# Title VI – Major Service Change Equity Analysis



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#### **Executive Summary and Purpose:**

Per the City's *Policy and Procedure for Solicitation and Consideration of Public comment on Fare Changes and Major Services Changes on Public Transportation*, the proposed service changes to the Route 34 are "Major Service Changes"; therefore, they require a Title VI service equity analysis. Comparisons via a system-wide analysis, across the Sun Tran service area, show neither a disparate impact nor disproportionate burden in any of the proposed service changes.

The purpose of these service changes is to provide reliable service while being fiscally responsible within the City of Tucson's budget constraints. Additionally, the service changes support the emerging Frequent Transit Network (FTN) as proposed by Jarret Walker and Associates.

#### **Background:**

TDOT and Sun Tran personnel worked closely with the Transit Task Force (TTF) to develop policies and procedures to officially define what a frequent transit network (FTN) is in Tucson as well as the metrics to evaluate, add to or take away from the network. The FTN policy was adopted by the TTF on November 7, 2016. This is consistent with the Jarrett Walker recommendations and his advice to the City of Tucson:

"This document is not intended to be a plan for the future transit network of Tucson. Instead, it presents a preliminary vision of a transit system where buses come more often, waits are shorter, connections are easier, and ultimately transit is more useful." (Page 33 Transit Choices Workshop Report)

Jarrett Walker in his Transit Choices Workshop Report used the concept of priority in moving routes to the FTN. "Priority 1 contains the segments that should be considered for immediate promotion of the Frequent Network as resources become available." (page 23). On page 26 of the Transit Choices Workshop Report, Route 7 (22nd St.) is listed as a Priority 1 route. Route 34 (Craycroft/Ft. Lowell), Craycroft segment is listed as Priority 2 and the Fort Lowell segment is listed as Priority 3.

Sun Tran recommends adding Route 7, 22<sup>nd</sup> St, and Route 34, Craycroft/Ft. Lowell, to the FTN based on performance criteria standards. The performance analysis reviews (1) passengers per mile, (2) passengers per hour, (3) farebox recovery and (4) subsidy per passenger. To be included routes must meet or exceed the average of other frequent routes between 75 percent (75%) and 100 percent (100%) in three of the four categories. Route 7 meets all four categories and Route 34, meets three of the four categories.

Additional criteria that is evaluated for inclusion in the FTN include calls from drivers regarding overcrowding and late adherence to the schedules, traffic volumes on the route corridor, mixture of land-uses, and employer or employment centers. The Pima Association of Governments (PAG) 2015 traffic counts on Country Club between Broadway & 22<sup>nd</sup> Street was 31,607 and Grant to Pima shows 28,927 with Ft. Lowell Road between Campbell to Country Club at 31,741 and Dodge to Alvernon at 28,939. Economic Development section from the Plan Tucson (2013 document, page 90), identifies the distribution of Commercial Land Uses along the route corridors and page 95, identified the Economic Activity Centers as Williams Center, Tucson Medical Center, Tucson Mall, and Davis-Monthan Air Force

Base. Transit infrastructure to include pedestrian accessibility, end of line recovery, and bus turnarounds are already in place for Route 34 with no routing changes planned or proposed.

Route 7 does not require additional vehicles and does not meet the thresholds for a Title VI analysis. However, Service changes to the Route 34 require three additional vehicles and meet the defined requirements of a Major Service Change for the City of Tucson per the City's *Policy and Procedure for Solicitation and Consideration of Public comment on Fare Changes and Major Service Changes on Public Transportation* (Appendix A). To implement these changes, the City of Tucson will need to hold multiple public input meetings and a public hearing to approve the proposed changes. Public input meetings were held between December 7 and December 15, 2016. The public hearing is scheduled on January 24, 2017 during the Regular Session of the City Council Meeting.

#### **Title VI and Environmental Justice Considerations:**

The FTA Title VI Circular 4702.1B, Chapter IV requires that, "transit providers that operate 50 or more fixed route vehicles in peak service and located in an urbanized area (UZA) of 200,000 or more in population" conduct a Title VI equity analysis whenever planning a major service change. The City of Tucson Resolution 22127 adopted August 6, 2013 demonstrates the City's adoption of a *Policy and Procedure for Solicitation and Consideration of Public comment on Fare Changes and Major Service Changes on Public Transportation*. This policy and procedure states the requirement for an equity analysis when planning major services changes and consider adverse effects that may occur, defining the Disparate Impact (i.e. non-discrimination of race, color, or national origin) and Disproportionate Burden (i.e. low-income) policies.

A major service change for the City of Tucson transit is defined as any change in service that would add or eliminate:

- Twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the route revenue miles on any individual route, or
- Twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the route revenue hours on any individual route, or
- Twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the ridership on any individual route (based on the most recent route survey or sample)

Per FTA Title VI Circular 4702.1B, if a proposed service change meets the definition of a Major Service Change both the possibility of adverse effects and disparate impacts are to be evaluated. The *Fare Change and Major Service Change Policy* defines thresholds for determining whether potential fare and major service changes will have an adverse effect based on a disparate impact or disproportionate burden for and proposed service changes, which are to be evaluated:

• Disparate impact(s) is determined by an analysis of race, color, or national origin (minority) within the service area. The Disparate Impact Policy states that a proposed fare or major service changes should not have an adverse effect borne by twenty percent (20%) or more of a minority population than an adverse effect borne by the non-minority population.

