

**SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017**



**CITY HALL KIVA
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane called to order a Regular Meeting of the Scottsdale City Council at 5:15 P.M. on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, in the City Hall Kiva.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane; Vice Mayor Virginia L. Korte; and Councilmembers Suzanne Klapp, Kathleen S. Littlefield, Linda Milhaven, Guy Phillips, and David N. Smith

Also Present: City Manager Jim Thompson, Deputy City Attorney Joe Padilla, City Treasurer Jeff Nichols, City Auditor Sharron Walker, and City Clerk Carolyn Jagger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Troop 667; Troop Leaders Dina Musselmann, Ann Cross, and Daydree Turley

INVOCATION – Pastor Rustin Rostello, Scottsdale Bible Church

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lane announced that the Saguaro High School Sabercats were playing for the 4A State Championships and the Notre Dame Preparatory High School Saints were playing for the 5A State Championships this week.

Mayor Lane invited the public to participate in the Adopt a Senior Program.

PRESENTATIONS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – David Schacter presented a citizen petition (attached) asking the City to extend the bus service to the Scottsdale/Ancala business district at the intersection of Frank Lloyd Wright and Via Linda.

NOTE: MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORK STUDY SESSIONS ARE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES. THESE MINUTES ARE INTENDED TO BE AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF ACTION TAKEN AND DIRECTION GIVEN BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND ARE NOT VERBATIM TRANSCRIPTS. DIGITAL RECORDINGS AND CLOSED CAPTION TRANSCRIPTS OF SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AND ARE ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

MINUTES

Request: Approve the Work Study Session Minutes of November 6, 2017.

MOTION AND VOTE – MINUTES

Vice Mayor Korte made a motion to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of November 6, 2017. Councilwoman Klapp seconded the motion, which carried 7/0.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Underground Storage Tank Removal and New Fuel System Installation Services Contract**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 10955** authorizing Job Order Contract No. 2017-167-COS with Cochise Petroleum Equipment Co., Inc., with a maximum contract amount of \$4,000,000 and an initial two-year term, for fuel underground storage tank removal and new fuel system installation services on an as needed basis at various project locations within the City.
Staff Contact(s): Daniel Worth, Public Works Director, 480-312-5555, dworth@scottsdaleaz.gov
2. **Wired Telecommunications Right-of-Way License Agreement**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 10844** authorizing Agreement No. 2017-085-COS with Paradise Valley Unified School District No. 69 to construct, operate, maintain, and repair a wired telecommunications network in City right-of-way.
Staff Contact(s): Daniel Worth, Public Works Director, 480-312-5555, dworth@scottsdaleaz.gov
3. **Indian Bend Wash Real Property Sale Agreement**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 10973** authorizing Agreement No. 2017-171-COS with 3130 Hayden Partners, LLC, for the sale of a 708.48± square-foot strip of City-owned property located in the Indian Bend Wash.
Location: 3130 N. Hayden Road
Staff Contact(s): Daniel Worth, Public Works Director, 480-312-5555, dworth@scottsdaleaz.gov
4. **Fire Department Budget Transfer**

Moved to the Regular Agenda (See page 3)
5. **Noncriminal Justice User Agreement**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 10958** authorizing the Human Resources Director to execute Agreement No. 2010-041-COS-A2 with the Arizona Department of Public Safety for use of the Arizona Criminal Justice Information System, and authorizing the Human Resources Director, or designee, to execute future agreements regarding the Human Resources Department's use of the Arizona Criminal Justice Information System.
Staff Contact(s): Donna Brown, Human Resources Director, 480-312-2615, dbrown@scottsdaleaz.gov

- 6. Medical and Dental Cafeteria Plan and Summary Plan Descriptions Amendments**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 10957** authorizing amendments to the City of Scottsdale Cafeteria Plan and Summary Plan descriptions for the City's medical and dental plans.
Staff Contact(s): Donna Brown, Human Resources Director, 480-312-2615, dbrown@scottsdaleaz.gov
- 7. Parada del Sol Rodeo**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 10954** to authorize:
1. Funding not to exceed \$75,000 per year, beginning in FY 2017/18 for three years, from the portion of the Tourism Development Fund that is allocated toward event retention and development for the Parada del Sol Rodeo event.
2. Event Funding Agreement No. 2017-166-COS with Parada del Sol, Inc., for a three-year term.
Staff Contact(s): Karen Churchard, Tourism and Events Director, 480-312-2890, kchurchard@scottsdaleaz.gov
- 8. Monthly Financial Report**
Request: Accept the FY 2017/18 Monthly Financial Report as of September 2017.
Staff Contact(s): Judy Doyle, Budget Director, 480-312-2603, jdoyle@scottsdaleaz.gov
- 9. Palomino Library Intergovernmental Agreement**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 10972** authorizing Agreement No. 2012-101-COS-A3 with Scottsdale Unified School District No. 48 pertaining to the Palomino Library at Desert Mountain High School to extend the agreement through May 1, 2018.
Staff Contact(s): Bill Murphy, Community Services Director, 480-312-7954, bmurphy@scottsdaleaz.gov
- 9A. Fagen v. City of Scottsdale et al., Settlement Agreement**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 10985** authorizing settlement in the amount of \$59,000 of Ellen Fagen's negligence lawsuit against the City titled *Fagen v. City of Scottsdale et al.*, Case No. CV2017-090487, currently pending in the Maricopa County Superior Court.
Staff Contact(s): Bruce Washburn, City Attorney, 480-312-2405, bwashburn@scottsdaleaz.gov

MOTION AND VOTE – CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Korte made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 9A, absent Item No. 4, which was moved to the Regular Agenda. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which carried 7/0.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 4. Fire Department Budget Transfer**
Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 10949** authorizing a FY 2017/18 General Fund Operating Budget Contingency transfer in the amount of \$450,000 to the Fire Department's General Fund Operating budget for the total costs associated with hiring six unfunded pipeline firefighter positions.
Staff Contact(s): Thomas Shannon, Fire Chief, 480-312-1821, tshannon@scottsdaleaz.gov

Fire Chief Tom Shannon gave a presentation.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 4

Councilwoman Klapp made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 10949 authorizing a FY 2017/18 General Fund Operating Budget Contingency transfer in the amount of \$450,000 to the Fire Department's General Fund Operating budget for the total costs associated with hiring six unfunded pipeline firefighter positions. Mayor Lane seconded the motion, which carried 6/1, with Councilman Smith dissenting.

