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Public Comments sought for the Nogales Area Transit Feasibility Study

Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) will be hosting a public input session to receive input for the development of the Nogales Transit Feasibility Study. The study will explore the feasibility of a public transit system serving the Nogales/Rio Rico area. The session will be held on March 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Southeast Arizona Health Education Center (SEAHEC) located at 1171 W Target Range Road, Nogales, Arizona 85621.

The Nogales/Rio Rico area is one the largest remaining communities in Arizona that does not have a Public Transit Program. To explore the need for a transit system, SEAGO was awarded a transit planning grant through ADOT in March 2023. This study will explore the need, demand, and feasibility of public transit service in the Nogales area. "The public's involvement in developing this plan is critical to its success. The entire human services community has worked for a number of years to bring this project forward. Now it's time for the public to provide comment so the plan can be developed and possibly implemented" said Chris Vertrees, Transportation Administrator for SEAGO.

The public input process is an integral step in determining eligibility for future ADOT transit funding. Everyone is welcome to come to the comment session, meet with representatives of SEAGO and the human services community that made this opportunity possible and share their comments, questions, and suggestions.

For those who wish to comment online, a comment form will be available through the SEAGO website at <u>www.seagomobility.org</u>. Comments through the website will be accepted through May 1, 2024. Persons needing accommodation for this meeting or for access to the electronic version of the draft plan can reach out to Jessica Aguayo, SEAGO Mobility Manager, at 520-432-5301 or via email at <u>jaguayo@seago.org</u>.

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