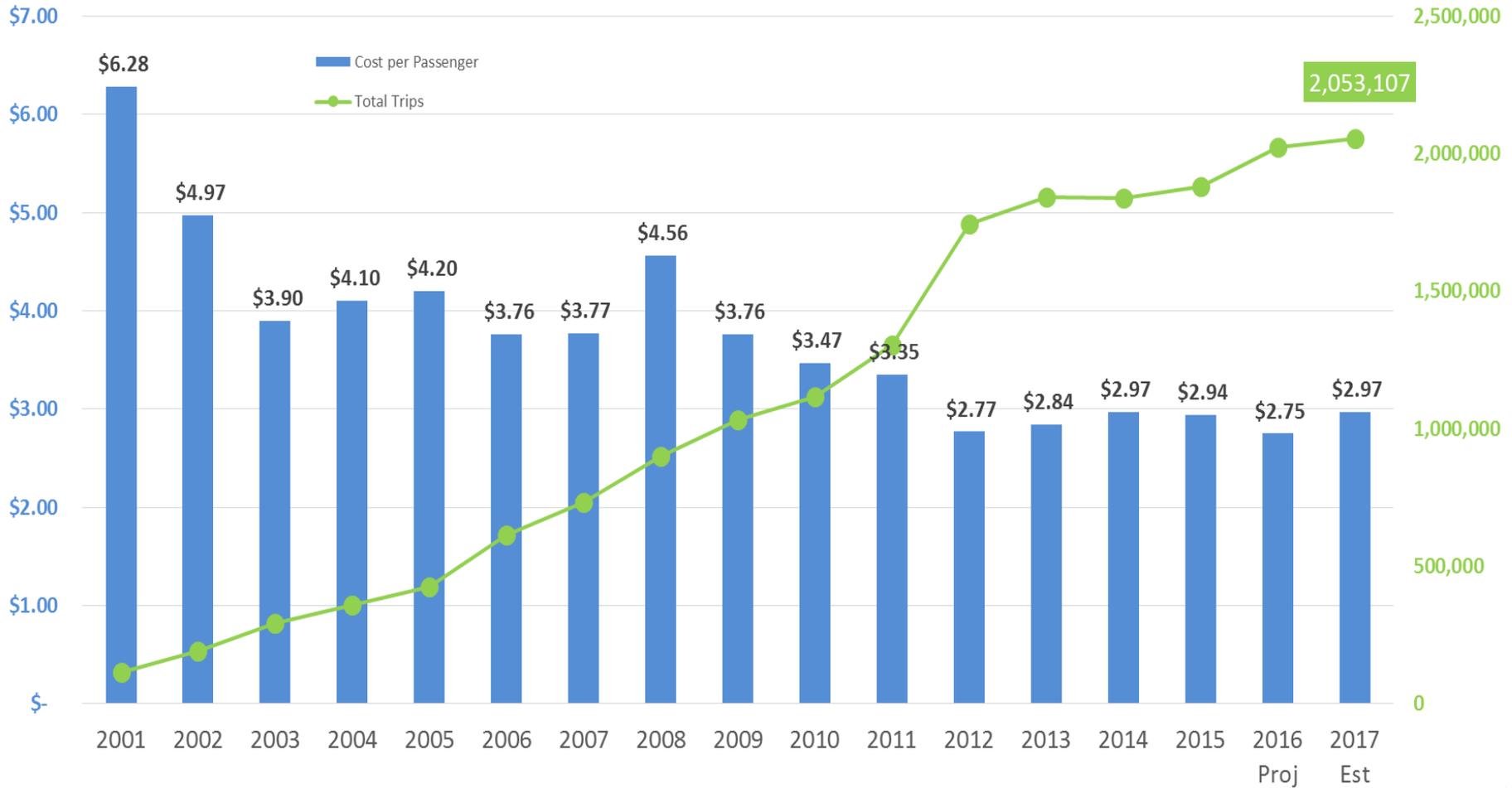
- ✓ Ridership up...
- ✓ Costs down...
- ✓ Service Improved...
 - Vanpools to County
 - More buses on Campus
 - More buses cross town
 - New Technology
 - 99% On-Time (Mountain Lift)



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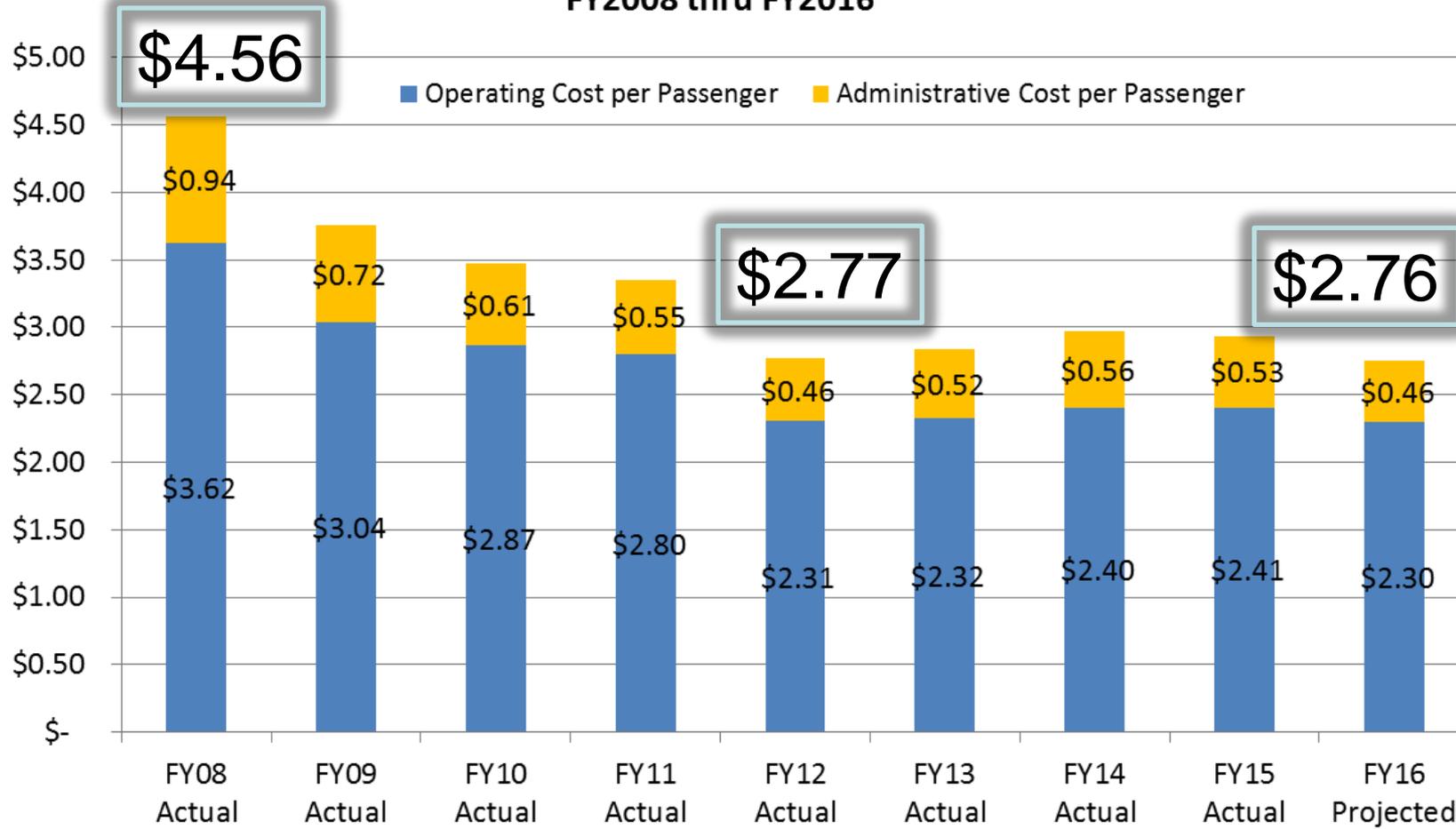


Mountain Line - 16 Years and Growing Strong



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Cost Per Passenger FY2008 thru FY2016