10. Fiscal Year 2016/17 Annual Financial Audit

Request: Accept the FY 2016/17 annual financial audit reports submitted by the City's external auditors, Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C.

Presenter(s): Sharron Walker, City Auditor

Staff Contact(s): Sharron Walker, City Auditor, 480-312-7867,
swalker@scottsdaleaz.gov

City Auditor Sharron Walker gave a Power Point presentation (attached) on the FY 2016/17 annual financial audit reports.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 10

Councilman Phillips made a motion to accept the FY 2016/17 annual financial audit reports submitted by the City's external auditors, Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C. Mayor Lane seconded the motion, which carried 7/0.

11. Monthly Financial Update

Request: Receive, discuss, and provide possible direction on the City Treasurer's monthly financial presentation as of June 2017 (fiscal year-end).

Presenter(s): Jeff Nichols, City Treasurer

Staff Contact(s): Judy Doyle, Budget Director, 480-312-2603, jdoyle@scottsdaleaz.gov

City Treasurer Jeff Nichols gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on the City's financial status as of June 2017.

12. Monthly Financial Update

Request: Receive, discuss, and provide possible direction on the City Treasurer's monthly financial presentation as of October 2017.

Presenter(s): Jeff Nichols, City Treasurer

Staff Contact(s): Judy Doyle, Budget Director, 480-312-2603, jdoyle@scottsdaleaz.gov

13. 2018 State Legislative Agenda

Request: Consider the approval of the City of Scottsdale's 2018 State Legislative Agenda.

Presenter(s): Brad Lundahl, Government Relations Director

Staff Contact(s): Brad Lundahl, Government Relations Director, 480-312-2683,
blundahl@scottsdaleaz.gov

Government Relations Director Brad Lundahl gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on the City's 2018 State legislative agenda.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 13

Vice Mayor Korte made a motion to approve the City of Scottsdale's 2018 State Legislative Agenda. Councilwoman Klapp seconded the motion, which carried 7/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CITIZEN PETITIONS

14. Receipt of Citizen Petitions

Request: Accept and acknowledge receipt of citizen petitions. Any member of the Council may make a motion, to be voted on by the Council, to: (1) Direct the City Manager to agendize the petition for further discussion; (2) direct the City Manager to investigate the matter and prepare a written response to the Council, with a copy to the petitioner; or (3) take no action.

Staff Contact(s): Carolyn Jagger, City Clerk, 480-312-2411, cjagger@scottsdaleaz.gov

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 14

Councilwoman Klapp made a motion to direct the City Manager to investigate the citizen petition (asking the City to extend the bus service to the Scottsdale/Ancala business district at the intersection of Frank Lloyd Wright and Via Linda), review with the Transportation Commission, and prepare a written response to Council, with a copy to the petitioner. Councilwoman Milhaven seconded the motion, which carried 7/0.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS

15. Regulation of Campaign Finance Contributions

Request: At the request of Councilman Smith, direct staff to agendize a presentation, discussion, and possible direction to staff regarding an amendment to the City Charter that would provide for the regulation by ordinance of campaign contributions in Scottsdale municipal elections.


MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 15

Councilman Smith made a motion to direct staff to agendize a presentation, discussion, and possible direction to staff regarding an amendment to the City Charter that would provide for the regulation by ordinance of campaign contributions in Scottsdale municipal elections. Councilman Phillips seconded the motion, which failed 3/4, with Mayor Lane, Vice Mayor Korte, and Councilmembers Klapp and Milhaven dissenting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY:



Carolyn Jagger
City Clerk

Officially approved by the City Council on

January 8, 2018

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of Scottsdale, Arizona held on the 28th day of November 2017.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 8th day of January 2018.



Carolyn Jagger, City Clerk

Item 10

FY 2016/17 Annual Financial Audit

Sharron E. Walker, CPA, CFE, CLEA
City Auditor

Contracted CPA Firm: Heinfeld, Meech & Co., PC

Background

- City Charter requires Council to designate CPAs to perform an independent audit of City's annual financial statements
- Council assigned financial audit contract coordination and monitoring to the City Auditor
- Audit Committee received FY 2016/17 audit reports at its November 13, 2017, meeting

Summary of Financial Audit Reports

Annual financial audit includes:

- City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR):
Unmodified (clean) opinion

- Component Units' Annual Financial Reports:
Unmodified (clean) opinions
 - Community Facilities Districts (5)
 - Municipal Property Corporation (MPC)
 - Scottsdale Preserve Authority (SPA)

Related Communications

- **Communication with Governance** — for City's CAFR and each Component Unit, matters such as:
 - Accounting practices, significant estimates
 - Any audit adjustments or disagreements with management - no issues
 - Other similar matters - no issues

- **Management Representation Letters**

Federal & State Funding Reports

Federal funding/compliance reports

- Federal funding almost \$13.7M from:
 - Housing & Urban Develop. \$6.4M
 - Transportation \$5.5M
 - Justice \$1.1M
 - Others \$0.7M

Federal & State Funding Reports

Federal funding/compliance reports cont'd

- **Single Audit**, includes:
 - Report on Internal Control and Compliance based on Financial Statement audit - two comments
 - Report on Compliance, Internal Control and Expenditures of Federal Awards — one comment
 - Schedule of Expend. of Federal Awards — “clean” opinion
 - Findings — three, as noted above / Prior Audit Findings - none

Federal & State Funding Reports

State funding/compliance report

- Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) uses:
City complied with state requirements

Reports that are completed later:

- HUD-required financial schedule - federal
- Annual Expenditure Limitation Report - state

Requested Action

As recommended by the Council's Audit Committee:

