


HOPI SENOM TRANSIT SYSTEM
A Progress Update



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1:15PM

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Our offices are located at the Hopi Tribal Complex, Kykotsmovi, Arizona.

Mission Statement

The Mission Statement of the Hopi Senom Transit system is to provide the Hopi Reservation and surrounding areas with affordable, accessible and reliable rural transportation to the Hopi and Tewa People and general public.

Vision

To provide an affordable and consistent means of public transportation services and market the program to gain ridership.



Scope of Work

The Hopi Senom Transit System was established in 1986 to provide the general public and employees of local government and private sector agencies with fixed-route transportation services on the Hopi Reservation and surrounding areas.

Service Area Boundaries

Service area boundaries and major communities served are Keams Canyon, Winslow, Flagstaff and Hotevilla Village with Kykotsmovi serving as a connection center for two routes.

Within our service area, Hopi Senom Transit is responsible for the safety, accessibility, goals, objectives, and the challenges of serving a remote reservation of over 8,465 people over 2,531 square miles in northern Arizona.

Route Service

Hopi Senom Transit runs three deviated fixed routes, five days a week:

Route 1 - Keams Canyon Route

Morning Route: Service from Keams Canyon C-Store (6:20 AM) to Hopi Tribal Headquarters (7:55 AM), return to Keams Canyon (9:45 AM).

Afternoon Route: Service from Keams Canyon C-Store (3:20 PM) to Tribal HQ (4:55 PM), return to Keams Canyon (6:45PM).

Route 2 - Flagstaff Route

Morning Route: Service from Hopi Tribal Headquarters (8:10AM) to Kachina Square (9:50AM), return to Tribe (12:00PM).

Afternoon Route: Service from Hopi Tribal Headquarters (1:10PM) to Kachina Square (3:15PM), return to Tribe (5:00PM).

Route 3 - Winslow Route

Morning Route: Service from Hopi Police Department (6:00AM) to Wal-Mart (8:00AM), return to Hopi PD (10:30AM).

Afternoon Route: Service from Hopi Police Department (2:00PM) to Wal-Mart (4:00PM), return to Hopi PD (6:30PM).



Section 5311 Funding

This program provides funds for public transportation and intercity bus projects serving rural areas.

The purpose of these funds is to address the mobility needs of Arizona's rural population including the Hopi Reservation. Section 5311 grants are intended to provide access to employment, education, health care, shopping, and recreation.

Funds may be used only to support public transit service in Non-Urbanized Areas, which are defined as under 50,000 in population (as defined by the U.S. Census). Grants are available on a competitive basis to address the mobility needs of the general public and 5311

Program services are expected to coordinate with human service transportation and other providers in their service areas.



Partnerships

Hopi Senom Transit is committed to building effective transit services through cooperative working partnerships.

Nationally, it is recognized that many rural communities do not have access to an automobile and need transportation in order to access services, employment, and medical care.

We have established partnerships with the following organizations:

- Federal Transportation Administration (FTA)
- Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)
- Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG)
- Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (NAIPTA)
- Navajo Transit System

Goals and Objectives

As per the Hopit Pottskwaniat, the Hopi Tribal Consolidated Strategic Plan of 2011, in the Area of Transportation, Hopi Senom Transit's goal is to provide safe, efficient and adequate transportation and public road access to and within Hopi lands, to village/community members, visitors, recreational users, and others, while contributing to economic development, self-determination, and employment on Hopi lands.

The five goals as per the Pottskwaniat are as follows and will be included in our FY 2015 grant application to ADOT:

Goals/Proposed Projects	Results/Outcomes
1) Conducting a feasibility study to develop a 5 year transit plan	Develop from community concensus a comprehensive plan that will guide Hopi Senom Transit into 2020.
2) Identifying a site for a transit/transportation facility	Construction or lease of a Vehicle Maintenance Facility using federal and state resources
3)Identify Unmet Needs	A wide-ranging tribal transportation system that meets the mobility needs of the Hopi Tribe
4)Funding	Hopi Senom Transit budget is inclusive of federal, state and in-kind resources with less reliance on H-13 funds; Explore 5311 (c) program
5) Marketing of public transportation services for the traveling public	Use of print and social media to advertise restructured fares and route schedules

Areas of Concern

- No Vehicle Maintenance Facility
- Maintenance Costs
- Distance from services: 92 miles one way to Flagstaff, 84 miles one way to Winslow
- Vehicle Replacement
- Lack of trained professionals
- Response time from ADOT
- Response time from FTA
- Decreasing Tribal funds
- Hopi Tribe support for Grow America
- Providing service to underserved areas on the Reservation
- No bus shelters or signage
- Land availability and infrastructure for construction
- No bulk fuel, we purchase by the pump
- Does ADOT and DOT-FTA understand the Government to Government process?