• Disproportionate burden(s) is determined by an analysis of low-income populations within the service area. The Disproportionate Burden Policy states that a proposed fare or major service change should not have an adverse effect borne by twenty percent (20%) or more of a low-income population than an adverse effect borne by the non-low-income population.

If the equity analysis indicates that a disparate impact and/or disproportionate burden exist, alternatives to mitigate, provide opportunities to minimize, or avoid the effect should be identified and reanalyzed. The agency may implement the service change if there is substantial legitimate justification for the change and the agency can show there are no practical alternatives that would have less of an impact on the minority and/or low-income populations and would still accomplish the agency's legitimate program goals.

# Public Engagement Process that developed the major service change, disparate impact, and disproportionate burden policies

In addition to the public hearing on August 6, 2013, the following outreach activities were conducted prior to Mayor and Council's adoption of Resolution 22127 (*Policy and Procedure for Solicitation and Consideration of Public comment on Fare Changes and Major Service Changes on Public Transportation*)

- The policies and solicitation for comments was posted at <u>www.suntran.com</u> in English and Spanish, as well as on Facebook
- Open houses were conducted on July 17 & 23, 2013
- Strip cards in English and Spanish were placed on all buses and distributed to customers advising of the open houses and providing comments.
- Sun Tran's customer service representatives were provided talking points regarding the policies and were prepared for telephone inquiries and/or comments.
- Sun Tran's customer service department monitored emails at <a href="mailto:suntraninfo@tucsonaz.gov">suntraninfo@tucsonaz.gov</a> for any emailed comments.
- The draft policies were distributed to members of the Transit Task Force
- Public hearing notices were published.
- Interior bus advertising was placed in all buses advising of the Public Hearing and opportunity for public comment.

The comments were documented from sixteen (16) telephone calls received by Sun Tran's Customer Service and four comments returned from seventeen (17) attendees at the July 2013 Open Houses, summarized as:

- Doing a good job complying with the established regulations
- Support the use of 20% as the threshold for disparate impact and disproportionate burden
- Advocate for a lower threshold for major service change
- Go beyond the newspaper notice for announcing the public hearing
- Provide explanation of the "Title VI" in advertisements

The policies were reviewed prior to acceptance for the 2016 Title VI Program and public comments were solicited online and at public open-house meetings. There were five (5) new comments received during the 16 public meetings (May 3 to June 17, 2016), via customer service, social media, or email in regards

to maintaining the current policies for Fare Change, Major Service Change, Disparate Impact, and Disproportionate Burden.

#### Comments that were documented included:

- Comments support the 20% thresholds for minority populations and for disproportionate burden on low-income populations, and doing a good job, complying with the established regulations
- Comments advocate lower thresholds for minority populations and for disproportionate burden on low-income populations
- Comments request for non-traditional advertising in addition to traditional required newspaper notices of Title VI and Public Hearing processes, including definitions for public notices

#### Goals and objectives of the Sun Tran System that influenced this analysis were:

- Provide safe reliable service to the community within the fiscal constraints determined by the City
  of Tucson via the City Manager's Office, Department of Transportation Transit Services Division
  with guidance from the City of Tucson Department of Finance
- Maintain current coverage of the Sun Tran Service Area
- Maintain and improve when possible minimum frequencies
  - Weekdays:
    - 30-minutes or better between the hours of 6:00 am through 6:00 pm on all routes
    - 15-minutes or better on selected routes identified in the emerging FTN
  - Weekends (Saturday and Sunday):
    - 60-minutes or better between the hours of 6:00 am through 6:00 pm on all routes
    - 30-minutes or better on selected routes identified in the emerging FTN

#### Minority and Low-Income Fare Demographic Information

FTA circular 4702.1B defines minority persons to include American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, and Hispanic or Latino, which includes persons of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South, or Central American, or other Spanish culture regardless of race.

Individuals who responded to the 2016 On-Board Transit Survey, completed by ETC Institute on August 2016 on behalf of the City of Tucson and PAG (Appendix B), answered questions that identified their racial and ethnic categories. Based on the survey responses from Sun Tran system riders average percentages were determined for each race and/or ethnicity: 36.98 percent (36.98%) Hispanic, 12.57 percent (12.57%) Black or African American, 6.59 percent (6.59%) American Indian, less than two percent (2%) were Asian, with 44.54 percent (44.54%) identified as White/Caucasian with no other ethnicity or race included.

Additionally, survey respondents answered questions relating to household income. All survey respondents that identified their household incomes as \$25,000 or less determined the low-income passengers (population). Low-income households earning \$25,000 or less, is 54 percent (54.1%) of the median household income (in 2014 dollars), 2010-2014 ACS 5-year estimates data, of \$45,233 per the U.S. Census Quick Facts for Pima County, Arizona (8/16/2016). Sun Tran Special Services Office qualifies economy fare low-income users based on information from the Arizona Department of Economic

Security, Social Security, or the U.S. Department of Labor Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLLSIL) table. A family of two, yearly lower income standard level, is allowed a maximum household income of \$24,219. Economy fare low-income qualified users may have a household income greater than this threshold based on household size.

The percentage of respondents that identified themselves as minority was 55.46 percent (55.46%) and the number of respondents who identified their households as meeting the low-income thresholds were 61.3 percent (61.3%) for the overall Sun Tran system. Separating the Express Route system from the local/core routes, 23.96 percent (23.96%) of respondents identified themselves as minority and seven percent (7.11%) of respondents identified their households as meeting the low-income threshold.