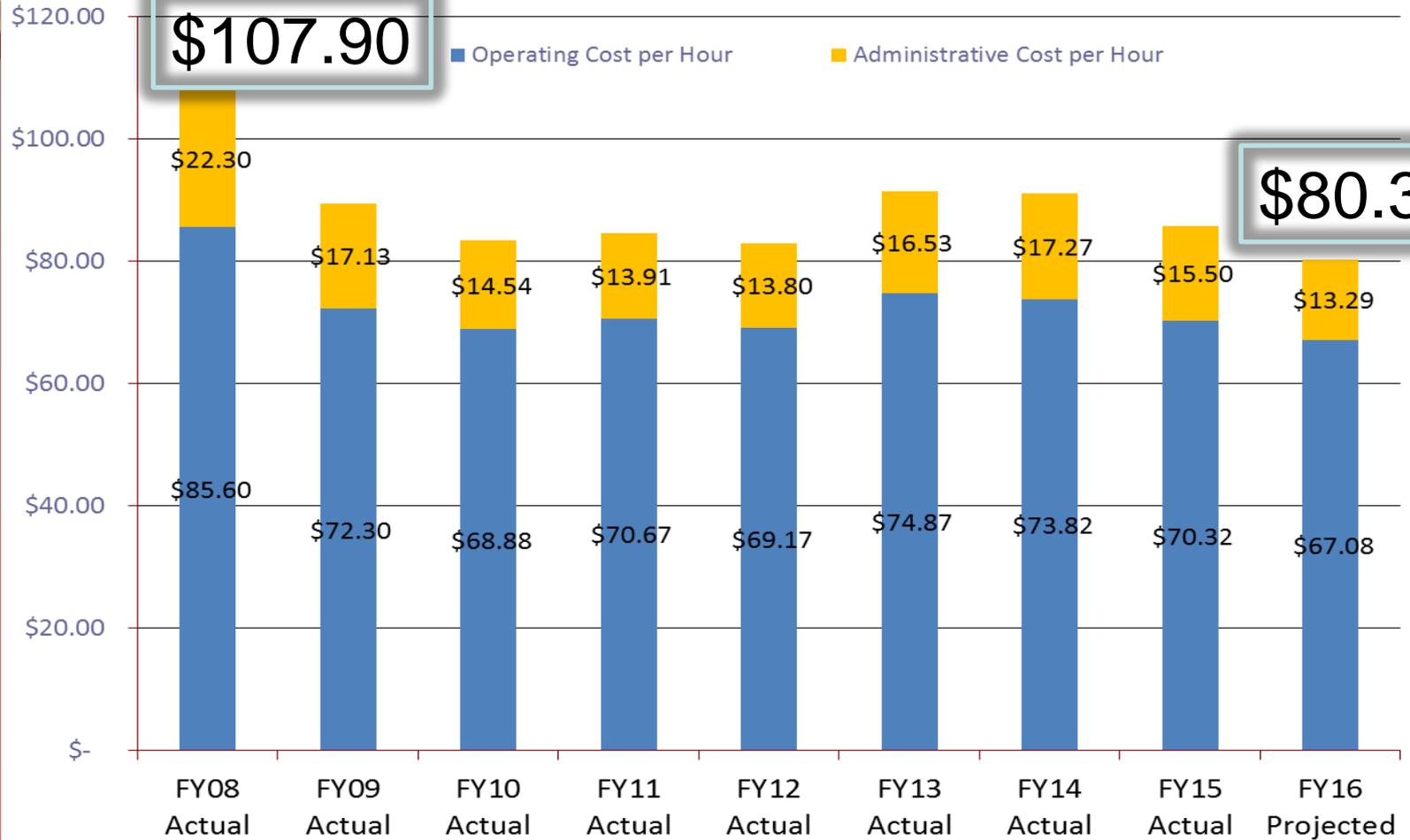


The Lowest Cost Per Passenger Ever

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Cost Per Hour FY2008 thru FY2016



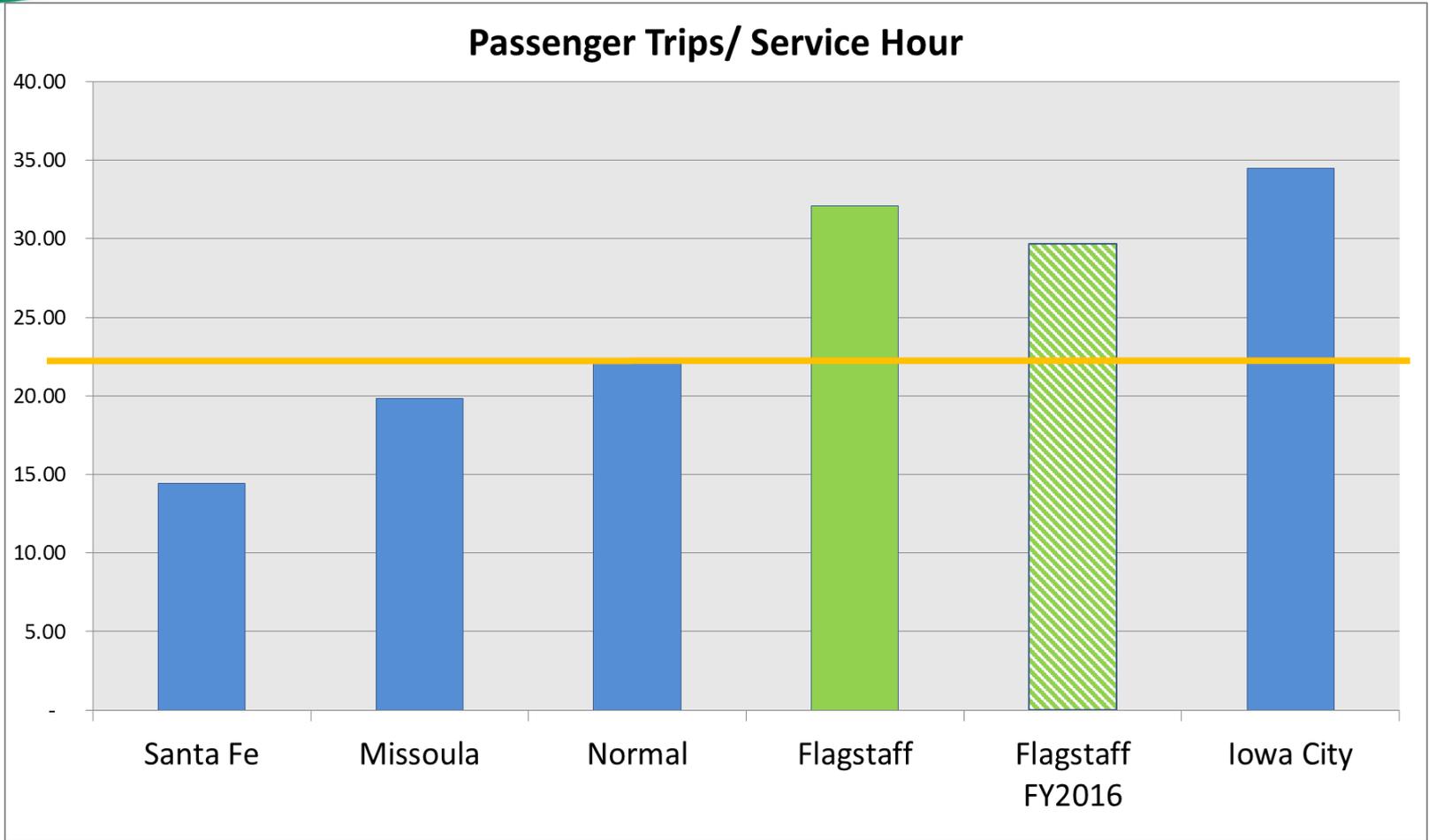
The Lowest Cost Per Bus Hour since 2008

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How Do We Compare to Peers?