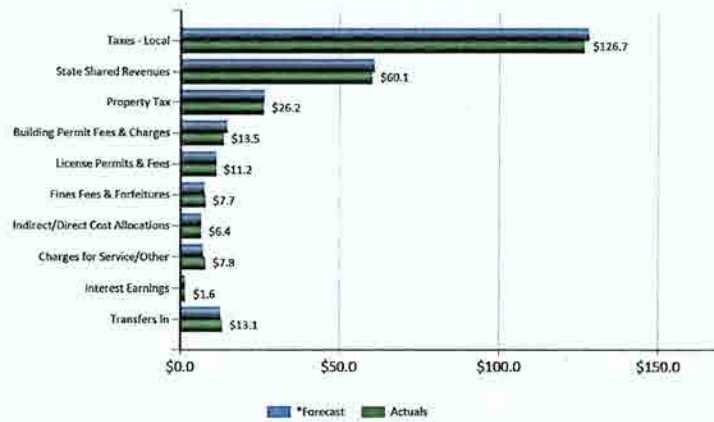
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FY 2016/17 Financial Highlights (Preliminary Results)

City Council
November 28, 2017
Prepared by: City Treasurer

General Fund Operating Sources Year-End FY 2016/17

(in millions: rounding differences may occur)



*Forecast as of May 2017.

General Fund Operating Sources Year-End FY 2016/17

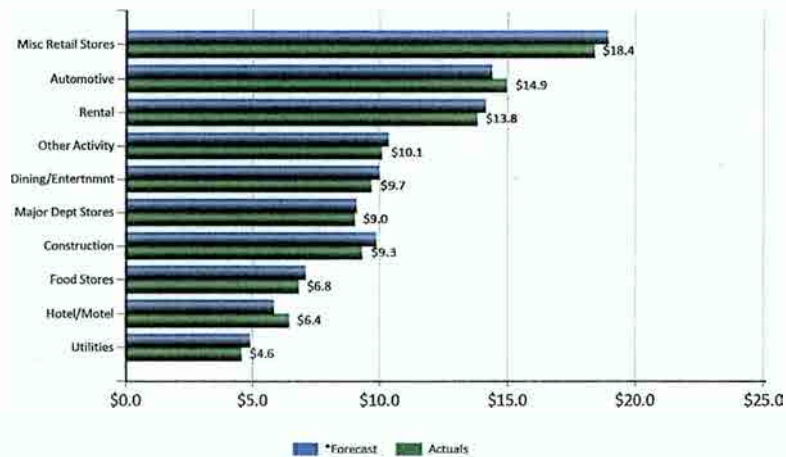
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	FY 2016/17	FY 2016/17	Approved vs. Forecast	
	Forecast* Budget	Actual	Favorable / (Unfavorable) Amount	(Unfavorable) Percent
Taxes - Local	\$128.1	\$126.7	(\$1.4)	(1%)
State Shared Revenues	60.8	60.1	(0.7)	(1%)
Property Tax	26.3	26.2	(0.1)	(1%)
Building Permit Fees & Charges	14.7	13.5	(1.2)	(8%)
License Permits & Fees	11.2	11.2	-	-
Fines Fees & Forfeitures	7.5	7.7	0.3	4%
Indirect/Direct Cost Allocations	6.4	6.4	-	-
Charges for Service/Other	7.0	7.8	0.8	11%
Interest Earnings	1.4	1.6	0.2	12%
Transfers In	12.6	13.1	0.6	4%
Total General Fund Operating Sources	\$275.9	\$274.3	(\$1.7)	(1%)

*Forecast as of May 2017.

General Fund Sales Tax Year-End: June 2017

(in millions: rounding differences may occur)



*Forecast as of May 2017.

General Fund Sales Tax Year-End: June 2017

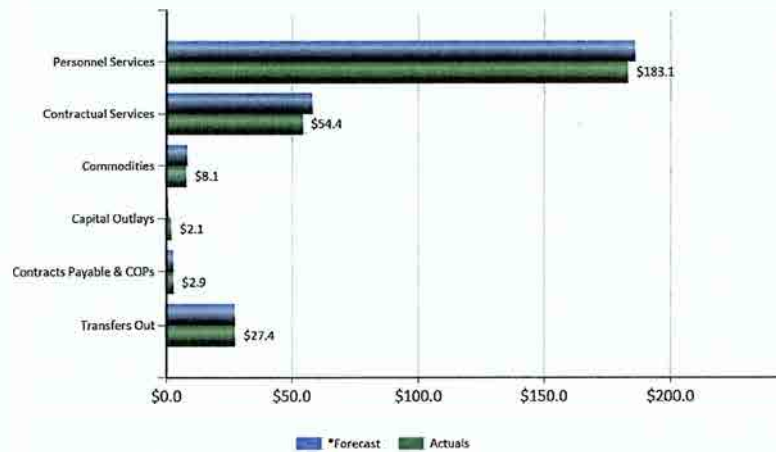
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	FY 2016/17	FY 2016/17	Approved vs. Forecast	
	Forecast* Budget	Actual	Favorable / (Unfavorable) Amount	(Unfavorable) Percent
Misc Retail Stores	\$18.9	\$18.4	(\$0.6)	(3%)
Automotive	14.4	14.9	0.6	4%
Rental	14.1	13.8	(0.3)	(2%)
Other Activity	10.3	10.1	(0.3)	(2%)
Dining/Entertainmt	10.0	9.7	(0.3)	(3%)
Major Dept Stores	9.1	9.0	(0.1)	(1%)
Construction	9.9	9.3	(0.5)	(6%)
Food Stores	7.1	6.8	(0.3)	(4%)
Hotel/Motel	5.9	6.4	0.6	10%
Utilities	4.9	4.6	(0.4)	(7%)
Total General Fund Sales Tax	\$104.7	\$103.1	(\$1.6)	(2%)

*Forecast as of May 2017.

General Fund Operating Uses Year-End: FY 2016/17

(in millions: rounding differences may occur)



*Forecast as of May 2017.

General Fund Operating Uses Year-End: FY 2016/17

(in millions: rounding differences may occur)

	FY 2016/17	FY 2016/17	Approved vs. Forecast	
	Forecast*	Actual	Favorable / (Unfavorable)	
	Budget	Actual	Amount	Percent
Personnel Services	\$185.9	\$183.1	\$2.8	2%
Contractual Services	58.2	54.4	3.8	7%
Commodities	8.4	8.1	0.4	4%
Capital Outlays	0.9	2.1	(1.2)	nm
Contracts Payable & COPs	2.9	2.9	-	-
Transfers Out	27.4	27.4	-	-
Total General Fund Operating Uses	\$283.7 **	\$277.8	\$5.8	2%

*Forecast as of May 2017.