Service equity analysis requires the route level be compared to the system as a whole, individual route changes may affect how other areas of the system operate. The maps following illustrate the Sun Tran Service area, with minority and low-income populations highlighted. Route 34, as discussed in this equity analysis, before or after any changes proposed, has an opportunity for a minority or low-income person to be affected by the possible changes. Though the service changes to the route affect minority persons in a notable manner, the analysis below does not indicate a disparate impact. Nor does the analysis indicate a disproportionate burden for persons of low-income.

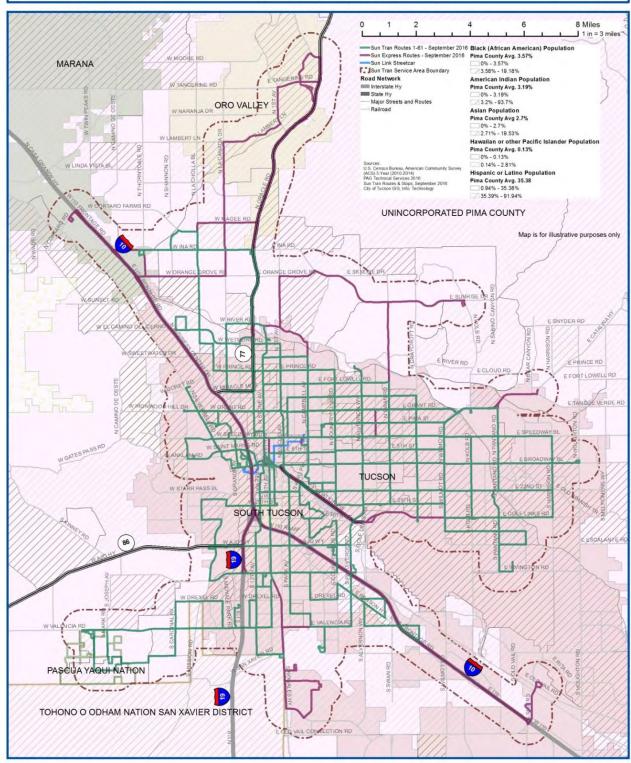
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## TITLE VI ANALYSIS

# Minority Populations in Sun Tran Service Area

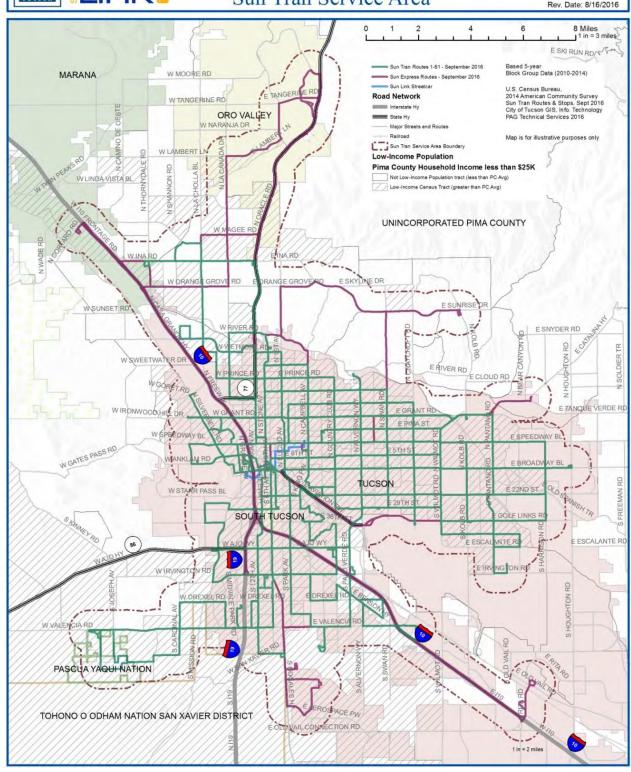






# TITLE VI ANALYSIS Low Income Population Sun Tran Service Area





#### **Current Route Service & Proposed Changes:**

#### **Frequent Transit Network (FTN)**

The emerging FTN is based on workshops completed with Jarrett Walker and Associates and the organic growth of the Sun Tran system over many years. The network includes routes in the system core that are perpendicular and cross at major street corridors with minimum frequencies and continuous service hours. These routes have access to a strong mix of commercial, office, public services, retail, and residential land uses. These routes also serve major employers or employment centers with physical infrastructure to support transit and multi-modal traffic such as pedestrians and cyclists. The FTN is currently made from routes that already meet standards; Route 34 is one of the routes that meets the standards and is being proposed to transition to the FTN.

#### Route 34, Craycroft/Ft. Lowell

**Current Service:** Operates between Tohono T'adai Transit Center and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base on Craycroft, Ft. Lowell, and Stone Ave. The current weekday frequency, as scheduled for September 2016, is 30 minutes from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with 20 minutes between 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and 60-minute frequency until 11:30 p.m.

**Proposed Change:** The route is recommended to operate a 15-minute frequency from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays with less frequent service until 11:30 p.m. Mayor & Council and the City Manager have recommended the added frequency on Route 34 as part of the "value-added" improvements to the Sun Tran system.