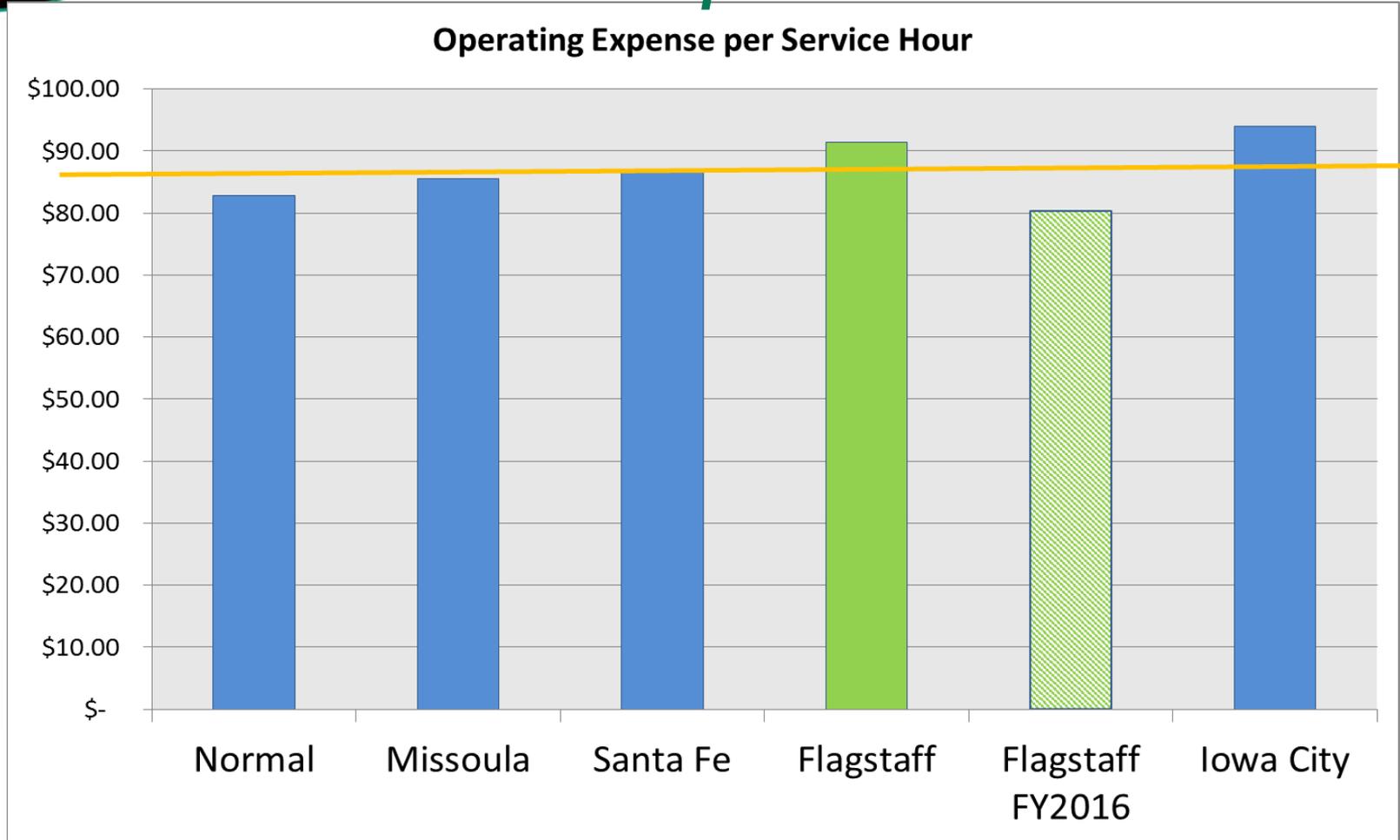


Productive: 2nd Most Trips Per Hour

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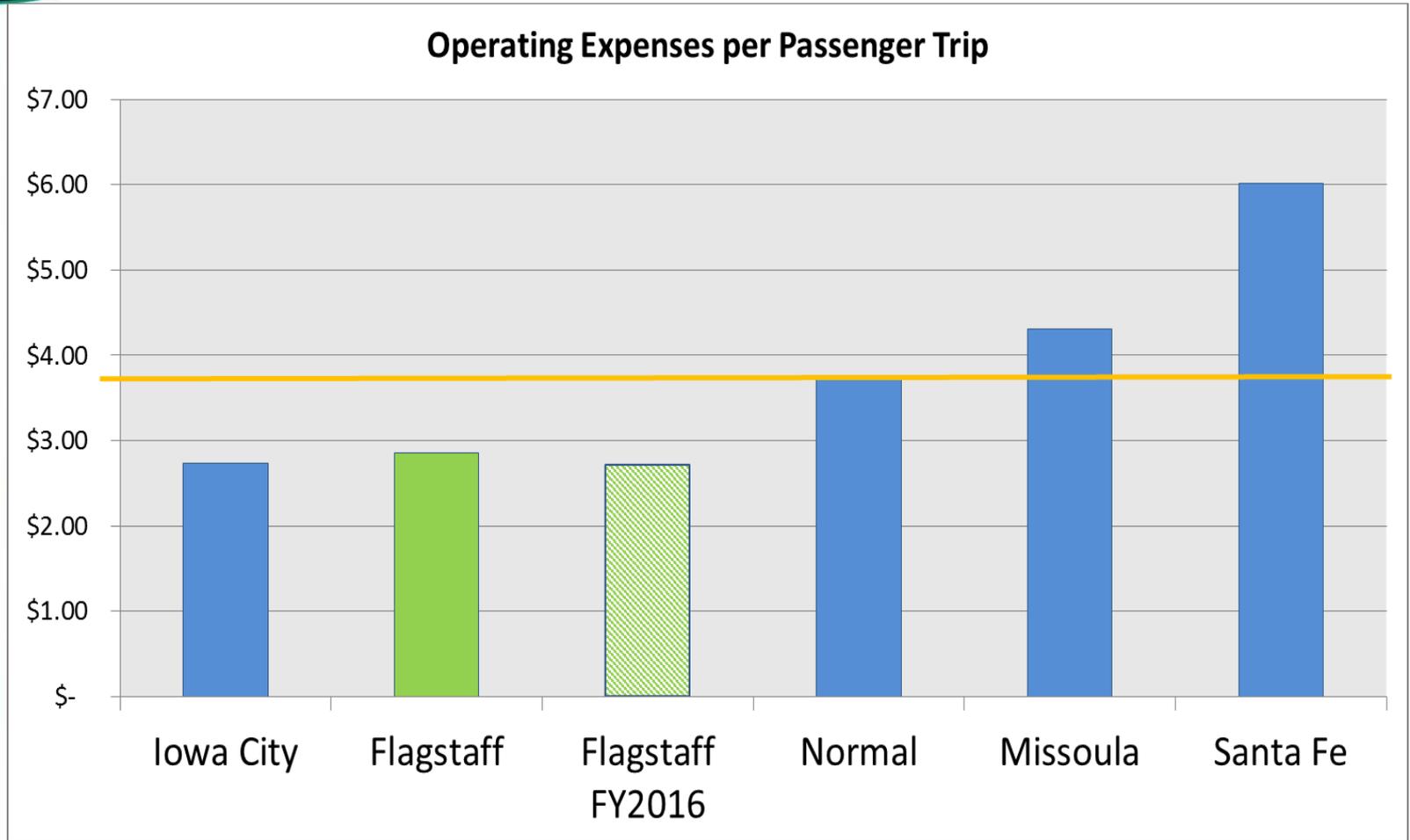


Efficient: Least Cost Per Hour (2016)

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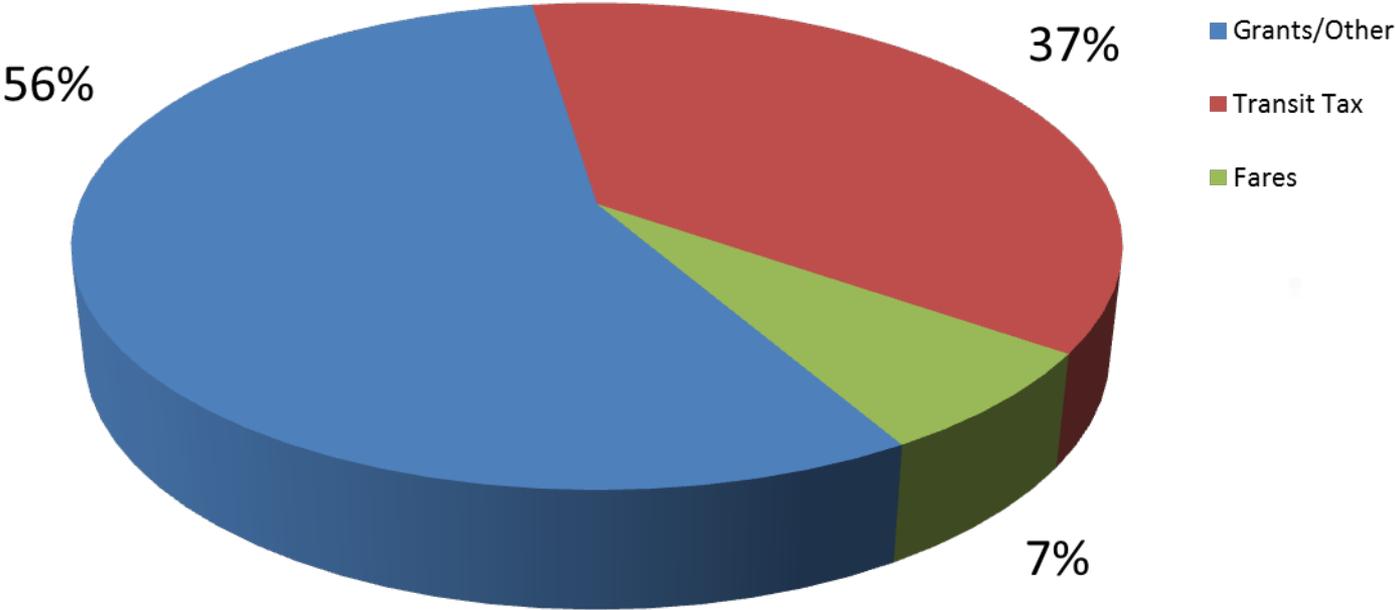


Efficient: Tied for Lowest Cost Per Trip

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Lots of Leverage



Every dollar of local Transit Tax is matched by \$1.27 from Federal and State Sources



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Promises Kept, and...

What's Next?