Projects and Developments / 2015

- Received ADOT Planning Award for Vehicle Maintenance Facility for FY 2015
- Successful DOT-FTA 5311 Compliance Site Visit, June 2015
- 3 new 16-passenger busses ordered to replace aging fleet
- Working on MOU with City of Flagstaff for joint use of Flagstaff Mall Connection Center
- Planning for new routes on Hopi Reservation including a Kykotsmovi – Keams Canyon Express Route
- Revitalization of the Transit Advisory Council
- Working with Hopi Revenue Commission on issues with Non-Emergency Medical Transport companies operating on the Hopi Reservation
- Explore use of ADOT Keams Canyon Road Yard for refueling busses

Vehicle Maintenance Facility

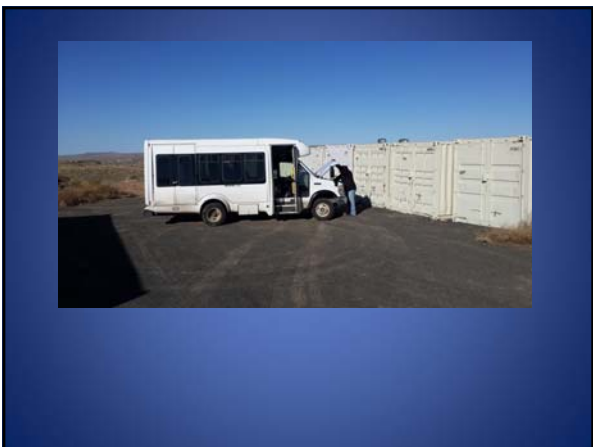
- The Hopi Tribe does not have a vehicle maintenance facility.
- All vehicle maintenance is done out doors and is contingent on the weather.
- Maintenance is done at two sites:
 - **Shop 1** – Located at Hopi Tribal Office Complex
Maintenance is done outside the Administration Building
 - **Shop 2** – Located behind the Hopi Veteran's Memorial Center
Maintenance is done outside a Conex storage container

This is a concern as we have ordered 3 new busses and must have a proper maintenance facility from the first time they are put into service.



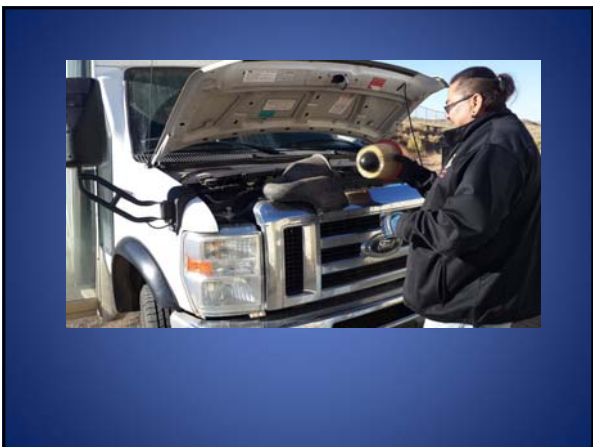














SHOP 1, Kykotsmovi
November 4, 2015
No Vehicle Maintenance Today







Dan Harrigan, ADOT 5310 Program Manager:

Although Dan is no longer at ADOT, he made several comments in his presentation at last year's Partnership meeting including:

- \$1.5M/year going toward small urban areas (this could potentially go toward a transit route from Tuba City/Moencopi),
- that he has \$3 million to look for innovative ways to use funds,
- and the "potential to look to pursue a transit facility for Hopi next year"
- Also there is still the potential to consider a Navajo-Hopi regional transit system as has been discussed in previous years.

Are these funds still available?

How does the potential to pursue a transit facility for Hopi look in FY 2015?

It's important for the Hopi Tribe to operate its own transit system.









In his presentation in 2014, Dan mentioned that the big challenge is to identify how to connect rural areas. Where do people need service and how can we be more effective in providing it?

Work with us, support us and watch us as we rise to the challenge here on the Hopi Reservation.

Thank you, see you at the 2016 Hopi Transportation Partnership Meeting.