#### **Route Level Analysis**

The following section analyzes the impact of the following proposed route changes:

Frequency change to Route 34, Craycroft/Ft. Lowell,

#### Route 34, Craycroft/Ft. Lowell - Analysis of Proposed Change in Service Frequencies

This route has been recommended to have the frequency increased and incorporated into the Frequent Transit Network from 6:00 am through 6:00 pm, weekdays. The table below evaluates the current daily number of trips to the proposed number of trips.

Impact of	f Freque	ency Changes	on Ridershi	p (Fiscal Year 20	16 Average Wee	ekday Ridership)
				Ridership Impact		
Route	Day	Average Weekday	Current Trips	Avg. # Pass/Trip	Proposed Trips	Change in Trips
34	WK	1,795	66	27.3	105	39

<u>Change in Revenue Miles, Hours, and Affected Ridership:</u> The proposed change in Route 34 frequency meets the threshold of a major service change based upon revenue service hours, and miles. It is expected that current ridership would redistribute across the service hours and additional ridership may use the route with its inclusion in the FTN. The impact (increase/decrease) to ridership is difficult to estimate due to the lack of an elasticity model for small frequency changes (20 minutes to 15 minutes).

The following tables depict the percentage of change represented by Route 34 proposal in revenue service hours and revenue service miles from September 2016.

		Revenue Miles	S			Revenue	Hours	
Route	Current Miles	Proposed Miles	Change	Percent	Current Hours	Proposed Hours	Change	Percent
34	840.43	1337.7	497.27	59%	76.82	115.91	39.09	51%

The analytical methodology used in determining the percentages of change and impact to the revenue hours, revenue miles, (shown in the table above), and impacted ridership is consistently applied to determine a percent change for the analyses in this and previous documents. Each step Sun Tran verified the values calculated. The percent of the change used the "current" and "proposed" as an "initial" and "final" value. Percentage change equals the change in value divided by the absolute value of the original value, multiplied by 100. Percentage change =  $(\Delta V / |V1|) * 100 = ((V2 - V1) / |V1|) * 100$  whereas V = value (http://www.calculatorsoup.com/calculators/algebra/percent-change-calculator.php). A positive change is expressed as an increase amount of the percentage value while a negative change is expressed as a decrease amount of the absolute value of the percentage value.

Impact to Minority and Low-Income: The demographics of the route were evaluated to determine if a disparate impact upon minorities or a disproportionate burden upon persons with low incomes results from the proposed change. Minority and low-income populations specifically for Route 34 compared to the system ridership are shown in the table below. Sun Tran analyzed the impacts of the service change on minority populations and low-income populations in comparison to the overall service area. The changes in frequency appears to affect minority populations and low-income populations greater than non-minority or non-low-income populations as a whole; however, the thresholds for 25 percent (25%) in comparison to the route and system do not reflect a disparate impact for minority population or a disproportionate burden for low-income populations.

Major Ser	rvice Changes	- Comparisor	n to Fixed Route	System (based on	the 2016 (	On-Board Surv	/ey)		
ROUTE	% MINORITY	% NON- MINORITY	SUN TRAN % MINORITY	DIFFERENCE (Route Minority – Sun Tran System Minority)	% LOW INCOME	% Senior & Disabled	% NON- LOW INCOME	SUN TRAN % LOW INCOME	DIFFERENCE (Route Low-Income – Sun Tran System Low-Income)
34	50.54%	49.46%	55.46%	-4.92%	44.0%	4%	52.0%	54.1%	-10.1%

#### Route 34, Craycroft/Ft. Lowell - Findings:

The impact of the service changes were evaluated on the system-wide basis. The service equity analysis shows that the proposed change does not meet the 20 percent (20%) threshold and as a result, there is no resulting disparate impact upon minorities, or disproportionate burden to persons with low income.

#### **Conclusions:**

No disparate impact for minority passengers or disproportionate burden for low-income passengers was found for major service changes on Route 34, Craycroft/Ft. Lowell. The route was reviewed to determine major service change and impact to ridership, comparing the route and across the Sun Tran system. The route changes planned for March 2017 include the major service changes for Route 34 (Craycroft/Ft. Lowell) as described above and minor service changes for Route 7, (22<sup>nd</sup> St).

The proposed and planned change to Routes 34 and 7 accomplishes moving the routes to a 15-minute frequency weekdays from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm or later. If approved, these changes support the emerging Frequent Transit Network (FTN) as proposed by Jarret Walker and Associates for the City of Tucson.

# Appendices

Appendix A - City of Tucson, Resolution Number 22127

Policy and Procedure for Solicitation and Consideration of
Public comment on Fare Changes and Major Service
Changes on Public Transportation

### City of Tucson Policy and Procedure for Solicitation and Consideration of Public Comment on Fare Changes and Major Service Changes on Public Transportation

#### Purpose of the Policy:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 4702.1B, "Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients" (effective October 1, 2012) requires that all FTA recipients who operate 50 or more fixed route vehicles in peak service and serve a population of 200,000 or greater, evaluate any fare change or any major service change, during the planning and programming stages.

When planning fare changes or major services changes, the City of Tucson shall consider if any adverse effect would occur as a result of the fare change or major service change. The City of Tucson shall consider the degree of adverse effects (if any), analyze those effects, and discuss any necessary minimization and/or mitigation that need to be considered as a result of the proposed fare change or major service change.