**Includes non-divisional utilities and leave accrual payouts net of vacancy savings.

General Fund Sources Over/(Under) Uses Year-End: FY 2016/17

(in millions: rounding differences may occur)

	FY 2016/17 Forecast Budget*	FY 2016/17 Actual	Approved vs. Forecast	
			Favorable/(Unfavorable) Amount	Percent
Sources	\$275.9	\$274.3	(\$1.7)	(1%)
Uses	283.7**	277.8	5.8	2%
Total Sources Over/(Under) Uses	(\$7.8)	(\$3.6)	\$4.1	
Undesignated, Unreserved Fund Balance (after replenishing contingency)	\$24.0	\$28.7		

*Forecast as of May 2017.

**Includes non-divisional utilities and leave accrual payouts net of vacancy savings.

FY 2016/17 Financial Highlights Statement of Net Position

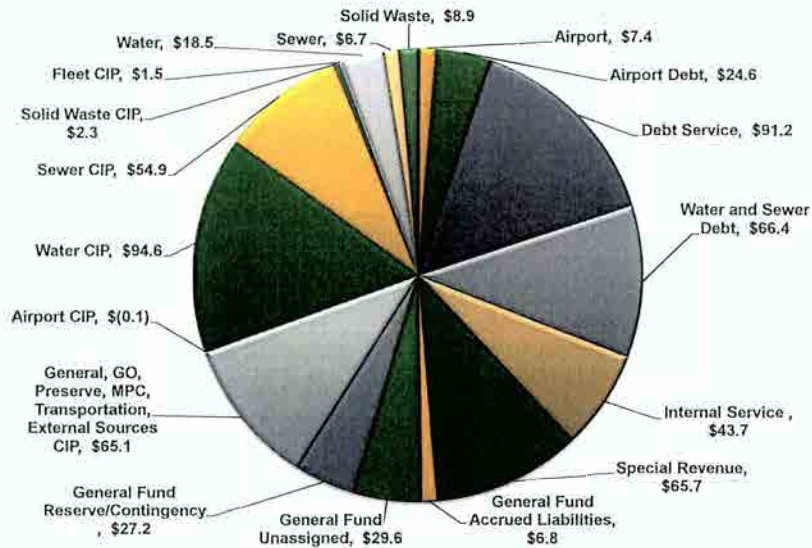
FY 2016/17 Financial Highlights Statement of Net Position

(in millions: rounding differences may occur)

	FY 2016/17	FY 2015/16	Change
Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$615.0	\$558.1	\$56.9
Receivables	105.4	92.9	12.5
Other	222.9	183.8	39.1
Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)			
Governmental Activities	4,349.5	4,263.9	85.6
Equity in Joint Venture	99.1	102.8	(3.7)
Other Enterprise Activities	1,466.0	1,468.9	(2.9)
Total Assets	6,857.9	6,670.4	187.5
Liabilities			
Accruals: Payables, Payroll and Benefits	(141.8)	(136.8)	(5.0)
Accrued Compensated Absences	(29.0)	(29.1)	0.1
Other Liabilities	(103.8)	(91.0)	(12.8)
Net Pension Liabilities	(343.6)	(291.1)	(52.5)
Bonds, Loans and Other Payables	(1,253.3)	(1,234.1)	(19.2)
Total Liabilities	(1,871.5)	(1,782.1)	(89.4)
NET POSITION	\$4,986.4	\$4,888.3	\$98.1

FY 2016/17 Financial Highlights Cash and Equivalent Balances

\$615.0 million (in millions: rounding differences may occur)



FY 2016/17 Financial Highlights Receivables and Other Assets

(in millions: rounding differences may occur)

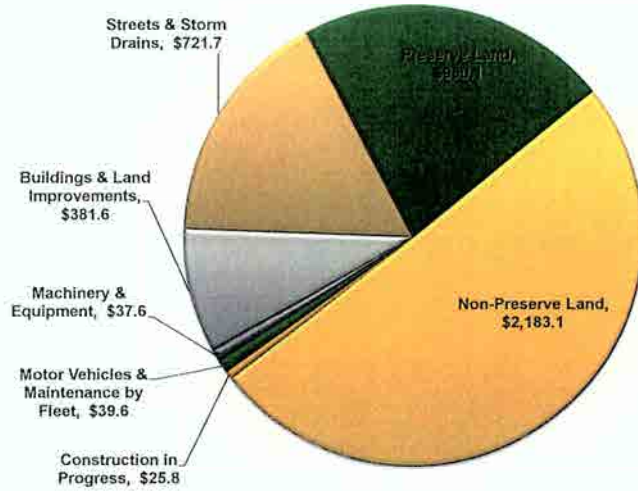
\$105.4 Receivables

- \$35.6 Intergovernmental
- \$24.8 Other Local Taxes
- \$17.1 Charges for Services
- \$14.8 Interest and Other
- \$13.1 Property Taxes and Penalties

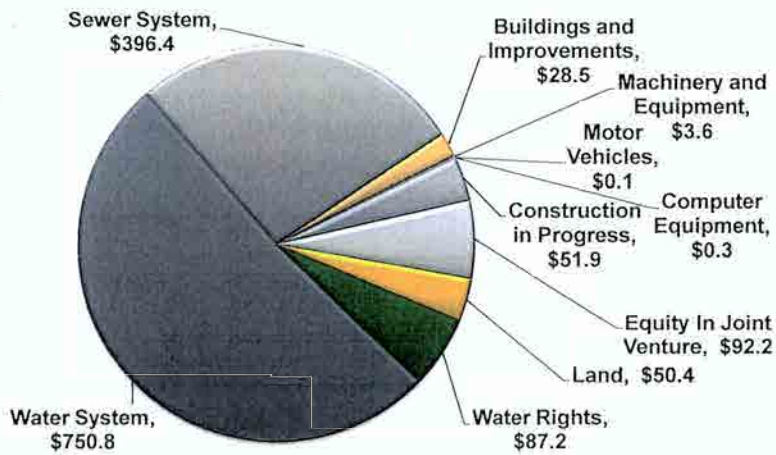
\$222.9 Other

- \$84.4 Pensions
- \$67.6 Service Concession Arrangement
- \$39.9 Deferred Amounts on Refundings
- \$30.0 Supplies and Prepaid Items
- \$1.0 Customer Deposits

