

November 6, 2019

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members, City Manager, and Director of Tucson Department of Transportation

RE: Ronstadt Transit Center Redevelopment

The Transit Task Force (TTF) received an update on the Ronstadt Transit Center Joint Development Agreement at our October 7, 2019 meeting. Based on our discussion at that meeting, the members wish to convey our priorities to Mayor and Council as the redevelopment of this core transit asset moves forward.

We ask Mayor & Council to keep as the guiding principle for the project the stipulation within the Joint Development Agreement (JDA) that the project will enhance the physical infrastructure and facilities for current bus riders and increase the appeal of transit to new riders. The JDA also specifies that the replacement facilities shall incorporate, at a minimum, the elements described in Exhibit E of the JDA and shall at all times maintain transit functionality at levels not less than those described in Exhibit F of the JDA.

The TTF also wishes to identify for Mayor & Council some additional issues that we believe are critical to ensuring the project is developed in a way that upholds this guiding principle. Our list of issues, some of which are included in Exhibits E & F of the JDA, include:

- The City and Sun Tran should ensure that not only will current ridership levels be maintained during construction, but that opportunities will be taken to increase ridership through the use of temporary promotions or similar incentives
- The final site should include transit facility offices of sufficient size and configuration to accommodate all necessary customer service functions so that transit customers don't have to leave the site or visit multiple offices for services
- The final configuration of the transit facility should accommodate vehicles and services anticipated to be in service in the foreseeable future, including Bus Rapid Transit vehicles and services, 60'/articulated vehicles, electric buses etc.
- Universal Access Passes or similar bulk purchase discount passes should be required to be negotiated with future management partners as part of all future residential and commercial units within the project

- The City and Peach Properties continue with a robust public input process, to include project review and input from Tucson Transit Management/RATP Dev, Sun Tran employees, and the TTF

***[Approved unanimously by the Transit Task Force on November 4, 2019.]***

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colby Henley".

Colby Henley  
Chair, City of Tucson Transit Task Force