The Fare Change and Major Service Change Policy defines thresholds for determining whether potential fare and major service changes will have an adverse effect based on possible:

- <u>Disparate impact(s)</u> (as determined by an analysis of race, color, or national origin within the service area); or
- <u>Disproportionate burden(s)</u> (as determined by an analysis of low-income populations within the service area).

#### II. Policy Statement:

It is the policy of the City of Tucson to solicit and consider public comment from private transportation providers, private citizens, and appropriate boards, committees, and commissions before implementing fare changes and/or major service changes pursuant to the City of Tucson's public transportation system. To this end, the Mayor and Council have adopted the following citizen participation related public hearing policies and procedures.

#### III. Requirements:

#### a) Fare Changes:

A public hearing must be held if there is any fare change to any of the public transportation modes (e.g., Sun Tran, Sun Van, or Sun Link). For changes to existing transit fares, the FTA requires all City of Tucson transit providers (e.g., Sun Tran, Sun Van, and Sun Link) to conduct a Fare Equity Analysis for all proposed fare changes.

#### b) <u>Major Service Changes:</u>

A public hearing must be held if there is any major service change to any of the public transportation modes (e.g., Sun Tran, Sun Van, or Sun Link).

For all major service changes, the FTA requires all City of Tucson transit providers (e.g., Sun Tran, Sun Van, and Sun Link) to develop guidelines and thresholds for what it considers a "major" service change to be. For major service changes, the FTA requires the City of Tucson to conduct a Service Equity Analysis, which includes an analysis of adverse effects relating to possible disparate impacts and disproportionate burden. It is the City of Tucson's policy to conduct a Service Equity Analysis for any proposed major service changes.

The following is considered a major service change (unless otherwise noted under "Exemptions") and will be evaluated in accordance with the regulatory requirements set forth in FTA Circular 4702.1B:

A major service change (thresholds) is defined as any change in service that would add or eliminate more than:

- 1. Twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the route revenue miles on any individual route; or
- 2. Twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the route revenue hours on any individual route; or
- 3. Twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the ridership on any individual route (based on the most recent route survey or sample).

#### Exemptions:

The major service change thresholds *exclude* any changes to service that are caused by the following:

- Initiation/Discontinuance of Temporary or Demonstration Services The initiation or discontinuance of a temporary transit service or
  demonstration service that will be or has been in effect for less than
  one year.
- Initiation/Discontinuance of any Promotional Fares.
- Natural or Catastrophic Disasters Forces of nature such as earthquakes, wildfires, or other natural disasters or human-caused catastrophic disasters that may force the suspension of transit service for public safety or technical events.
- Temporary Route Detours A short-term change to a route caused by road construction, routine road maintenance, road closures,

emergency road conditions, fiscal crisis, civil demonstrations, or any uncontrollable circumstance.

#### c) Public Notice Requirements:

Prior to the implementation of any fare change or major service change that falls within the levels established above, notices of public hearing will be published in the newspaper of general circulation in the urbanized area. Two notices will be published at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing and the second one at least five (5) days prior to the hearing. The notices will contain the description of the contemplated fare change or major service change, as appropriate, and the time and place of the hearing. Public transportation users will be notified through placards or notices on the vehicles, all outlets selling bus passes, and all transit centers. Any interested citizen may address the governing body related to the proposed fare change or major service change.

#### d) Applicability to Third-Party Contract Recipients:

Any agency, firm, or governmental jurisdiction which operates public transit service within the Tucson urbanized area utilizing FTA funds provided through the City of Tucson shall follow the above process to solicit and consider public comment prior to any fare change or major service change.

#### IV. Definitions:

Adverse Effects - The City of Tucson shall define and analyze adverse effects related to major changes in transit service. Adverse effects are measured by the change between the existing and proposed service levels that would be deemed significant. Changes in service that have an adverse effect and that may result in a disparate impact include reductions in service (e.g., elimination of route, shortlining a route, rerouting an existing route, increase in headways). Elimination of a route will generally have a greater adverse impact than a change in headways. Additions to service may also result in disparate impacts, especially if they come at the expense of reductions in service on other routes.

<u>Disparate Impact</u> – Refers to a facially neutral policy or practice that disproportionately affects members of a group identified by race, color, or national origin, where City of Tucson's policy or practice lacks a substantial legitimate justification and where there exists one or more alternatives that would serve the same legitimate objectives but with less disproportionate effect on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

<u>Disproportionate Burden</u> — Refers to a neutral policy or practice that disproportionately affects low-income populations more than non-low-income

populations. A finding of disproportionate burden requires the City of Tucson to evaluate alternatives and mitigate burdens where practicable.

<u>Low-Income Person</u> - Means a person whose median household income is at or below the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) poverty guidelines.

<u>Minority Population</u> – Means any readily identifiable group of minority persons who live in geographic proximity and, if circumstances warrant, geographically dispersed/transient populations (such as migrant workers or Native Americans) who will be similarly affected by a proposed DOT program, policy, or activity.

<u>Predominantly Minority Area</u> - Means a geographic area, such as a neighborhood, Census tract, block or block group, or traffic analysis zone, where the proportion of minority persons residing in that area exceeds the average proportion of minority persons in the recipient's service area.

#### V. Policies:

#### a) Fare Change Policy

For changes to existing transit fares, the FTA requires all City of Tucson (e.g. Sun Tran, Sun Van, and Sun Link) transit providers to conduct a fare equity analysis for all potential transit fare adjustments. It is the City of Tucson's policy to conduct a Fare Equity Analysis for all proposed fare changes.