◎ What I know

- Mountain Line funding sunsets 2020
- Lot's of community involvement
- “Actionable” plans will be written
- Renewal path forward provided at future meeting

◎ What I Don't Know

- What renewal path looks like
- What will “Actionable” plans will say

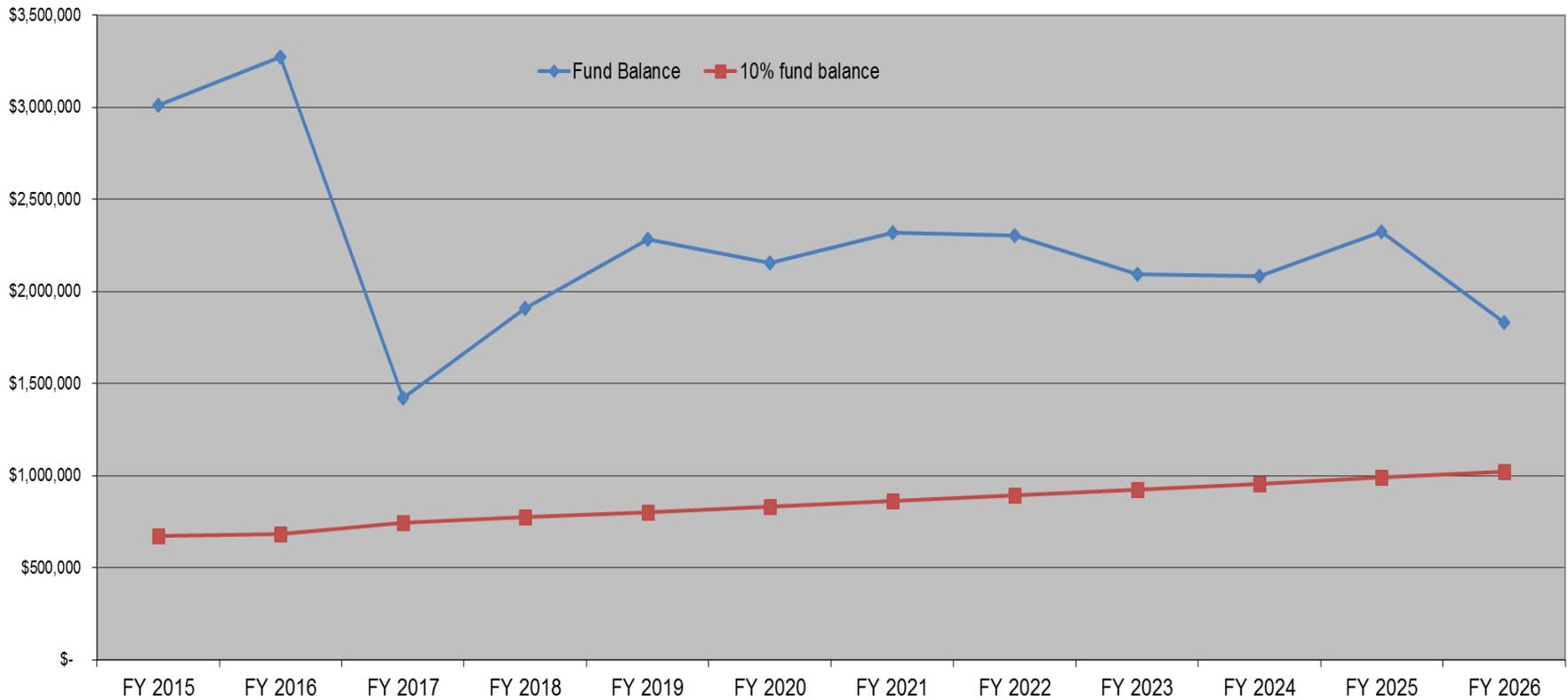


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10 Year Projection

City of Flagstaff Fund Balance
Baseline Scenario



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Proposed Flagstaff Five-Year Transit Growth Plan

**New Areas Served -
Switzer Canyon,
South Sunnyside,
South 4th St. and
Industrial/Steves**

**High Frequency
Transit "Spine"
Woodlands Village – NAU –
Downtown – FMC –
Sunnyside – Flagstaff Mall**

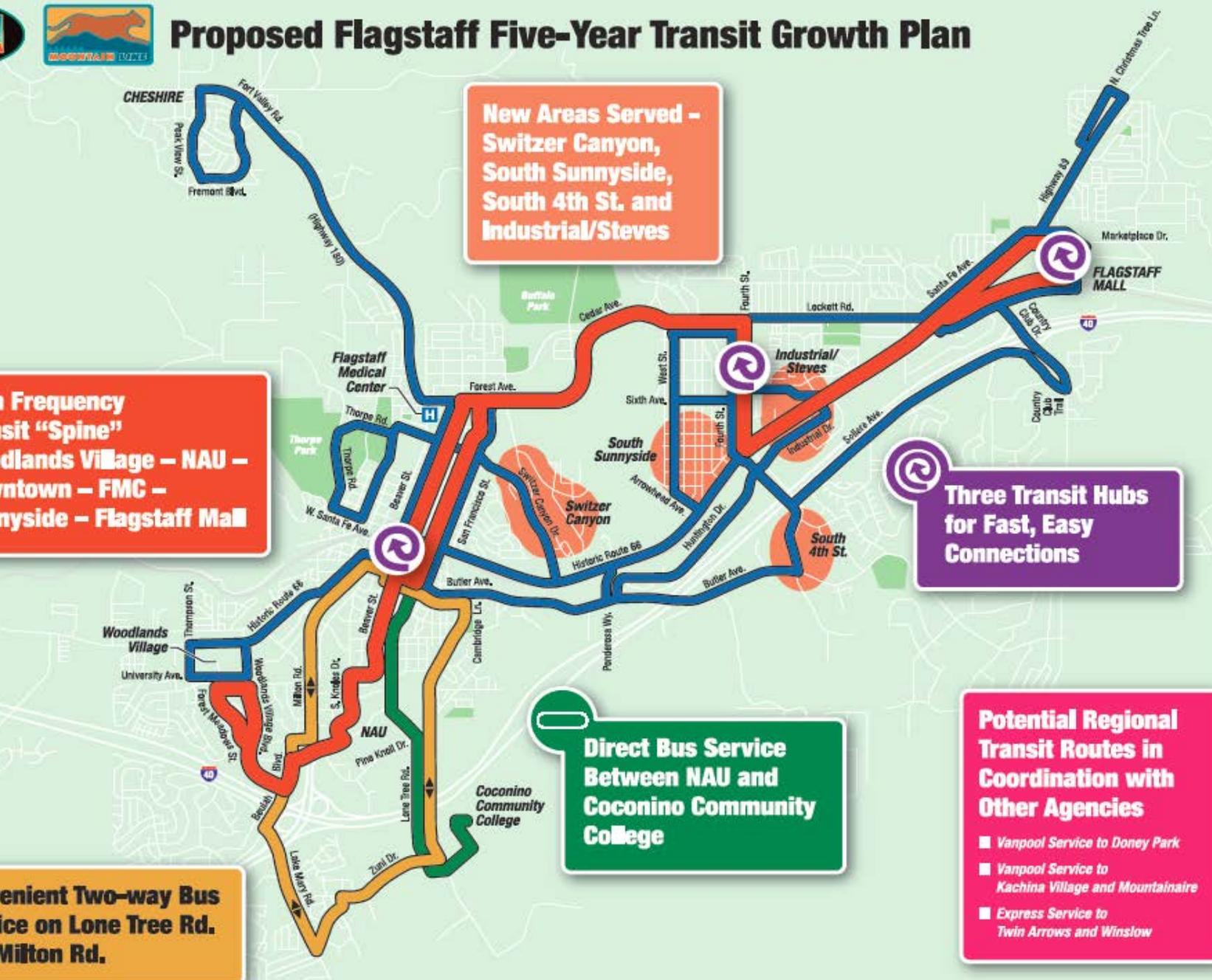
**Three Transit Hubs
for Fast, Easy
Connections**

**Direct Bus Service
Between NAU and
Coconino Community
College**

**Convenient Two-way Bus
Service on Lone Tree Rd.
and Milton Rd.**

**Potential Regional
Transit Routes in
Coordination with
Other Agencies**

- Vanpool Service to Doney Park
- Vanpool Service to Kachina Village and Mountainaire
- Express Service to Twin Arrows and Winslow





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These vehicles
are carrying...

69 people
who could all...

be on this
one bus →







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DATE PREPARED: March 2, 2016

MEETING DATE: March 7, 2016

TO: Flagstaff Mayor and Council;
Coconino County Chair and Members of the Board

FROM: Jeff Meilbeck, NAIPTA CEO and General Manager

SUBJECT: Mountain Line Update and Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for discussion only and no recommendation for action is being made.

RELATED STRATEGIC WORKPLAN OBJECTIVE

Start educating the public about the service Mountain Line provides (tell the transit story) in preparation for returning to voters with a renewal question. Prepare messaging by October 2015 and continue outreach through May 2016.

RELATED GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- ❖ Strive for continuous improvement in all we do
- ❖ Be trustworthy and dependable

BACKGROUND:

NAIPTA is recognizing its 10th anniversary this month and again looking at past performance and future plans. The purpose of this report is to provide an annual update to the Board and Council and to address any questions or concerns.

Highlights for Fiscal Year 2016:

- The new bus storage and maintenance facility is operating successfully. The increased efficiencies of the facility have been part of our reduced operating costs this year.
- Mountain Line enjoyed record ridership in December 2015 experiencing an 18% increase over December 2014. We are projected to top 2,000,000 riders in FY 2016 which is up twenty-fold from the 100,000 riders we served in 2001.
- Mountain Lift continues to manage demand and provide para-transit van service to those most in need while helping those who are physically capable ride the bus.



