



Transit Decision 2016

*April 12, 2016
Flagstaff City Council*



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Key Points

- ⊙ NAIPTA operates transit for the City of Flagstaff
- ⊙ Transit funded by \$.00295 transit tax
- ⊙ Transit tax sunsets 6/30/2020 if not renewed
- ⊙ NAIPTA Board requests 2016 ballot question
- ⊙ Transit just one part of the picture
- ⊙ City Council holds authority on how, when or if to send ballot question to voters.





NAIPTA Structure

- ◎ Political Subdivision of the State
- ◎ Four Member Agencies
 - City of Flagstaff
 - Coconino County
 - Coconino Community College
 - Northern Arizona University
- ◎ Each member contributes differently
 - NAU and County use General Fund
 - City uses Dedicated Sales Tax



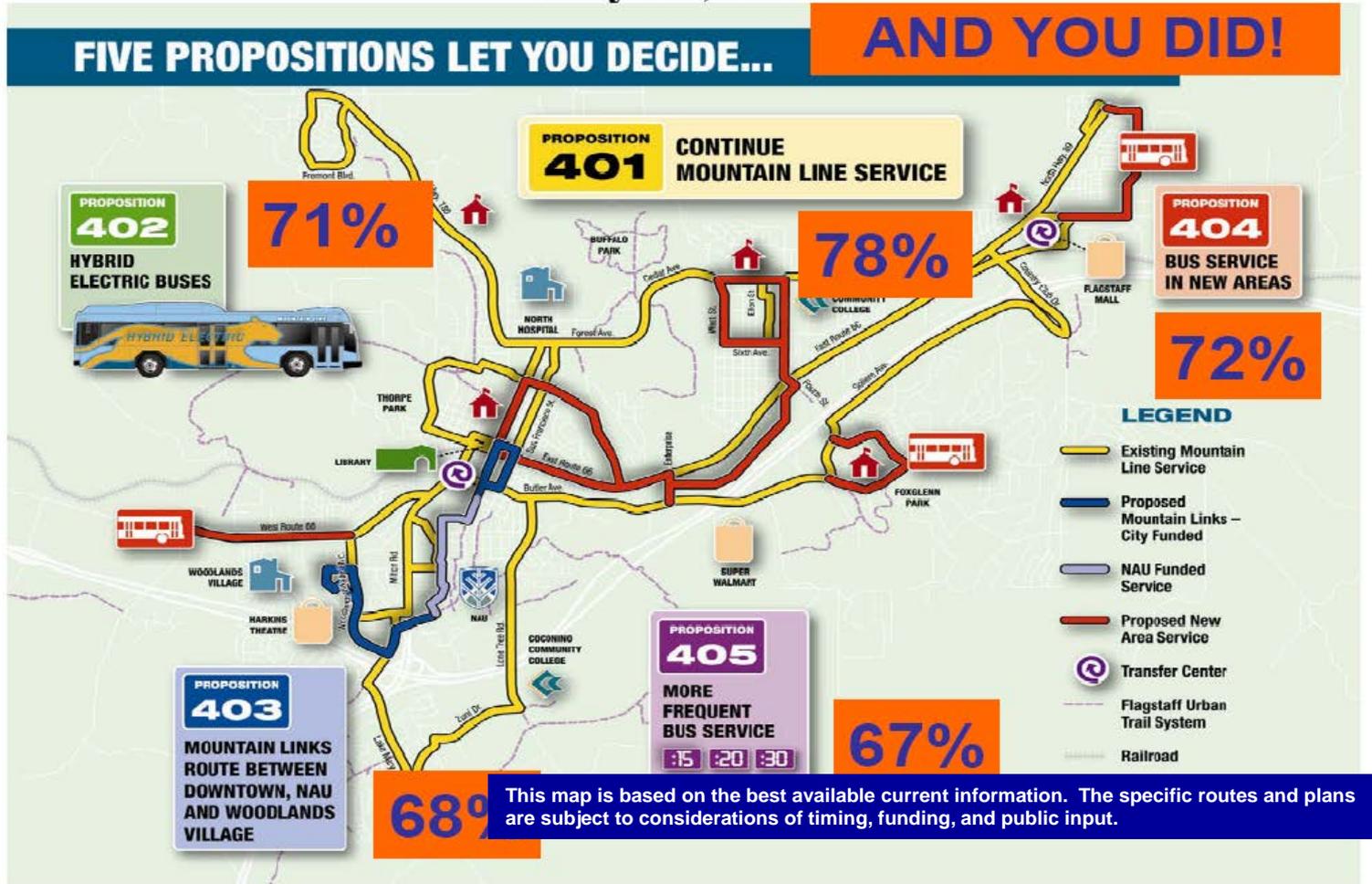
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Promises Made FY08

FIVE PROPOSITIONS LET YOU DECIDE...