#### b) Major Service Change Policy

For all major service changes, the FTA requires all City of Tucson transit providers (e.g. Sun Tran, Sun Van, and Sun Link) to develop guidelines and thresholds for what it considers a "major" service change to be. For major service changes, the FTA requires the City of Tucson to conduct a Service Equity Analysis, which includes an analysis of adverse effects relating to possible disparate impacts and disproportionate burden. It is the City of Tucson's policy to conduct a Service Equity Analysis for any proposed major service changes.

#### c) <u>Disparate Impact Policy</u>

The purpose of the Disparate Impact Policy is to establish a threshold which identifies when adverse effects of any fare change or major service change that is borne disproportionately by minority populations.

For the purpose of this policy, minority population means any readily identifiable group of minority persons who live in geographic proximity and in residential land use areas within Census tracts where the percentage of minority persons is higher than the Sun Tran service area average.

A disparate impact occurs if a proposed fare or major service change requires a minority population to bear adverse effects by twenty percent (20%) or more than the adverse effects borne by the non-minority population.

If the City of Tucson finds a potential disparate impact, the transit agency will take steps to avoid, minimize or mitigate impacts then re-analyze the modified service plan to determine whether the impacts were avoided, minimized or mitigated. If the City of Tucson chooses not to alter the proposed changes, the transit agency may implement the fare or service change if there is substantial legitimate justification for the change and the transit agency can show that there are no alternatives that would have less of an impact on the minority population and would still accomplish the agency's legitimate program goals.

#### d) <u>Disproportionate Burden Policy</u>

The purpose of this policy is to establish a threshold which identifies when adverse effects of any fare or major service change are borne disproportionately by low-income populations.

A disproportionate burden occurs if a proposed fare or major service change requires a low income population to bear adverse effects by twenty percent (20%) or more than the adverse effects borne by the non-low income population.

If the City of Tucson finds a potential disproportionate burden, the transit agency will take steps to avoid, minimize or mitigate impacts then reanalyze the modified service plan to determine whether the impacts were avoided, minimized or mitigated. If the City of Tucson chooses not to alter the proposed changes, the agency may implement the service or fare change if there is substantial legitimate justification for the change and the agency can show that there are no practical alternatives that would have less of an impact on the low-income population and would still accomplish the agency's legitimate program goals.

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August 6	2013
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#### RESOLUTION NO. 22127

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION; APPROVING CITY OF TUCSON POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR SOLICITATION AND CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON FARE CHANGES AND MAJOR SERVICE CHANGES ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION; RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 15460 DATED OCTOBER 8, 1990; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, at the start of Federal Fiscal Year 2013, the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") updated their Title VI requirements and guidelines; and

WHEREAS, as a recipient of FTA financial assistance, the City of Tucson is required to comply with all Title VI requirements; and

WHEREAS, the updated FTA Title VI requirements mandate that transit providers such as the City of Tucson adopt revised policies on Fare Change, Major Service Change, Disparate Impact, and Disproportionate Burden.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUCSON, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and Council hereby approve the attached "City of Tucson Policy and Procedure for Solicitation and Consideration of Public Comment on

Fare Changes and Major Service Changes on Public Transportation", attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. Resolution No. 15460 dated October 8, 1990, is hereby rescinded.

SECTION 3. The various City officers and employees are authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary or desirable to give effect to this Resolution.

SECTION 4. WHEREAS, it is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of the City of Tucson that this Resolution become immediately effective, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson, Arizona,

August 6, 2013

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED BY:

CITY ATTORNEY

CITY MANAGER

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## **Appendix B - 2016 City of Tucson On-Board Survey**



# 2016 CITY OF TUCSON ON-BOARD SURVEY

Developed by:



Prepared for:

The City of Tucson and Pima Association of Governments: for the Sun Tran, Sun Shuttle, and Sun Link Services

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## **Acronyms and Abbreviations**

**Automatic Passenger Counter APC** 

The City /

City of Tucson COT

FTA Federal Transit Administration

Project The City of Tucson onboard transit survey

**Quality Assurance/Quality Control** QA/QC

Route, Time Period, and Direction **RTD** 

Transit Review Team TRT

PAG Pima Association of Governments

**RTA** Regional Transportation Authority of Pima County The City of Tucson conducted a transit on-board survey during the spring of 2016. The purpose of this project was to gather updated travel behavior data from transit users that encompasses all streetcar and bus fixed route services in the City of Tucson. The data will be used for the following purposes:

- Compile statistically accurate information about transit customers and how they use the transit system;
- Generate reliable linked origin-destination data needed by the City of Tucson to support computerized travel demand modeling for purposes of complying with enhanced regional transit studies (e.g. High Capacity Transit Study);
- Assist in fulfilling the City of Tucson's commitment to update Pima Association of Governments' Regional Travel Model; and,
- Meet the Title VI Civil Rights Requirements per the latest Federal Transit Administration (FTA) guidance.