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- NAIPTA launched a Vanpool program and has 3 vanpools on the road as of this writing.
- NAIPTA is serving on the Regional Transportation Plan Steering Committee in preparation for a collaborative return to voters for transportation funding renewal in 2018.
- The NAIPTA Board has voted to ask City Council to send a flat funding transit tax renewal to voters in November 2016.
- Mountain Line's cost per passenger is projected to drop to \$2.76 in FY 2016, an all time low.
- Mountain Line's cost per service hour is projected to drop to \$80.37 In FY 2016, the lowest since 2008.
- NAIPTA earned an additional \$192,000 of performance based federal transit funding in 2016.

Staff will be available to provide more detail and answer questions.



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Strategic Work Plan January 2015 to June 2016

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Treat everyone with respect
- Show initiative, imagination and creativity
- Collaborate to enhance service delivery
- Strive for continuous improvement in all we do
- Put the customer first
- Be environmental stewards
- Be trustworthy and dependable
- Be fiscally responsible and responsive to changing demographics

5 YEAR HORIZON

- Plan with attention to “green” opportunities and long-term sustainability.
- Apply imagination, creativity and innovation to improve the service we deliver.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of our brand, name and image in creating stronger ties with the public.
- Build cooperative relationships regionally to expand and enhance NAIPTA’s positive impact.
- Establish financial policies and seek revenue sources to maintain fiscal strength.
- Follow through on promises we have made.

10 YEAR HORIZON

- NAIPTA will be a seamless, inclusive regional system that is fully supported by member communities.
- NAIPTA will be known for finishing what we start in a responsible, professional and timely manner.
- People will know NAIPTA... people will use NAIPTA. Marketing has succeeded.
- NAIPTA will be known for living the guiding principles.



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Strategic Work Plan January 2015 to June 2016

WORKPLAN MISSION

Maintain transit service levels in a manner that supports successful implementation of both November 2014 roadway infrastructure sales tax efforts (Coconino County Proposition 403 and City of Flagstaff Proposition 406), increases cross-town frequency, and prepares to send a minimum flat transit tax renewal to the Voters by May 2016.

OBJECTIVES

- Analyze timing options for returning to voters with a transit tax renewal and prepare a recommendation for Flagstaff City Council by September 2015 that includes a minimum of a flat tax renewal scenario.
- Participate actively in Proposition 406 efforts by serving on the City of Flagstaff's planning and implementation team.
- Continue to explore the benefits to all partners of closer collaboration between NAIPTA and FMPO and request a Board decision by June 30, 2015.
- Complete a financial analysis and 10 year projections of three service expansion scenarios by March 2015. All scenarios should recognize Prop. 406 impacts and provide cautious expansion plans that increase service and efficiency without risking the integrity and success of the existing system.
- Attempt to provide at least 20 minute cross-town frequency to match the 10 to 20 minute frequency provided on and around Northern Arizona University by June 30, 2016.
- Support the City's efforts to launch a public education campaign on Prop. 406 Implementation (You approved, We Improved) by including transit improvements in material. Prepare messaging by April 2015 and publicize by May 2015.
- Start educating the public about the service Mountain Line provides (tell the transit story) in preparation for returning to voters with a renewal question. Prepare messaging by October 2015 and continue outreach through May 2016.
- Keep the public informed and utilize elected officials and TAC members more extensively by providing them with information and outreach training by April 2015 and conduct 50 outreach presentations by May 2016.
- Continue to participate in state and national transit organizations with goal of advancing transit issues and increasing transit funding.
- Implement Board direction from November 2014 and triple NAIPTA's FY 2016 advertising revenues over FY 2014 levels (net \$180,000).
- Complete a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) program plan which addresses downtown congestion issues by March 30, 2016.
- Complete independent market study of NAIPTA positions by May 2015 and provide fiscally responsible recommendation to Board by June 2015.
- Complete route schedule staffing analysis and attempt to reduce operating costs by 2% by June 2016.
- Develop Transit Guidelines/Development Impacts for Board adoption by May 2016.



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CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT

To: The Honorable Mayor and Council
From: Rebecca Sayers, Interim Recreation Director
Date: 02/26/2016
Meeting Date: 03/07/2016



TITLE:

Discussion on snow play in the Flagstaff area.

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding snow play activities and potential traffic mitigation resolutions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff from the U.S. Forest Service, Coconino County, and City of Flagstaff will present to the City Council and Board of Supervisors the following information:

- Brief background and history of snow play issues in the region
- An update on current marketing efforts for snow play areas and promoting alternate traffic routes
- An update on the Request for Proposals for snow play at Fort Tuthill County Park
- Public safety and traffic mitigation strategies employed by the Flagstaff Police Department and the Coconino County Sheriff's Office
- Discussion and direction to staff

INFORMATION:

COUNCIL GOALS:

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- 7) Continue to implement the Flagstaff Regional Plan and focus efforts on specific plans
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- 9) Improve the economic quality of life for Flagstaff through economic diversification, and by fostering jobs and programs that grow wages and revenues

Attachments: [Snow Play Discussion Agenda](#)
[USFS background and history](#)
[CVB snow play map](#)
[CC P&R Fort Tuthill snow play update](#)

Snow Play Discussion

**Joint meeting of the
Flagstaff City Council and Coconino County Board of Supervisors
March 7, 2016**

Agenda

- **History and Background – Brian Poturalski, USFS**
- **Update on marketing efforts and the snow play map – Trace Ward, City of Flagstaff**
- **Update on snow play at Fort Tuthill – Brian Grube, Coconino County**
- **Update on public safety and traffic mitigation efforts – Dan Musselman, City of Flagstaff Police Department and Jim Driscoll, Coconino County Sheriff’s Office**
- **Discussion**

Snow Play Background – Key Items Flagstaff Region

- ❖ 1995 – Injury/Lawsuit at Thorpe Park (City Park)
- ❖ 1998 – Hwy. 180 Parking Restrictions Implemented (ADOT)
- ❖ 2000 – Snowbowl Road Parking Restrictions Implemented
- ❖ 2001 – Wing Mtn./Crowley Pit Winter Parking Development
- ❖ 2004 – McMillan Mesa Snowplay Site Rejected (City Bond)
- ❖ 2005 – Northern Winter Recreation Taskforce Established
- ❖ 2005 – City Council/County BOS Snow Play Presentations
- ❖ 2006 – Temporary SUP issued to RRM for Wing Mountain
- ❖ 2006 – National Scenic Byways Grant (\$87K) - Denied

Snow Play Background – Key Items Flagstaff Region

- ❖ 2009 – NEPA Completed and prospectus/SUP issued to RRM for Wing Mtn. Snow Play Area
- ❖ 2009 – Detention Basin Closed to Snow Play Activity (City)
- ❖ 2010 – Snow Play Study (City of Flagstaff – CVB)
- ❖ 2011 – Snow Play Site Proposal at McMillan Mesa (City)
- ❖ 2012 – Hwy. 180 Winter Traffic Study (City of Flagstaff)
- ❖ 2014 – Wing Mtn. Snow Play SUP re-issued (5-years)
- ❖ 2015 – Flagstaff is Designated AZ’s Official Winter Wonderland
- ❖ 2016 – Coconino County implements Local Traffic Only effort
- ❖ 2017 – Ft. Tuthill, Coconino County Seeks RFP (pending)



Designated as Arizona's winter wonderland, Flagstaff attracts visitors from all over to our snowy playground.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Recreation Areas North of Flagstaff

Access from Milton Rd

- ▶ I-17 North turns into MILTON RD, continue following north until MILTON merges into ROUTE 66
- ▶ Turn Left onto HUMPHREYS ST
- ▶ Turn Left onto FORT VALLEY RD /HWY 180

On Return to Milton Rd

- ▶ From FORT VALLEY RD use HUMPHREYS or BEAVER

Access from Butler Avenue

- ▶ From I-17 North, exit onto I-40 East
- ▶ Take exit 198 to BUTLER AVE
- ▶ Turn left on BUTLER AVE
- ▶ Straight onto PONDEROSA PKWY
- ▶ Turn Left onto ROUTE 66
- ▶ Turn Right onto SWITZER CANYON RD
- ▶ Continue into FORT VALLEY RD / HWY 180

Recreation Area West of Flagstaff

Access from I-40 to Oak Hill Snowplay Area

- ▶ From I-40 West go 17 miles, take EXIT # 178
- ▶ Turn Right and go to Historic Route 66
- ▶ Turn Left on Historic Old Route 66
- ▶ Go 4 miles to Oak Hill Snow Play Area on left

TO GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Mile Post 235

Mile Post 233

Mile Post 232

180

Travel may be restricted on HWY 180 between mile posts 236 (Kendrick Park) and 248 (Cedar Ranch Rd) during heavy snowfalls.