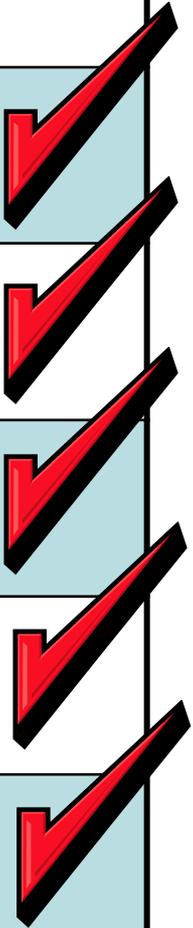
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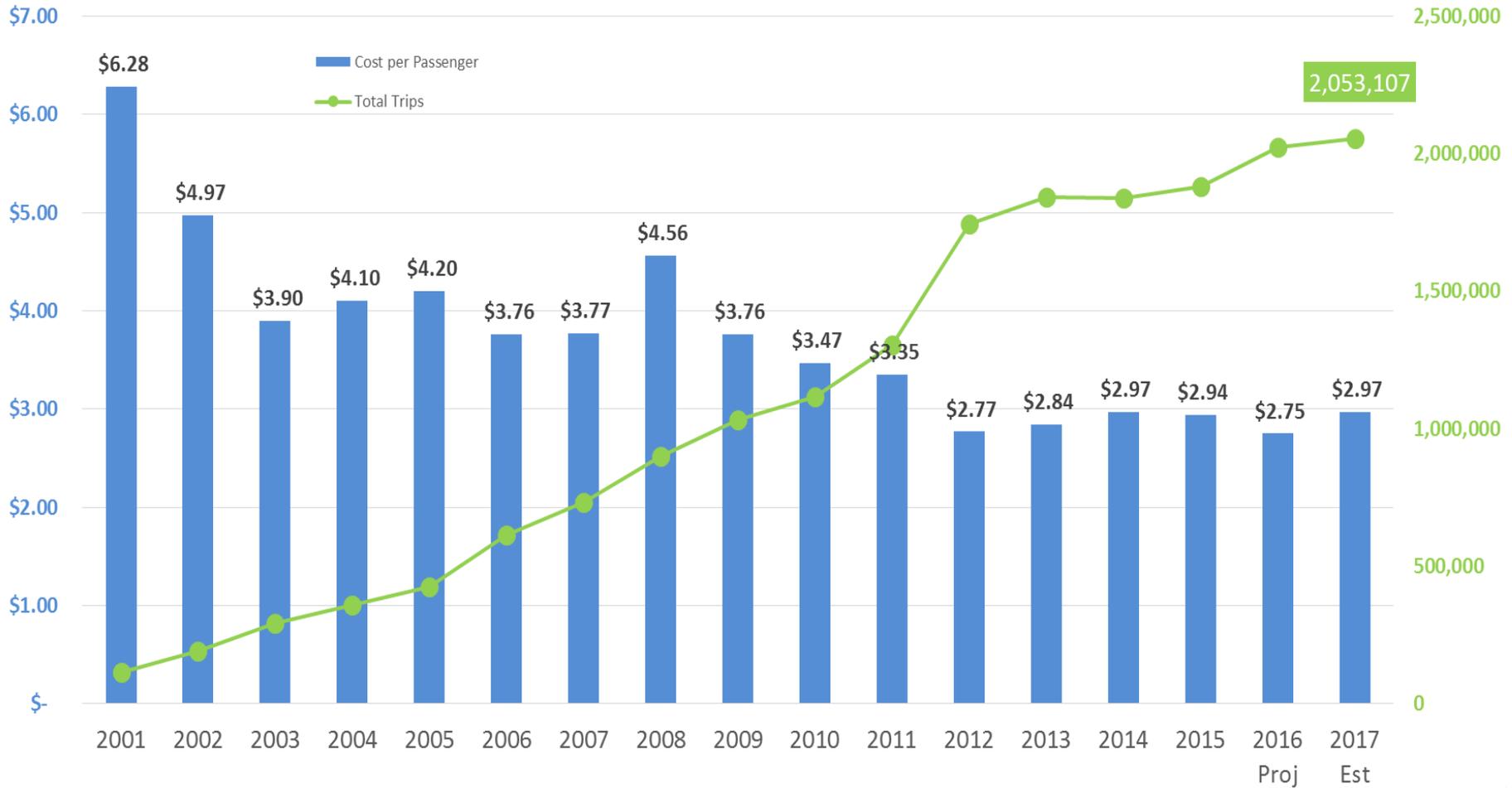
<i>Prop</i>	<i>Promise</i>	<i>Result</i>
401	Maintain	Done
402	Hybrid Fleet	Done
403	Mountain Link	Done
404	New Service	Rt 7, 10, 10A, 14
405	More Frequent	10, 20, 30 Minute Crosstown Rt. 2 (August)



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Mountain Line - 16 Years and Growing Strong



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Transit Budget Overview

- ◎ Transit Tax draws about \$4.5 Million per year from .00295 sales tax.
- ◎ Mountain Line operating budget is about \$7.5 million per year
- ◎ Mountain Line capital budget varies but has averaged about \$5 Million annually
- ◎ Mountain Line compares favorably with peer cities on performance measures.
- ◎ A flat tax renewal will maintain existing service levels



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Options to Consider

⊙ What year to send to voters

- 2016
- 2018
- 2020
- Never

⊙ What rate

- Flat .00295
- Increase
- Decrease





Timing Option: 2020

- ⊙ Election in November 2020
- ⊙ Tax sunsets June 30, 2020
- ⊙ Increased cost and risk even if renewed.



