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**CITY OF COTTONWOOD, COTTONWOOD AREA TRANSIT ANNOUNCES INTENT TO APPLY FOR  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE FTA RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM  
AUTHORIZED UNDER 49 U.S.C. SECTION 5311**

COTTONWOOD, AZ – Public notice is hereby made that Cottonwood Area Transit (CAT) is applying for federal financial assistance to continue providing public transportation service as follows:

**Cottonwood Area Transit** – A traditional bus circular covering Cottonwood, Clarkdale, and areas in Yavapai County. This program has been in place for nearly three decades with select modifications to the routes to accommodate area communities. This year we are proposing the inclusion of a Jerome route having a one-day service on the current Red Line, with three runs on Thursdays. The runs are to be determined by the least passenger counts. During these runs, service will extend from 45 minutes to 90 minutes.

**Verde Shuttle** - A commuter route between Cottonwood and Sedona. This has been in place for several years with a complementary CAT Connect service on late night runs to get passengers home safely, which runs on Tuesday through Saturday from 6 p.m. to midnight.

**ADA paratransit service** – The service, along with other area paratransit service providers, will facilitate curb to curb transportation for those qualifying under the ADA guidelines.

Public notice is further made that Cottonwood Area Transit is also applying for federal financial assistance to purchase several cutaway buses and vans that will be used to provide public transportation service for each of the previously mentioned services, CAT, Verde Shuttle, and Paratransit.

Two public hearings are scheduled to discuss the Cottonwood Area Transit program. These meetings will be held at the Cottonwood Recreation Center, Cottonwood Room located at 150 S, 6<sup>th</sup> St. The dates for the public hearing are February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. Transportation will be provided for those in need by calling the CAT office at (928) 634-2287.

The transportation service will be available to the general public during all hours of operation. The project is expected to be financed by FTA Section 5311 Rural Program public transportation funds, with additional funds to be provided from the communities of Cottonwood, Clarkdale, Sedona,



Jerome, and Yavapai County. The total federal share for operating and capital projects is expected to be \$3.5 million over two years.

Cottonwood Area Transit ensures that the level and quality of transportation service is provided without regard to race, color, or national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For more information regarding our Title VI/ADA obligations or to file a complaint, please contact us at the address given below.

Comments on the proposed project are invited from the general public, private bus and taxi companies, other public transportation providers, and human service agencies. Interested parties may comment on the project or obtain more details about the project by writing to:

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CAT provides ADA Paratransit service and four fixed routes serving Cottonwood, Clarkdale and Verde Villages, as well as Verde Shuttle commuter service to Sedona. CAT also connects with Yavapai-Apache Nation Transit to provide connections to Camp Verde and Greyhound. For more information about Verde Valley public transportation, please call the CAT office at 938-634-2287.

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