Walker Lake Parking Area/Kendrick Park*
928-526-0866 • www.fs.usda.gov/coconino

Crowley Pit Parking Area
928-526-0866 • www.fs.usda.gov/coconino

Flagstaff Nordic Center
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. • 928-220-0550
flagstaffnordiccenter.com

HART PRAIRIE

Forest Rd 222B

Mile Post 226

Forest Rd 516

Snowbowl Rd

180

SAN FRANCISCO PEAKS

Arizona Snowbowl*
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
928-779-1951
arizonasnowbowl.com
*Please Note: No snowplay is permitted within the Arizona Snowbowl ski area or along Snowbowl Rd. (Forest Rd 516), and NO parking is permitted along either Snowbowl Rd or Hwy 180

Peak View Parking Area
928-526-0866
www.fs.usda.gov/coconino

Map courtesy of the Flagstaff Convention and Visitors Bureau

LEGEND

- Snowplay
- Sledging, Tubing
- Cross-country skiing
- Downhill skiing, snowboarding
- Snowshoeing
- Snowmobile access
- Snowbiking
- Concessions
- Fees associated with some activities

Fort Valley Rd / HWY 180

Switzer Canyon Rd

Humphreys St

Beaver St

Butler Ave

Route 66

66

198

40

exit 178

to exit 178

Flagstaff

Milton Rd

Butler Ave

40

exit 198 to Butler Ave

McConnell Dr

Oak Hill

928-526-0866
www.fs.usda.gov/coconino

Fort Tuthill County Park

928-679-8000
coconino.az.gov

Beulah Blvd

Lake Mary Rd

339

337

Pulliam Airport

Flagstaff

Lake Mary Rd

339

17

Mormon Lake Lodge
928-354-2227
mormonlakelodge.com

Happy Jack Lodge
928-477-2805
happyjacklodge.com

Recreation Areas South of Flagstaff

Access from I-17 to Fort Tuthill Park

- ▶ From I-17 North., take EXIT #337
- ▶ Turn left, proceed through roundabout
- ▶ Continue straight onto FAIRGROUNDS RD

Mormon Lake Lodge

- ▶ From I-17 North, take EXIT #339 / LAKE MARY RD/MORMON LAKE
- ▶ Turn Right on S LAKE MARY RD go 21 miles
- ▶ Turn Right on Mormon Lake Village exit
- ▶ Continue 7 miles to lodge.

Happy Jack Lodge

- ▶ From I-17 N., take EXIT #339 / LAKE MARY RD / MORMON LAKE
- ▶ Turn Right on S. LAKE MARY RD
- ▶ Cont. 38 miles to MILE POST 292.5



#azwinterwonderland



WINTER WONDERLAND

Flagstaff was recently named arizona's official winter wonderland. Learn more about all there is to experience, including events such as the

GREAT PINECONE DROP ❄️ DEW DOWNTOWN FLAGSTAFF ❄️ WINTERFEST



WHAT TO PACK

LAYER FOR OPTIMAL COMFORT

- ▶ Heavy pants or jeans
- ▶ Long sleeve thermal shirts for layering
- ▶ Warm sweater, sweatshirt or fleece
- ▶ Winter coat, hat, gloves and a scarf
- ▶ Waterproof winter boots and heavy socks

**KEEP IT FUN
KEEP IT SAFE**



- ▶ Find a safe spot to sled
- ▶ Look for hidden dangers
- ▶ Sled in the daytime
- ▶ Keep away from frozen water
- ▶ Wear bright, warm, easy-to-spot clothing
- ▶ Keep an extra blanket in the car if traveling
- ▶ Consider a helmet
- ▶ Plan for emergencies

flagstaffwinter.com ❄️ 877.878.9377



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Coconino County Parks and Recreation

Snowplay Opportunities at Fort Tuthill
City of Flagstaff Council and Coconino County Board of
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March 07, 2016



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Snowplay Possibilities at Fort Tuthill County Park

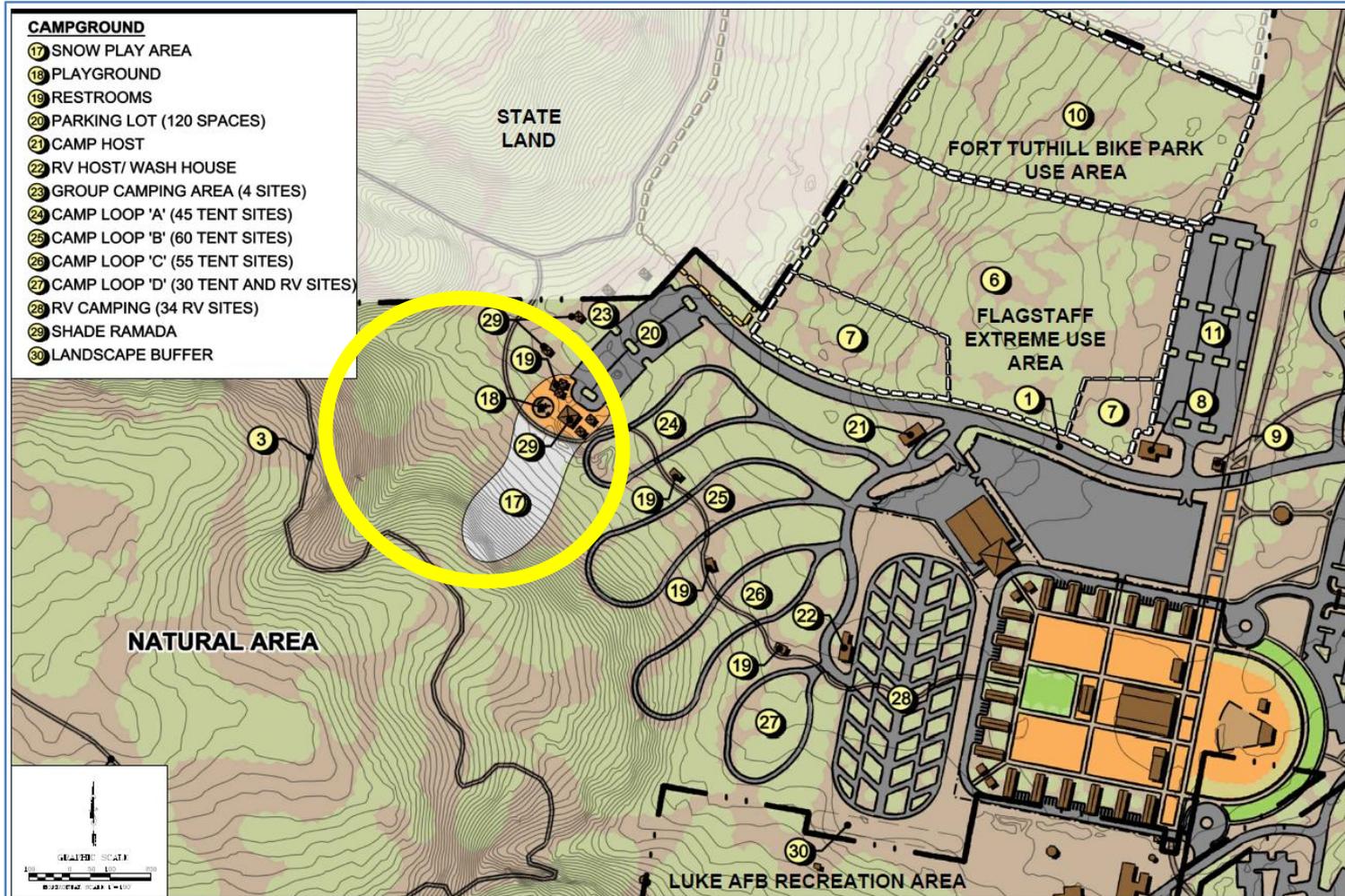
- Background
- Review proposed site
- Discuss possible options
- Next Steps



