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## RTA starts new circulator transit service in Marana, Oro Valley, Sahuarita and Green Valley

### **Sun Shuttle to operate in neighborhoods, connect with Sun Tran services**

The expansion of regional transit service continues today with the introduction of neighborhood circulator transit service in Marana, Oro Valley, Catalina, Sahuarita and Green Valley.

"This is a big step forward in moving toward a regional seamless transit system," said Marana Mayor Ed Honea, who is also chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority. "People will be able to connect from one transit system to another and people will be able to link to such places as shopping destinations, libraries or medical facilities."

During the month of May, the service will be free. Starting June 1, the Sun Shuttle one-way cash fare will be \$1. Passengers transferring to connecting Sun Shuttle routes can do so for free. An additional fare will be collected when people transfer to Sun Tran or Sun Express.

Each community will have designated routes and stops with service on Mondays through Saturdays. In designated safe areas along some of the routes, people may flag down the shuttles if they want to be picked up. The Sun Shuttles will stay within each of the communities and riders will be able to connect to other Sun Tran services and travel across the region with transfers to the fare-based services of Sun Tran and Sun Express.

"This new service will provide Oro Valley residents many more options in transit and we believe that this service will be used regularly by many people," said Oro Valley Mayor Paul Loomis and RTA Board member.

Sahuarita Mayor Lynne Skelton and RTA Board member said she anticipates that residents in her community will appreciate this new service. "As our community continues to grow, people are seeking more options on getting around within the community and also connecting to the metro Tucson area," she said.

Dick Roberts, Chair of the Green Valley/Sahuarita Transit Committee of the Green Valley Community Coordinating Council, said Green Valley residents need a variety of transit options as they become

more dependent on transit service. "This expansion of service will make life easier for many of our residents," he said.

Nearly \$25 million has been set aside within the RTA plan to fund circulator service over the 20-year life of the plan.

The RTA has contracted with MV Transportation to provide the circulator service. The RTA coordinated with jurisdictional staff to collect community input that helped determine routes and schedules. The routes and schedule information is now available at various locations throughout each community. Information about the neighborhood circulator service also is available on Sun Tran's Web site, [www.suntran.com](http://www.suntran.com) and will be available through a centralized customer service information center. The phone number for customer service information is (520) 792-9222.

*The Regional Transportation Authority is the fiscal manager of the \$2.1 billion plan approved by Pima County voters on May 16, 2006. The RTA Board is comprised of representatives from the local jurisdictions in Pima County, including the cities of Tucson and South Tucson, Pima County, the towns of Marana, Oro Valley and Sahuarita, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and the Tohono O'odham Nation. A representative of the Arizona State Transportation Board also serves on the board. For more information about the RTA plan, visit [www.RTAmobility.com](http://www.RTAmobility.com) or call (520) 770-9410.*

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**NOTE:** Maps of routes and schedules are included in folder or as attachments (online version).