The goal was to obtain at least 6,200 Origin-Destination completed surveys. Of those, 5,800 were to be completed with Sun Tran and Sun Shuttle passengers and 400 were to be completed with Sun Link passengers. The actual number of completed Origin-Destination surveys was 7,912. Of these, 7,067 were completed with Sun Tran and Sun Shuttle passengers and 845 were completed with Sun Link passengers. The objectives of the 2016 Origin-Destination (OD) Survey analysis were two-fold: (1) examine the demographics, and (2) examine the travel behavior characteristics of Sun Tran, Sun Shuttle, and Sun Link transit service riders. The survey data used for this analysis was appropriately weighted and expanded to represent the linked trips made by Sun Tran, Sun Shuttle, and Sun Link transit service riders.

# Some important findings from the analysis of the average bus/streetcar riders are the following: (includes findings from combined Sun Tran, Sun Shuttle, and Sun Link)

- Just over half (53.02%) of riders do not have a working vehicle in their household.
- Sixty nine percent of riders (69.38%) do not have a vehicle they could have used on their one-way trip.
- Seventy six percent of riders (76.26%) indicated they are not a student.
- Sixty three percent (63.13%) of riders are employed either full time or part time.
- Forty seven percent (46.78%) of riders indicated that they do have a valid driver's license.
- The highest frequency riders were between the ages of 25-34 years old (26.29%), while 18-24 years old were the second highest age range (21.83%).

- The majority, at 77.65%, of riders make less than \$35,000 per year for their overall household income.
- Fifty three percent (52.78%) of riders indicated they are male, while 47.16% indicated they are female and 0.06% indicated "Don't Know / Refuse".
- Ninety two percent (91.81%) of riders indicated they did not have any type of disability that limits their mobility.
- Seventy one percent (70.92%) of riders specified their race/ethnicity is "White".
- Seventy seven percent (77.49%) of riders do not speak another language other than English at home.
- The majority of riders got from their Origin to the very first place they boarded the bus they were being surveyed on by Walking (94.56%).
- Walking was the preferred method for riders to get from their Alighting location to their final destination (95.49%).
- Seventy four percent (73.66%) of riders used no additional transfers for their one-way trip.
- Eighty nine percent (89.11%) of riders either began their trip, or ended their trip, at home.

# Some important findings from the analysis of the Sun Tran riders are the following:

- Just over half (54.13%) of Sun Tran riders do not have a working vehicle in their household.
- Seventy three percent of Sun Tran riders (73.47%) do not have a vehicle they could have used on their one-way trip.
- Seventy nine percent of riders (79.09%) indicated they are not a student.
- Approximately sixty four percent (63.94%) of riders are employed either full time or part time.
- Fifty one percent (51.26%) of Sun Tran riders indicated that they do have a valid driver's license.
- The highest frequency rider for the Sun Tran service were between the ages of 25-34 years old (27.14%), while 18-24 years old were the second highest age range (19.38%) followed very closely by 35-44 years old (19.19%).
- The majority, at 78.39%, of Sun Tran riders make less than \$35,000 per year for their overall household income.

- Fifty three percent (53.26%) of Sun Tran riders indicated they are male, while 46.72% indicated they are female and 0.02% indicated "Don't Know / Refuse".
- Ninety two percent (91.65%) of riders indicated they did not have any type of disability that limits their mobility.
- Seventy one percent (70.77%) of Sun Tran riders specified their race/ethnicity is "White".
- Seventy eight percent (77.55%) of Sun Tran riders do not speak another language other than English at home.
- The majority of Sun Tran riders got from their Origin to the very first place they boarded the bus they were being surveyed on by Walking (94.79%).
- Walking was the preferred method for riders to get from their Alighting location to their final destination (95.59%).
- Seventy two percent (72.36%) of Sun Tran riders used no additional transfers for their one-way trip.
- Nearly ninety percent (89.49%) of Sun Tran riders either began their trip, or ended their trip, at home.

# Some important findings from the analysis of the Sun Shuttle riders are the following:

- Fifty seven percent (57.00%) of Sun Shuttle riders do not have a working vehicle in their household.
- Seventy nine percent of Sun Shuttle riders (78.55%) do not have a vehicle they could have used on their one-way trip.
- Ninety percent of riders (90.24%) indicated they are not a student.
- Approximately fifty percent (49.85%) of riders are employed either full time or part time.
- Forty eight percent (48.24%) of Sun Shuttle riders indicated that they do have a valid driver's license while 2% indicated "Unknown".
- The highest frequency rider for the Sun Shuttle service were between the ages of 25-34 years old (26.23%), while 35-44 years old were the second highest age range (20.33%).
- The majority, at 62.28%, of Sun Shuttle riders make less than \$25,000 per year for their overall household income.
- Forty six percent (46.44%) of Sun Shuttle riders indicated they are male, while 49.48% indicated they are female and 4.07% indicated "Don't Know / Refuse".

- Seventy three percent (73.31%) of riders indicated they did not have any type of disability that limits their mobility.
- Sixty eight percent (67.54%) of Sun Shuttle riders specified their race/ethnicity is "White".
- Ninety one percent (90.57%) of Sun Shuttle riders do not speak another language other than English at home.
- The majority of Sun Shuttle riders got from their Origin to the very first place they boarded the bus they were being surveyed on by Walking (91.08%).
- Walking was the preferred method for riders to get from their Alighting location to their final destination (92.13%).
- Seventy one percent (71.43%) of Sun Shuttle riders used no additional transfers for their one-way trip.
- Nearly ninety three percent (92.78%) of Sun Shuttle riders either began their trip, or ended their trip, at home.

