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## **POSSIBLE TRANSIT STRIKE THREATENS BUS SERVICE IN GLENDALE**

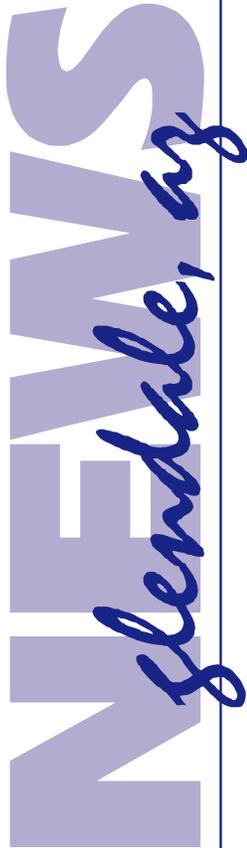
**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – Due to the breakdown of contract negotiations with one of the city of Phoenix transit service operators, Veolia Transportation Services (VTS), on its union collective bargaining agreements, city of Glendale bus service may be impacted as early as Wednesday, Aug. 24; however, Glendale’s Dial-a-ride and neighborhood circulator, Gus Bus, will not be affected.

Transit riders can get the most updated information through the strike website at <http://www.phoenix.gov/publictransit/strikeinfo.html> or by calling Valley Metro’s customer service line at 602-253-5000.

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

Bus operators represented by Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1433 will be voting on a “best and final offer” from VTS on Tuesday evening. If bus service disruption should occur, VTS is contractually obligated to provide 60 percent of current service; however, there may be a gap of time in which no service is provided. As soon as possible, contingency plans based on 30 percent, 45 percent, and 60 percent of current service will be put into effect depending on the resources available. Under the 60 percent plan, Veolia-operated routes will run the Sunday schedule found in the Transit Book or online at Valley Metro.org: local bus routes 0, 1, 7, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16, 19, 27, 34, 39, 44, 50, 52, 60, 70, 80, 90, 106, 122, 138, 154, 170, and 186.

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Residents without alternative transportation are encouraged to carpool or vanpool. Additional information can be found online at [www.glendaleaz.com/bus](http://www.glendaleaz.com/bus).

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](http://www.glendaleaz.com/transit) or call 623-930-3500.

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