FY 2016/17 Financial Highlights
Net Capital Assets by Type – Government
\$4,349.5 million (in millions: rounding differences may occur)

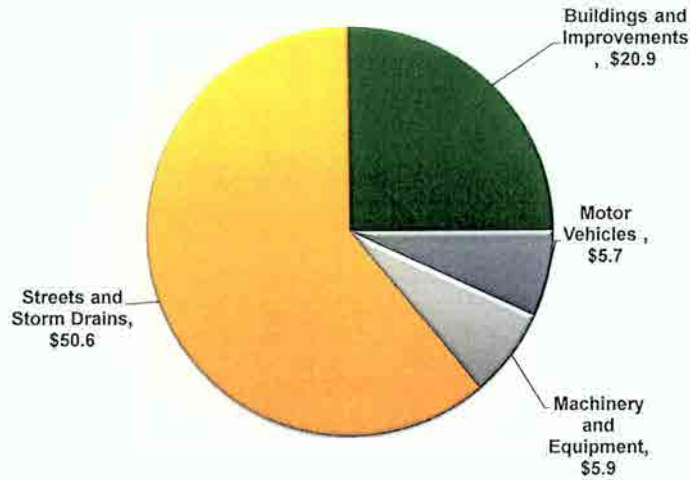


FY 2016/17 Financial Highlights
Net Capital Assets by Type – Enterprise
\$1,461.3 million (in millions: rounding differences may occur)



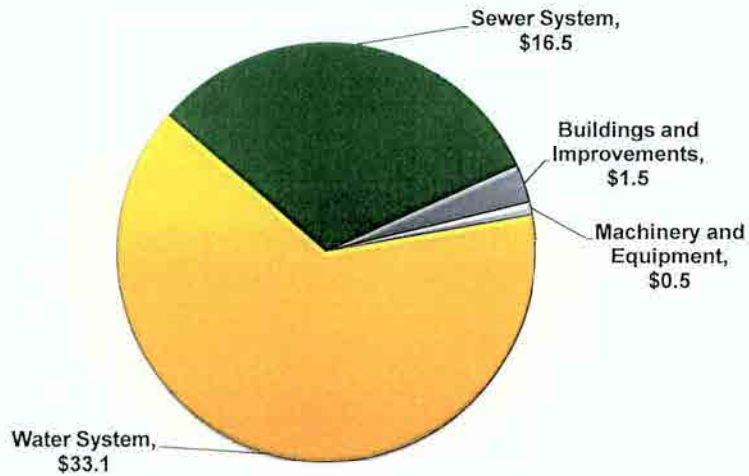
FY 2016/17 Financial Highlights Annual Depreciation by Type – Government \$83.1 million

(in millions: rounding differences may occur)



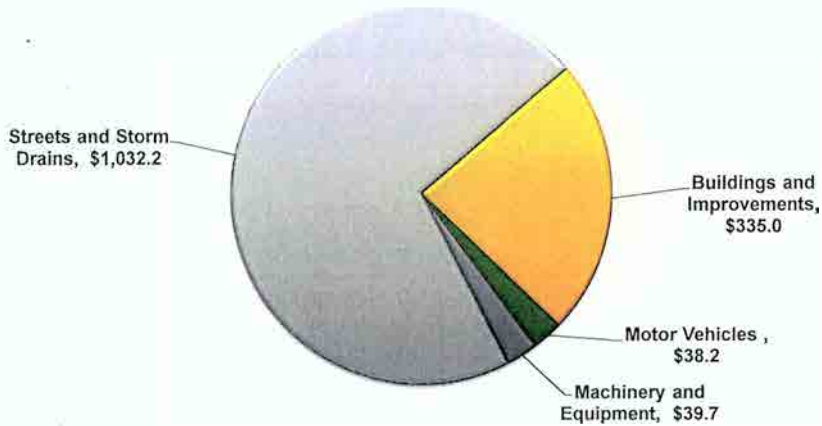
FY 2016/17 Financial Highlights Annual Depreciation by Type – Enterprise \$51.7 million

(in millions: rounding differences may occur)



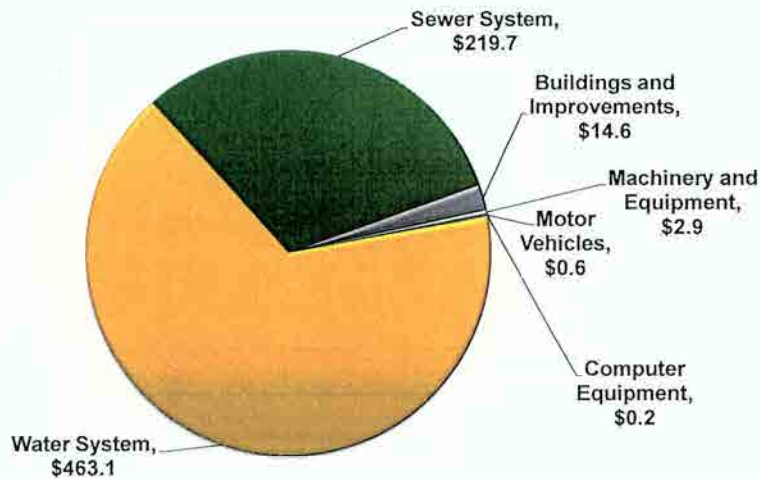
FY 2016/17 Financial Highlights
Accumulated Depreciation by Type –
Government \$1,445.1 million