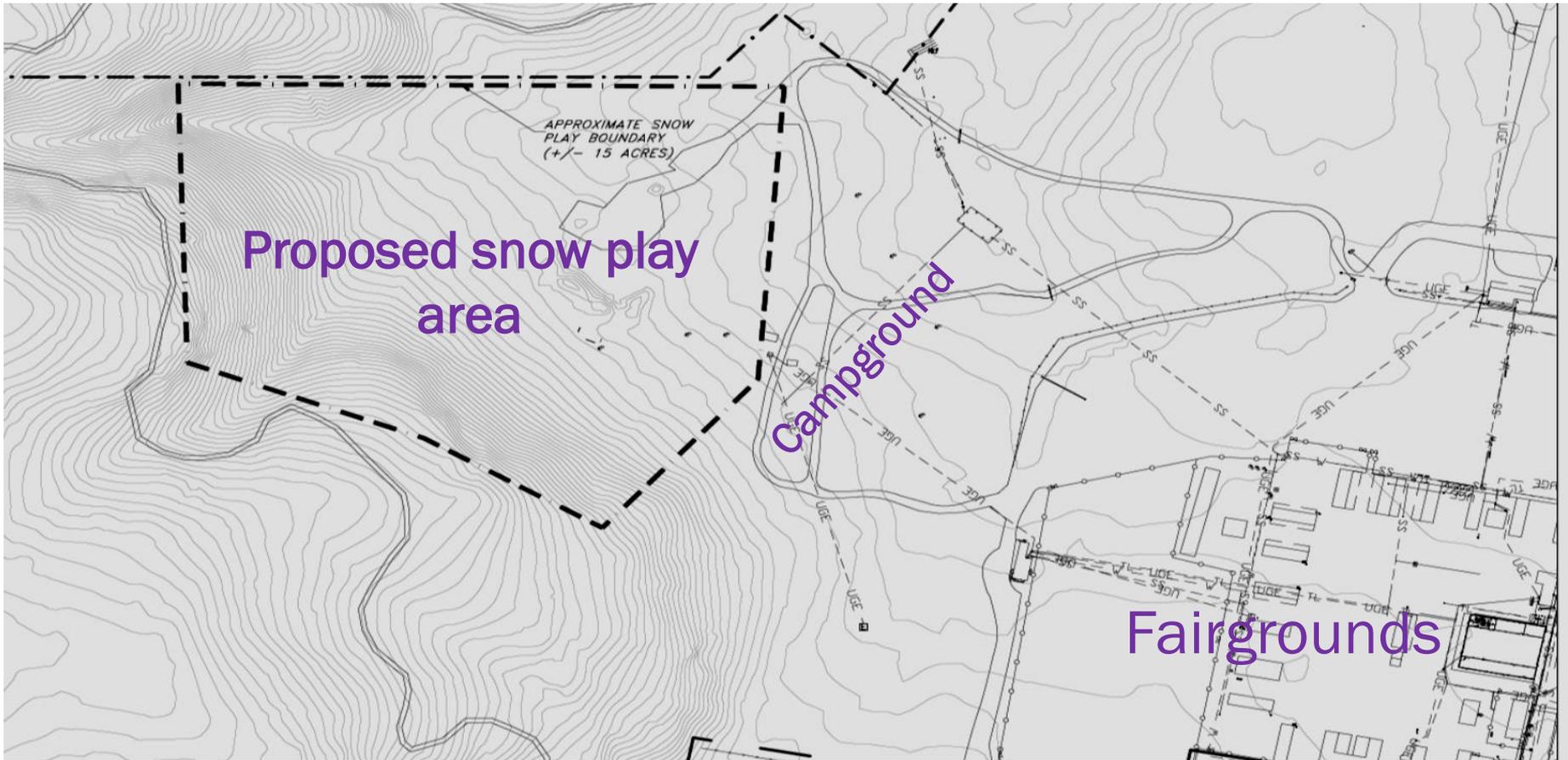
Background

- Snowplay and the need
 - This is one component helping to address a larger issue – not the solution
- This initiative is supported by both the Coconino Parks and Recreation and the Fort Tuthill Master Plans.
- Fort Tuthill is ideally located
- Identified in snowplay study(s) as an ideal location

Snowplay – Proposed Site



Snowplay – Proposed Site



Snowplay – Proposed Site



Snowplay – Proposed Site



Snowplay – Proposed Site



Snowplay – Proposed Site



Snowplay – Proposed Site





Snowplay Concept and Possible Aspects

- **Initial phase (illustrative)**
 - Develop slope for safe sledding/tubing
 - Concessions (food & Sled rental/purchase)
 - Traffic and parking plan
 - Revenue share model
 - Operation plan
 - Fire pit and benches for gathering
 - Rest room facilities
 - Passive snow play area
 - Parking lot and access road improvements



Snowplay Concept and Possible Aspects

- **Mid-term possibilities (illustrative)**
 - Warming hut with fire ring
 - Groomed trails (skiing, snowshoeing, snow-bikes)
 - Bring in utilities (water, power, sewer)
 - Concessions building
 - Further refinement of slope (tubing lanes, open slope)
 - Ice skating rink



Snowplay Concept and Possible Aspects

- **Long-term possibilities (illustrative)**
 - Year round programming
 - Include campground as part of annual operations
 - Lighting
 - Snow making
 - Other?



Time Line and Next Steps

- **Create request for proposal**
 - 1/26 - Met with Board of Supervisors
 - 2/24 - Met with stakeholders to solicit input for the scope of work for the RFP
 - RFP will be out by the end of April
 - County open to alternate submissions (outside of scope of work)
 - Review bids and bring back recommendation to BOS
- **Goal**
 - Have operational snow play area for winter of 2016/17

Discussion

Questions and Discussion



CITY OF FLAGSTAFF STAFF SUMMARY REPORT

To: The Honorable Mayor and Council
From: Stephanie Smith, Assistant to City Manager
Date: 03/01/2016
Meeting Date: 03/07/2016



TITLE:

Coconino County and the City of Flagstaff Legislative Update

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Information and reporting on legislative items

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

County Government Affairs Director Todd Madeksza will present an update on the County Legislative Agenda. City of Flagstaff team represented by Richard Travis, Triadvocates, LLC and Stephanie Smith, Assistant to the City Manager, will present an update on the City's legislative priorities.

INFORMATION:

COUNCIL GOALS:

- 1) Invest in our employees and implement retention and attraction strategies
- 2) Ensure Flagstaff has a long-term water supply for current and future needs
- 3) Provide sustainable and equitable public facilities, services, and infrastructure systems in an efficient and effective manner to serve all population areas and demographics
- 4) Develop and implement guiding principles that address public safety service levels through appropriate staff levels
- 5) Explore and adopt policies to lower the costs associated with housing to the end user
- 6) Provide a well-managed transportation system
- 7) Continue to implement the Flagstaff Regional Plan and focus efforts on specific plans
- 8) Improve effectiveness of notification, communication, and engagement with residents, neighborhoods and businesses and about City services, programs, policies, projects and developments
- 9) Improve the economic quality of life for Flagstaff through economic diversification, and by fostering jobs and programs that grow wages and revenues
- 10) Support and assist the most vulnerable
- 11) Ensure that we are as prepared as possible for extreme weather events

Attachments: [County Presentation](#)
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2016 Legislative Priorities

Government Relations

Coconino County Board of Supervisors

Flagstaff City Council

March 7, 2016

County Associations



County Supervisors
ASSOCIATION
of arizona

Represents the 61 County Supervisors at the State and Federal levels

Represents the other Constitutional County Officers at the State and Federal levels



Arizona State Legislature

- **State Senate**
 - 17/13 Split (Rs to Ds)
 - Senate President Andy Biggs running for Congress (CD 5)
 - Senator Gail Griffin (Whip)
 - Senator Sylvia Allen (President Pro Tempore)

- **State House**
 - 36/24 Split (Rs to Ds)
 - House Speaker David Gowan running for Congress (CD 1)
 - Majority Leader Steve Montenegro termed out (Senate)

Budget Actual

	'15		'16	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Revised
Balance Forward	\$577M	\$577M	\$12m	\$266M
Revenues	\$8.63B	\$8.95B	\$9.09B	\$9.09B
Rainy Day Transfer	\$144M	\$0M	\$0M	\$0M
Spending	\$9.34B	\$9.26B	\$9.13B	\$9.13B
Ending Balance	\$12M	\$266 M	(\$35) M	\$219 M

Coconino County has absorbed \$7.7 million in impacts since FY08

FY2008 - FY2015 Budget Impacts	Statewide County Impact	Coconino
Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) Shifts	(\$126,219,910)	(\$4,596,741)
Lost Revenue Streams	(\$55,495,345)	(\$1,745,939)
Program Shifts	(\$105,550,226)	(\$1,399,154)
Mandated Contributions	(\$130,189,600)	\$0
Estimated Fiscal Impact	(\$417,455,081)	(\$7,741,833)

2016 Coconino County Fiscal Priorities

- Limit county exposure for state programs like ADJC, DOR and payments to ASH for remanded SVPs
- Restore funding for the Presidential Primary Election
- Fully fund HURF and protect from further sweeps
- Full funding PILT
- Short-term reauthorization of SRS and identify a long-term solution for forested counties
- Fund the long-term surface transportation program (FAST ACT) with sustainable revenues
- Require concessionaires on federal land to compensate local governments for public services
- Enact comprehensive immigration reform
- Continue forest restoration efforts, like the Four Forest Restoration Initiative

2016 CSA State Legislative Priorities

- Eliminate County DUC Pool Payment
- Support increased revenues for transportation
- Reinstate the Office of Film and Media

Others

- SB 1257 misconduct involving weapons; public places (Kavanagh)
- HB 2403 tax lien deeds; aggregate fees (Leach)
- SB 1486 presidential preference election; appropriation; repeal (Biggs)
- HB 2597 delinquent property taxes; interest; reduction (Olson)
- HB 2517 businesses; professions; regulation restrictions (Petersen)
- HB 2183 inmate body scans; contraband (Shope)



Questions?

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City of Flagstaff Legislative Update

— March 7, 2019 —

Flagstaff City Council – Coconino County Board of Supervisors



City Council's 2016 Guiding Principles

- Charter
- Local Control
- City Council Goals and Legislative Priorities
- Transparency and accountability
- League of Arizona Cities and Towns
- Partnerships



Flagstaff 2016 State Legislative Priorities

- Advocate to Expand and Protect Local Control
- Advocate to Preserve Local Funding





Flagstaff 2016 State Legislative Priorities

Advocate for funding and building a skilled nursing facility for veterans in Flagstaff.