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Timing Option: 2018

- ⊙ Takes attention from other transportation projects, i.e. Lone Tree and Milton Solutions
- ⊙ Transit/Transportation differences can be confusing/difficult to message
- ⊙ Cost and risk if fails in 2018



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Option: 2016 Request

- ◎ NAIPTA Board recommended
- ◎ Provides second chance if fails
- ◎ Noisy ballot, but simple question
 - Transit / President confusion unlikely in 2016
- ◎ Clears transportation slate for 2018 without risk of loss or confusion



Timing Option: Never

- ◎ Sales tax rate reduces
- ◎ System goes away
- ◎ Lots of implications
 - Community relations
 - Regional plan
 - Federal funding
 - Affordability
 - Congestion





Amount Option: Flat Renewal

- ⊙ Keep current service levels
- ⊙ No increase or decrease to tax rate



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Amount Option: Up or Down

- ◎ We aren't ready
- ◎ Transportation is a system
- ◎ Transit is only one part of system
- ◎ Much more community input needed
 - Steering Committee (Underway)
 - Economic Impact Studies
 - Statistically Valid Surveys
 - Open and Transparent Citizen Panels
 - Public Outreach





Public Access and Timeline

March 7: "Promises Kept" Update (Done)

April 12: Council work session (Doing)

April 20: Public Survey (Doing)

April 22: Citizen Review Commission

- Press release
- Public invited

May 12: RTP Steering Committee (Public)

June 7: Proposed ballot language to Council

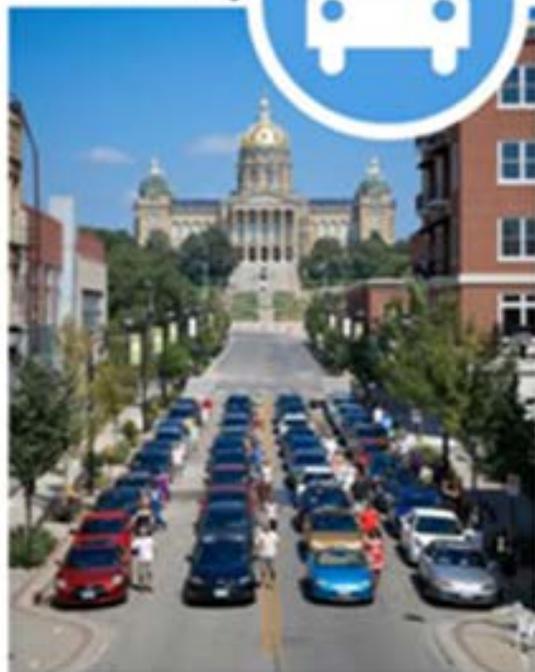
June 14: Possible Council work-session

June 21: Deadline for Council to call question

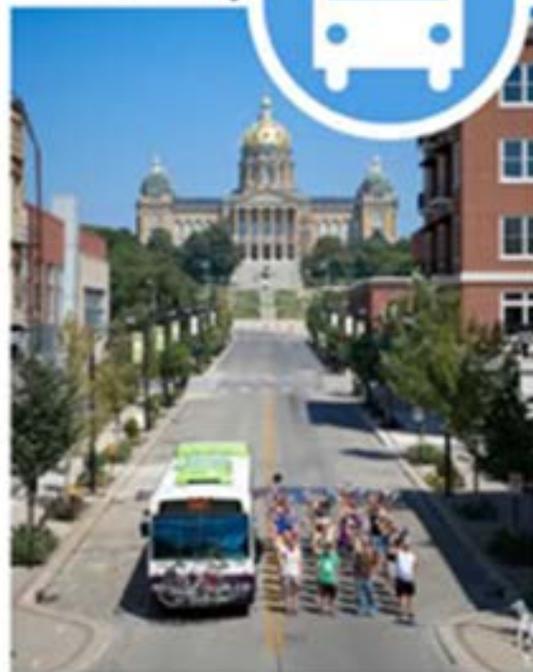
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Amount of space required to transport the same number of passengers by car, bus, or bicycle.

Event info at www.facebook.com/Urban.Ambassadors - Photos by www.tobinbennett.com

(Des Moines, Iowa - August 2010)



Thank you,

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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