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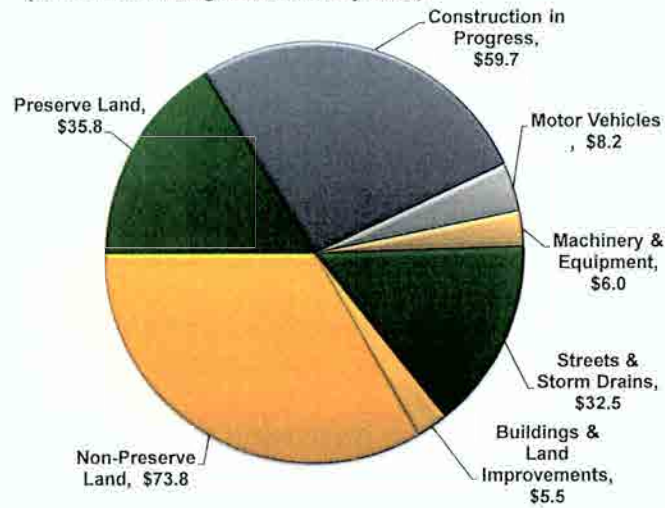
FY 2016/17 Financial Highlights
Accumulated Depreciation by Type –
Enterprise \$701.2 million

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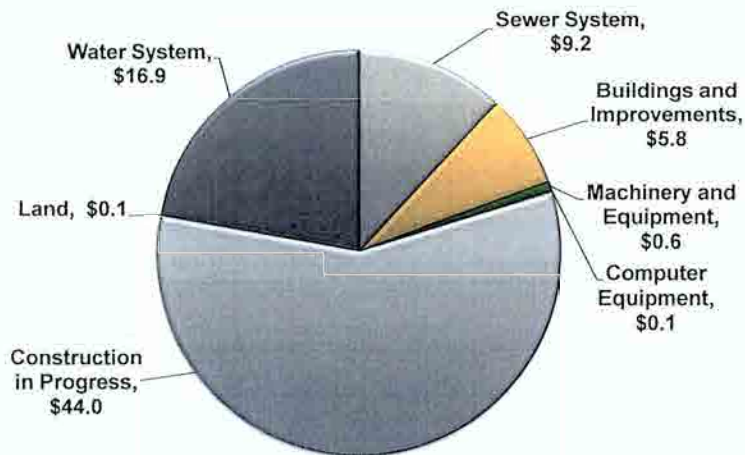
FY 2016/17 Financial Highlights
Acquisitions by Type –
Government \$221.5 million

(in millions: rounding differences may occur)



FY 2016/17 Financial Highlights
Acquisitions by Type – Enterprise
\$76.7 million

(in millions: rounding differences may occur)



FY 2016/17 Financial Highlights Accruals and Other Liabilities

(in millions: rounding differences may occur)

\$141.8 Accruals: Payables, Payroll and Benefits

- \$129.0 Accounts and Interest Payable
- \$ 12.8 Payroll and Benefits

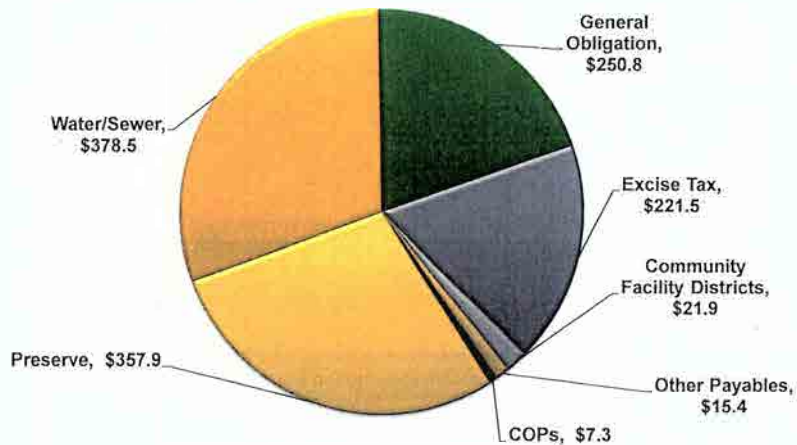
\$29.0 Accrued Compensated Absences

\$103.8 Other Liabilities

\$343.6 Net Pension Liabilities

FY 2016/17 Financial Highlights Bonds, Loans and Other Payables \$1,253.3 million

(in millions: rounding differences may occur)



**FY 2016/17 Financial Highlights
“Off-Balance Sheet” Liabilities**

Compensated Absences

Liability to be earned by employees
during future service

Implicit Subsidies

Liability for health insurance at subsidized
rates for Public Safety “medically-retired”
employees

Item 13

***Proposed 2018 State
Legislative Program***

City of Scottsdale
Government Relations Office
November 28, 2017

2018 State Legislative Program

- Second Regular Session of the 52nd Legislature begins January 8, 2018
- Senate President:
 - Steve Yarbrough (R-Chandler, LD17)
- Speaker of the House:
 - J.D. Mesnard (R- Chandler, LD 17)

2018 State Legislative Agenda

- Input from City Leadership

- Two Sections
 - Core Principles
 - Policy Statements (includes Key Positions)

2018 State Legislative Program

- For consideration tonight:
 1. Add, subtract or amend Legislative Agenda.
 2. Consider approval of 2018 State Legislative Agenda.

2018 Key Positions

- SUPPORT reasonable and revenue-neutral changes to existing laws that further the purpose of simplifying the imposition and collection of sales tax on construction activities.
- OPPOSE changing the imposition of construction sales taxes to “materials only” or other methods that do not equitably return those revenues to where the construction activity occurs.
- SUPPORT legislation to better identify operators of short term rental properties.

2018 Key Positions

- SUPPORT legislation to provide better oversight of group living homes to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and surrounding neighbors.
- OPPOSE legislation that would prohibit or eliminate the transaction privilege tax on the renting or leasing of real property for residential purposes (residential rental tax).
- SUPPORT the continued viability of HURF funding to cities and towns and support phasing down the percentage of HURF revenues being used to fund the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Economic Vitality & Tourism

- SUPPORT increased state funding for a favorable tourism and associated job creation environment for business attraction, retention, expansion, tourism marketing, film and multi-media attraction.
- SUPPORT positioning Arizona to be able to consistently attract and host major events in the state. In particular, support policies that enhance Arizona's reputation as a world-class medical destination for cutting-edge health care facilities and services.