# Some important findings from the analysis of the Sun Link riders are the following:

- Thirty six percent (35.67%) of Sun Link riders do not have a working vehicle in their household.
- Twenty four percent of Sun Shuttle riders (24.28%) do not have a vehicle they could have used on their one-way trip.
- Thirty one percent of riders (31.38%) indicated they are not a student.
- Approximately fifty three percent (52.58%) of riders are employed either full time or part time.
- Eighty three percent (83.31%) of Sun Link riders indicated that they do have a valid driver's license.
- The highest frequency riders for the Sun Link service were between the ages of 18-24 years old (58.85%), while 25-34 years old were the second highest age range (13.90%).
- Half (50.78%) of Sun Link riders make less than \$15,000 per year for their overall household income.
- Forty seven percent (46.65%) of Sun Link riders indicated they are male, while 53.23% indicated they are female and 0.12% indicated "Don't Know / Refuse".
- Ninety seven percent (96.83%) of riders indicated they did not have any type of disability that limits their mobility.

- Seventy four percent (74.01%) of Sun Link riders specified their race/ethnicity is "White".
- Nearly seventy five percent (74.89%) of Sun Link riders do not speak another language other than English at home.
- The majority of Sun Link riders got from their Origin to the very first place they boarded the bus they were being surveyed on by Walking (91.59%).
- Walking was the preferred method for riders to get from their Alighting location to their final destination (94.49%).
- Ninety three percent (93.06%) of Sun Link riders used no additional transfers for their one-way trip.
- Eighty three percent (83.12%) of Sun Link riders either began their trip, or ended their trip, at home.

## 2 Survey Overview

The 2016 City of Tucson (the City) Onboard Transit Survey involved two types of onboard surveys with bus and streetcar riders in the Tucson service area. Surveys were conducted on the Sun Tran, Sun Shuttle and Sun Link services.

The survey consisted of two major elements. On-to-Off Counts, which are intended to identify boarding and alighting patterns of transit riders as well as provide a basis for expanding the results of the Origin-Destination (OD) Survey. And the OD Survey, which consisted of detailed surveys of riders conducted onboard streetcar and bus routes. Overall, the contracted goals were to complete 690 Sun Link On-to-Off Counts (30% of ridership) and approximately 6,200 Origin-Destination (OD) Surveys for all services combined. Ultimately, over 900 Sun Link On-to-Off Counts and over 7,900 OD Surveys combined for Sun Tran, Sun Link, and Sun Shuttle were completed. The following sections further describe the survey process.

### 2.1 Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of the project was to gather updated travel behavior data from transit users in the Tucson area. The data collected will be used to:

- Improve transit forecasts by updating the Pima Association of Governments' (PAG) Regional Travel Model
- Gather updated travel behavior data from transit users in the regional service area to gain a better understanding of today's transit riders
- Support transit planning and operations activities based on observed ridership patterns and preferences
- Allow for updated Title VI and Environmental Justice reporting

## 2.2 Survey Development Process

The survey development process began by having representatives from Sun Tran and PAG in cooperation with ETC Institute review the data requirements for the Onboard Transit Survey. The primary objective for the project was to provide data for Title VI reporting for the City and improve the regional transit ridership forecasts produced by PAG's travel demand model. Most of the questions focused on collecting data that will support current and future Title VI analyses and transportation forecasting efforts.

After multiple iterations of input and review, the survey instrument was shared with representatives of the FTA to ensure all Federal requirements and

expectations for the design of the survey were met. All of the suggestions from the FTA staff were incorporated into the final version of the survey.

#### 2.2.1 Required Data Collected

Required data involved questions for which a response from a respondent was required in order for the survey to be considered complete. (Required data is listed below)

- Route / Direction
- Time of trip
- Transfers made
- Home address
- Origin address
- Destination address
- Origin place type
- Destination place type
- Access mode
- Egress mode
- Boarding location
- Alighting location

In addition to the required questions above, if a respondent was not a visitor, a record also needed approximately 80% of the demographic questions answered to be considered complete. Visitors were exempt from a portion of the demographic questions pertaining to their specific household.

## 2.3 Survey Instrument

The survey instrument was designed to be administered as a face-to-face interview using tablet PCs and printed surveys. Tablet PCs were the preferred method and paper surveys (printed on heavy card stock for easy distribution and completion) were only used on Sun Shuttle Dial-A-Ride services in Green Valley/Sahuarita and Oro Valley (see Appendix A for a copy of the paper survey).

The tablet PCs were the preferred method as they have an on-screen mapping feature that allows for real-time geocoding of addresses and places from address, intersection, or place searches based on feedback from respondents. The respondents can then confirm the geocoded location based on the on-screen map that shows the searched address/location via a Google Map indicator icon. In addition to using the mapping feature to collect the major survey location geo coordinates (home address, origin address, destination address, boarding location, alighting location), the tablet PC also allows the surveyor to walk through each question with the respondent to answer any questions as well as to ensure the quality of the data collected. The respondent can also independently select the answers to the questions during the demographic section in order to allow for more privacy.

This section highlights selected demographic and trip-related findings from the survey based on the individual services (Sun Tran, Sun Shuttle, and Sun Link), as well as overall. Three major categories are presented regarding the survey findings: (1) demographic characteristics, (2) travel characteristics, and (3) rider characteristics. The database used for the tables in this section was expanded based on the weight factors created during the data expansion process. