FTA Section 5307
Small Urban Transit Systems

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AASHTO Winter Meeting 2019
Avondale-Goodyear, AZ
Casa Grande, AZ
Flagstaff, AZ
Lake Havasu City, AZ
Prescott Valley-Prescott, AZ
Sierra Vista, AZ
Yuma, AZ-CA
The precarious rural/urban divide

Systems not ready for Census transition
Vista Transit Overview

- Established in 1994 (CCS)
- 2010 Census designated as Small Urban Area
- Transitioned to 5307 in 2013
- Timed-Transfer System (Central Transit Hub) with Complementary Paratransit Service
- Fleet: 12 Buses
- Drivers: 12 (Full and Part-Time)
- Annual Ridership: 141,000 (FY2017)
Challenges

- Local matching funds/budget
- Recruiting and retaining CDL Drivers
- Collecting data and developing meaningful performance measures
- Political threats
  - Unique Rider Survey
  - Transit Efficiency Study
- Managing demand for Dial-a-Ride
- Establishing an appropriate forum for community input & advocacy (TAC)
Lake Havasu in Development
Quad Cities Prescott / Prescott Valley
Casa Grande
AZ Impacts of Federal Shutdown

- No State Funding for Transit
- Transferred to other departments
- No Applications / No Reimbursements
- During an application cycle
- Cancelled Workshops & Impacted Annual Conference
- Still dealing with Vehicle Ordering Delays
5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant
2019 Application Cycle

- 16 Projects Requested
- $17.1 Million Total / $13.7 Million Federal Requested
Focus on supporting transitions
Questions?

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