Economic Vitality & Tourism

- SUPPORT small business by reducing unnecessary obstacles.
- SUPPORT additional job creation measures including workforce training.
- SUPPORT legislation or actions that embrace emerging technology in Arizona.
- SUPPORT for the reauthorization of the Arizona Commerce Authority.

Local Government Finance

- SUPPORT efforts to offset the potential loss of rental-car surcharge revenues that may result from the rulings on Saban v. Arizona.

Transportation

- SUPPORT the continued viability of the State Aviation Fund, including assurances that fuel taxes will be placed in the Fund or returned to the airport where the fuel sales occur.

Human Relations

- SUPPORT efforts to amend state laws to prohibit discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Public Services & Neighborhoods

- OPPOSE legislation that would impair the City's ability to maintain the effectiveness of Scottsdale's measures such as the Public Safety Plan Ordinance.
- SUPPORT legislation to expand the use of opioid inhibitors, such as Narcan, by professionally trained public safety personnel.
- OPPOSE legalizing additional fireworks or other changes that would increase the risk of fires to residents and the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

Public Services & Neighborhoods

- OPPOSE legislation that negatively impacts the City's Fire Code or its ability to enforce Scottsdale's Fire Code provisions.
- OPPOSE legislation that will restrict the City's ability to pass or enact local community risk reduction measures.

Preservation & Environmental Planning

- SUPPORT efforts to mitigate salinity accumulation, including collaborative measures to minimize or eliminate sodium chloride from water softeners.
- SUPPORT legislative efforts to bring about changes in forest management with the goal of enacting effective and large-scale forest restoration projects to improve forest health, increase water yield, and reduce the risks and costs of catastrophic wildfires.

Public Services & Facilities

- **Scottsdale Water Service**
 - SUPPORT state-led efforts in working with stakeholders to identify solutions to improve overall management of Arizona's groundwater and the State's allocation of Colorado River water.
 - SUPPORT legislation to protect and maintain the City's established surface and ground water supplies
 - SUPPORT legislation to ensure the City's role in the management and continued use of reclaimed and remediated waters.

Any Questions?

- For more information, contact the City of Scottsdale Government Relations Office

Construction Sales Tax

- 1978 - Legislature created Prime Contracting category.
 - Prime Contractor responsible for paying tax on 65% of gross receipts* (35% considered the standard deduction for labor)
- 2012 – TPT Simplification Task Force (Brewer)
 - Recommended taxing construction materials at point of purchase.
- 2013 – (HB 2011) Legislature creates bifurcated construction tax system.
 - Maintenance and repair (“handyman”) pay tax where purchased
 - New or major construction remain largely same (65/35%)
 - Some contractors responsible for paying tax under both systems.

* after other allowable deductions

Construction Sales Tax

- HB 2389 in 2014 and SB 1446 in 2015 attempted to create clearer distinction between maintenance and large construction activities.
 - Created Maintenance, Repair, Replacement, Alteration (MRRR) category.
 - Provided formulas for MRRR vs. Prime Contracting
- HB 2267 in 2016 sought to eliminate Prime Contracting and replace with point-of-purchase and create new 2% state tax on all materials distributed based on building permits.
- HB 2521 in 2017 sought to eliminate Prime contracting and replace with point-of-purchase and proposal allowing cities to donate 4% of retail taxes in to pool to be distributed by value of building permits.

Construction Sales Tax

- HB 2521 in 2017 sought to eliminate Prime contracting and replace with point-of-purchase and proposal allowing cities to donate 4% of retail taxes in to pool to be distributed by value of building permits in comparison to cumulative statewide building permit value.

Construction Sales Tax Task Force

- Began in 2016 by League of Arizona Cities and Towns
- 6 principles that should be considered in any legislation:
 1. Ensures tax revenues are remitted to the jurisdiction in which the activity occurs.
 2. Does not result in significant reduction in revenues for the state or local governments.
 3. Maintains the integrity of other tax systems
 4. Provides fairness for all similarly situated taxpayers.
 5. Easy to determine tax obligation and to comply with remittance.
 6. Prevents tax avoidance by relocating or restructuring businesses.

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Petition

Petition to Extend Bus Service

(Title of Petition)

A petition of Andara Senior Living

Addressed To Scottsdale City Council

WE THE UNDERSIGNED WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THE FOLLOWING PROBLEM, WITH RECOMMENDATION(S):

Petition to extend bus service to the Scottsdale / Ancala business district at the intersection of Frank Lloyd Wright and Via Linda. The following businesses and citizens of the Ancala Business area are hereby requesting the re-establishment of the Bus service for the benefit of all citizens of Scottsdale

In so doing, entry level employees from outlying areas will be hired to continue providing upscale level of services for all businesses located in this sector of Scottsdale. In turn, more commercial activity in general will result in more taxable income for the city of Scottsdale and enable our community to continue to grow. In so doing, all citizens will benefit with better pedestrian traffic flow. With your prompt attention to this matter, all employees and citizens will benefit.

AGREED UPON BY THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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61	Shirley Haker	"	628-4731
62	Jean Clony	"	816-1578
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ANDARA
a Senior Lifestyle community

October 3, 2017

Dear Sirs and Madams:

We are currently writing about bus travel access on the Via Linda between the Via Linda Senior Center and the shopping centers and customers and the Desert Mountain High School Stop on 124th Street. When Route 114 was discontinued in 2010, the bus stops next to the Via Linda Senior Center at Via Linda/Shea, and the Via Linda/Frank Lloyd Wright Intersection were discontinued. Currently Bus Route 80 stops at Shea/at 90th street and Mountain View, and bypasses the residences and shopping centers along Via Linda up to 124th Street. This area has not had a bus stop since 2010 when Bus Route 114 was discontinued. This route also has only 11 stops during morning and evening Rush Hours. Other Bus routes usually have 12-15 stops on their routes.

Since 2010, the population of Scottsdale has grown from 217,000 people to 243,000 in 2016. Of this population, 55,616 (23%) are 65+ years and the median age is 45 years. The 5 mile radius around Ancala Village at the intersection of Frank Lloyd Wright and Via Linda has a population of 91,119 individuals, and a median household income of \$120,957. There are 41,179 households within this 5 mile radius with a median age of 47.3 years.

