

Objective

Establish a bus service from Apache Junction to Mesa, Arizona, to connect to the existing Valley Metro System of Public Transportation. Construct a Park & Ride and Bus Terminal in Apache Junction, AZ for the residents of Apache Junction and Pinal County.

GOALS

Construct the necessary infrastructure along the proposed route(s), including covered bus stops, bus turnouts, signage, and a park-and-ride complex at the terminal point. Obtain the necessary funds for the infrastructure and the operation of the service. Secure the approvals and support needed from applicable local government agencies. Solicit public support of the project and advertise its benefits to communities and local valley businesses.

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WHAT IS A PARK & RIDE?



Many Park and Rides are parking lots where people leave their cars to take transit. As a design challenge, they're seen in the same vein as other parking lots. However, park and ride serves a different function than most parking lots. These spaces are intermodal transfer points, moving people from lower- to higher-occupancy vehicles and back again. In addition to connecting drivers with transit, trains, and planes, these locations serve carpoolers, ride-share or taxi companies, and cyclists. Park and Ride design is, therefore, slightly different than the design of a destination lot.

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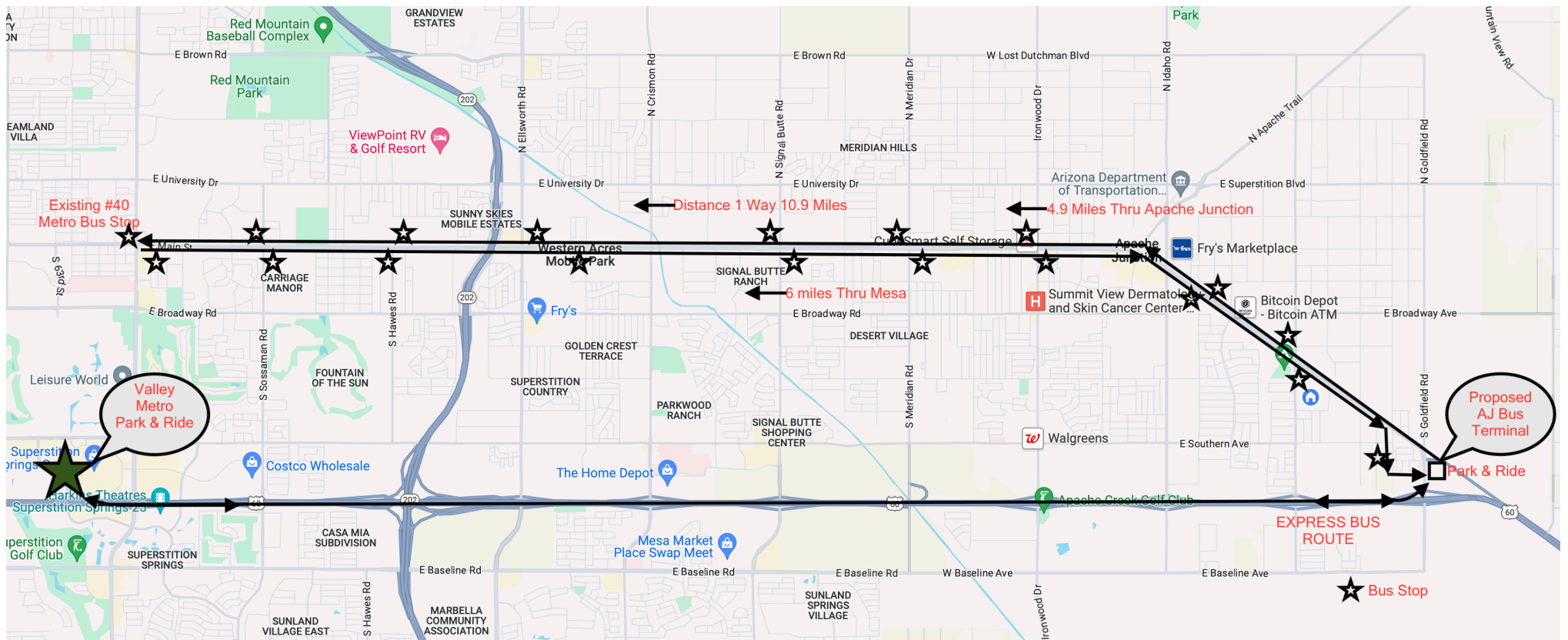


AJ METRO GROUP PROJECT

Bringing Bus Service
to

Apache Junction & East Mesa
linking to the Valley Metro Bus
System & Light Rail





The proposed bus service route is the beginning of a public transportation system for the residents of Apache Junction and Eastern Mesa. As the population of Pinal County continues to increase, traffic congestion will become a growing concern on the County’s arterial network. The County considering development of park-and-ride facilities to help alleviate some of the congestion, providing areas where commuters can park and take public transit, carpool, or vanpool into more urban areas. Park-and-ride facilities serve as conveniences to commuters and may be promoted to reduce the demand for limited traffic capacity during peak travel hours. To entice commuters to give up their cars for substantial portions of their daily trips, park-and-ride facilities must be conveniently located. An implementable, cost-effective, and well-vetted park-and-ride strategy is an important component of an effective and wholistic transit system, helping to extend the reach of the available transit services to attract new users and offer alternatives to commuters.

HOW IT WORKS AND THE BENEFITS IT PROVIDES

A person can drive to, be driven to, bike to, or walk to a designated bus stop or the Park & Ride Bus Terminal. Once onboard they can ride to Valley Metro Bus and Light Rail System which will take them to the Airport(via SkyTrain), Sports Venues, Cultural Centers, Shopping, Restaurants, Schools, Medical Facilities, Shelters, Events, Work Places, and Visits to Family and Friends. It can be the beginning of an integrated public transportation system for the half-million residents of Pinal County. which is growing every year. Please consider supporting the future for generations to come.