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TRANSIT STRIKE THREATENS GLENDALE BUS ROUTES

GLENDALE, Ariz. – With labor negotiations still at an impasse between Phoenix’s transit operations contractor Veolia Transportation Service and its labor union on a new collective bargaining agreement, some city of Glendale bus services may be impacted beginning Friday, March 2. The warnings stem from a website posting by the Amalgamated Transit Union local 1433 (www.atu1433.org) for strike plans on that day.

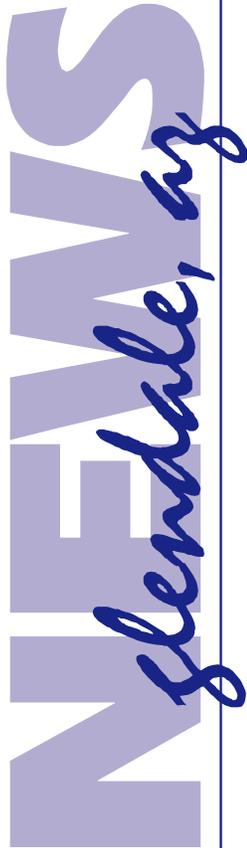
Glendale contracts most of its transit bus service with the city of Phoenix through an annual intergovernmental agreement.

If an agreement is not reached then transit service may be reduced on 11 of Glendale’s 14 fixed routes. There are three contingency plans that identify 30%, 45%, and 60% (Sunday bus service level) of normal operations on the affected routes if a strike should take place. Veolia will strive to begin operations at the highest level contingency plan possible.

These 11 bus routes are primarily the east/west routes and are as follows:

- Route 50 – Camelback Road
- Route 60 – Bethany Home Road
- Route 70 – Glendale Avenue
- Route 80 – Northern Avenue
- Route 90 – Olive Avenue
- Route 106 – Peoria Avenue
- Route 122 – Cactus Avenue
- Route 138 – Thunderbird Road
- Route 170 – Bell Road
- Route 186 – Union Hills Road
- Express Route 581, from 59th and Thunderbird Road

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Bus routes not affected include north/south bus routes in the city, including those along 67th, 59th, 51st and 43rd avenues; in addition, express routes not impacted include route numbers 573 (Loop 101) and 575 (Loop 101) and the Grand Avenue Limited.

Phoenix has contracted with the Honorable Ruth V. McGregor, former Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice, to provide mediation services related to the labor negotiations. Updates on labor negotiations are available at www.phoenix.gov/publictransit/strikeinfo.html. Passengers can get updates at ValleyMetro.org or call Customer Service at 602-253-5000 during business hours.

Residents without alternative transportation or unable to use transit service at the reduced levels on the affected routes are encouraged to carpool or vanpool.

Glendale will continue to provide the utmost customer service with its in-house transit services, including its neighborhood circulator, the Gus Bus and Dial-a-Ride. For more information on Transit services, visit www.glendaleaz.com/transit or call 623-930-3500.

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