- 2/4: **HB2329** passed committee 6 – 2
- 2/10: **SB1114** passed committee 5 – 0
- 2/23: Appropriations Committee **SB1114**, passed 8 – 0





Flagstaff 2016 State Legislative Priorities

Advocate for investing in forest health treatments on state-owned land in the Flagstaff region.

- Wildland Fire Hazard Fuel Grant \$150,000
- Western Bark Beetle Initiative Grant \$196,200





Flagstaff 2016 State Legislative Priorities

Advocate for securing authority to place portions of the Red Gap Ranch Pipeline within Interstate 40 right-of-way.

- Successfully negotiated IGA with ADOT identifying the process and requirements for encroachment permit
- IGA Approved by City Council on January 19th and executed



Flagstaff 2016 State Legislative Priorities

Advocate against firearm legislation that will allow guns in public facilities

- Focused advocacy strategy on Business Community, Local Control Advocates and Tourism Sector
- **SB 1266** Firearm State Preemption and **SB 1257** Guns in Public Places moving in Senate – *Arizona Chamber Opposes*
- **HB 2072** Guns Universities and **HB 2524** Uniform Gun Transfer have not moved further
- No indication yet from the Governor

Flagstaff 2016 State Legislative Priorities

Advocate for reforming state pension systems to obtain greater flexibility in managing pension plans affecting municipal employees

- PSPRS Legislation Bills: **SB1428**; **SB1429**; **SCR1019** passed through the House with amendments, and were again passed by the Senate
- **SB1428** will create the new Tier 3 of PSPRS beginning 7/1/17
- Constitutional amendment (May 17th ballot) to change existing members from a PBI to COLA

Flagstaff 2016 State Legislative Priorities

Statewide issues important to Flagstaff

- Advocate for investing in **economic development** efforts in the Flagstaff region
- Advocate for flexible financing authority for commercial entities for upfront investment capital in **energy efficiency improvements** to properties
- Advocate for removing the \$2.5 million cap that allows the State's **Housing Trust Fund** to be fully funded through unclaimed property proceeds received by the State



Flagstaff 2016 Federal Legislative Priorities

Advocate for increased authorization and funding the Rio de Flag Flood Control Project.

- Received \$1.25m in funding for LRR completion, Butler slope stabilization and Clay Avenue Wash “turnover”
- Meet with USACE: \$600,000 and concurrent review of LRR





Flagstaff 2016 Federal Legislative Priorities

Advocate for Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project and funding for important regional projects

- \$2.5m+ in leverage, including \$1.8m from USFS
- NEPA/ Record of Decision finalized and initial agreement for implementation approved by Council





Flagstaff 2016 Federal Legislative Priorities

Advocate for releasing the Federal Government's reversionary interests on property sold to the City by the BNSF Railroad.

- Bill introduced in House
- Commitment from Senator McCain





Flagstaff 2016 Federal Legislative Priorities

Flagstaff projects and legislative priorities

- Advocate for authorizing and funding **transportation improvements** in Flagstaff, including priorities identified in the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Advocate for funding and building a **skilled nursing facility for veterans** in Flagstaff after the initial state funding has been approved and encourage the Department of Veterans' Affairs to prioritize the project.

City of Flagstaff Intergovernmental Relations 2016



Adopted by Flagstaff City Council on November 17, 2015
Updated by Flagstaff City Council on February 16, 2016

City Council Mission Statement

To protect and enhance the quality of life of its citizens.

City Council Vision Statement

The City of Flagstaff is a safe, diverse, vibrant and innovative community with a unique character and high quality of life. The City fosters and supports a balance of economic, environmental, educational and cultural opportunities.

Intergovernmental Relations

The City of Flagstaff Intergovernmental Relations Program addresses legislative initiatives at the county, state, and federal levels, which follow annual legislative calendars. The program mission is to develop and advocate for the Flagstaff community by fostering and maintaining relationships with individuals and entities that affect the City's interests. As a member of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, the City of Flagstaff has assisted in the drafting and development of League Resolutions. Council adoption of the League resolutions, our identified priorities and guiding principles are incorporated as part of our legislative agenda.

The City Manager's Office coordinates an active legislative program focused on protecting the interests of our community and identifying resources available to enhance City services and programs. The City Council and City Manager's Office work closely with our legislative advocates in Washington, D.C., and Phoenix, as well as with the League of Arizona Cities and Towns to influence policy decisions that affect cities local control and local funding.

The 2016 Legislative Priorities provide a framework for the City of Flagstaff's Intergovernmental Program. Adopted annually, the City's Intergovernmental Guiding Principles and Legislative Priorities are the foundation of a focused advocacy strategy and serves as a reference guide for legislative positions and objectives that provide direction for the City Council and staff throughout the year.

Federal and state legislative proposals and policies consistent with the City's Intergovernmental Guiding Principles and Legislative Priorities may be supported by the City. Those policies or proposals inconsistent with this agenda may be opposed by the City.

Guiding Principles

The City's Intergovernmental Relations Program is guided by the following principles:

1. The City of Flagstaff is governed by its **Charter**, which outlines the City's governmental structure, identifies jurisdiction and provides enabling authority for self-rule. Flagstaff's City Charter and all its amendments have been voted on and approved by a majority of voters.
2. The City of Flagstaff strongly promotes the protection, expansion and restoration of **local control** for cities and may support or oppose legislation based on whether it advances maximum local control by local governments.
3. The Flagstaff City Council adopts **City-wide goals and legislative priorities**. Advancing or defending goals of the City Council and adopted legislative priorities in effect during the current legislative session does not require additional Council action.
4. The City of Flagstaff understands it is in the public's interest to have government at all levels that is **transparent, deliberative** and **accountable** to its citizens. The City of Flagstaff also evaluates legislative action based on the City's ability to deliver public services, the impact to Flagstaff citizens and the financial costs to the City.
5. The City's membership in the **League of Arizona Cities and Towns** is a critical component of the Flagstaff's advocacy strategy. The City Council will participate in the League's annual priority-setting process.
6. The City of Flagstaff understands that **partnerships** that develop and maintain positive intergovernmental relations are essential for success and the vitality of our community. The City supports proposed legislation brought forth by our partners that advance common goals. Regional, state and federal partners may include*:
Regional Partners: Chamber of Commerce, Coconino County, Flagstaff Unified School District, Grand Canyon Trust, Greater Flagstaff Forest Partnership, Northern Arizona Council of Governments, Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority and Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association;
Statewide Partners: Arizona Department of Transportation, Arizona Game and Fish, Arizona State Land Department, Coconino Community College, Department of Veteran Services, Greater Arizona Mayors' Association, League of Arizona Cities and Towns and Northern Arizona University;
National Partners: Conference of Mayors, Federal Aviation Administration, National League of Cities and Towns, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Forest Service and other federal agencies; and
Tribal Partners: Including the Hopi Nation and Navajo Nation

** This is not an exhaustive list of City of Flagstaff partners*

State Priorities

Advocate to Expand and Protect Local Control

Flagstaff supports legislation that upholds and restores the principle of local government and reinforces the authority of the elected leaders of Flagstaff to respect and protect the priorities of its citizenry and respond to local challenges.

Advocate to Preserve Local Funding

Protect existing funding and authorities that bring revenue to the City of Flagstaff, which support the quality of life for its residents. Areas may include the protection of state-shared revenues and opposition to the imposition of new fees and unfunded mandates by any level of government that would increase costs to the City.

Flagstaff projects and legislative priorities

- Advocate for funding and building a **skilled nursing facility for veterans** in Flagstaff.
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Flagstaff projects and legislative priorities

- Advocate for increased authorization and funding the **Rio de Flag Flood Control Project**. Fully authorize this important community project and qualify for work plan construction funding in future years. Funding priorities for fiscal year 2016 include completing 100 percent design, completing final elements at the Clay Avenue Detention basin and environmental clean up and installation of rip rap at the Butler site.
- Advocate for leveraging the voter approved **Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project** funding with federal dollars to maximize investments into forest health, including resources for timber sale administration; Ensure that resources and funding continue to flow to important regional projects such as the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI), NAU Ecological Restoration Institute and other important forest restoration efforts outside of the 4FRI boundaries.
- Advocate for funding projects in the **Flagstaff Airport** five-year Capital Improvement Program.
- Advocate for releasing the Federal Government's **reversionary interests** on property sold to the City by the BNSF Railroad.
- Advocate for authorizing and funding **transportation improvements** in Flagstaff, including priorities identified in the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Advocate for funding and building a **skilled nursing facility for veterans** in Flagstaff after the initial state funding has been approved and encourage the Department of Veterans' Affairs to prioritize the project.

Tribal Priorities

The City's Intergovernmental Relations Program is responsible for strengthening partnerships and advancing mutual goals between the City of Flagstaff and Native Nations. In addition to fostering relationships with tribal nations, key priorities this year include:

- Support implementation priorities of the Memorandum of Understanding between Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission and City of Flagstaff.
- Facilitation of annual meetings with tribal nations and collaborate on agenda development.
- Host the 2016 Mayors Summit in partnership with the Navajo Nation.