This population, to include the NE Scottsdale VA Clinic, would benefit from bus transportation to local employment opportunities, shopping centers in this area, the rest of Scottsdale, and Phoenix. Re-establishing the two bus stops would provide job opportunities and a higher participation in customer traffic in this locale and those requiring VA medical care and services.

A recent article entitled "*Cities Explore Ways to be Age-Friendly*," in the AARP Bulletin/*Real Possibilities* section for December 2016; p. 36, stated: "In Phoenix, AARP Arizona pushed for a \$31.5 billion package, called MOVEPHX, that will upgrade most forms of public transportation..... Goals of the measure, called Prop. 104, include expanded bus hours and safer streets and sidewalks..... to improve "connectivity and livability."

We are requesting a modification in Valley Metro's service policies and practices, and started a petition to obtain the required signatures for the addition of 2 bus stops to Route 80. Specifically to Andara Senior Living, employees who wish to work in this market do not have ease of access through public transportation, to more financially prosperous earnings, Seniors, those with disabilities cannot access and fully participate in shopping centers, hospitals, doctors' and dentists' visits, libraries, the Via Linda Senior Center, or Valley Metro programs, services, and facilities. We appreciate in advance your consideration and influence in making this matter come to fruition.

With Best Regards,


Dusty Rhodes
Resident Council Chairman


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Executive Director

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CITIES EXPLORE WAYS TO BE AGE-FRIENDLY

Major upgrade under way in Phoenix

Before the sun peeks over Mingus Mountain, Ron Brinkman begins a five-mile stroll on his favorite multiuse path in northern Arizona. Neighbors young and old run by or pass him on bicycles.

Brinkman, 70, chair of AARP Yavapai Volunteers in the county that includes Prescott, supported the effort to create the pathways in his town, Prescott Valley. It's an example of a growing nationwide drive to make communities livable for all ages and to help older citizens enjoy life while remaining in long-established homes.

In all this activity, two words echo: connectivity and livability.

Several Arizona cities, including Casa Grande and Tempe, are exploring joining the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

So far, Tucson and Phoenix have taken the plunge to join the AARP network, signifying a commitment to improve in areas such as transit for older people and the disabled, use of outdoor space and affordable, accessible housing.

The AARP network, affiliated with the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities, was started in 2012 to help cities prepare for the twin trends of aging and urbanization.

In Phoenix, AARP Arizona

AARP IN YOUR COMMUNITY: PHOENIX

Running With Team Alli In Support of Best Buddies



With the wind in her hair and sunlight on her freckles, Alli couldn't be happier.

She "runs" with as big a heart as anyone crossing the finish line.

The latest race for Alli and her AARP-sponsored team is Sunday, Dec. 11, in the 13.1-mile Runner's Den Scottsdale Half Marathon.

Alli, 17, of Gilbert, copes with cerebral palsy and races in a special chair along with her team. Team captain Diane Bruchhauser, AARP state director Dana Marie Kennedy and others take turns pushing and running alongside. Team Alli is part of Best Buddies Arizona, a nonprofit organization that offers friendship

pushed for a \$31.5 billion package, called MovePHX, that will upgrade most forms of public transportation. The ballot issue, which raises the sales tax for transit over 35 years, was approved by 55 percent of voters in August 2015.

Goals of the measure, called Prop. 104, include expanded bus hours and safer streets and sidewalks to enhance walkability in neighborhoods.

Turnout for the election was only 20 percent, but "77 percent of the voters [who participated] were 50 and older. So it was our AARP members who decided that election," said AARP state director Dana Marie Kennedy.

EXPANDED TRANSIT SERVICES

"It's kind of exciting to see how our efforts have improved bus routes and Dial-a-Ride services," Kennedy said.

Jean Morik, 52, a former insurance broker from Chicago who has used a wheelchair since a stroke 20 years ago, is thrilled with the changes. "I can't wait until bus and light rail schedules are synchro-

and opportunities for people with and without disabilities.

"She loves to hear people yelling her name at the finish," said Alli's mother, Stacy Schmidt. "Then she wears her finisher medal and her gear to school."

Alli, short for Allison, is a junior at Mesquite High School. The eldest of seven siblings, she was hit with bacterial meningitis when she was 6 months old. Now she doesn't walk or talk, but she communicates plenty with an iPad and her smile.

"It's an honor to run with the team and watch the reaction from Alli and her mom as she crosses the finish line and experiences real possibilities," Kennedy said.

The Scottsdale race begins at 7:30 a.m. To cheer for Alli, be at 75th and Main streets by 9 a.m., when her team is expected to cross the finish line. —FORD BURKHART

nized," she said. "I won't be afraid of going out late or on weekends and getting stranded."

Mark Hamblin, 60, a Dial-a-Rider in Phoenix, uses that service to take a \$4 minibus ride to work at the Arizona Department of Revenue. Hamblin, blind since 1988, said, "At Safeway, the drivers even carry my groceries to the van."

For \$65 a month, Dial-a-Ride picks him up at 6:15 a.m. Since MovePHX passed, "they've made it more flexible," Hamblin said. "Now I can go to my cousin's house in Gilbert without a transfer."

Bus route improvements delight Toni Solano, 57. The minibus takes her from her central Phoenix apartment to doctor appointments and major stores. Before the MovePHX service expansions, she missed part of a Johnny Mathis concert and a Phoenix Suns basketball game to catch the last bus.

"Now I get home without worrying about being stuck at night," said Solano, a retired certified nursing assistant.

AARP is also working with the Maricopa Association of Governments to create a regional age-friendly network, which would pool resources to help residents 60 and older thrive in their communities.

Tempe already has joined the Dementia Friendly America initiative, now in 25 states.

For more information about the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities, go to aarp.org/agefriendly. —Ford Burkhardt

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That's how many Arizona residents (6.3 percent) were kept out of poverty by Social Security in 2014, including 273,331 (28.3 percent) of those 65-plus, according to the AARP Public Policy Institute. Learn more at aarp.org/sspoverty.

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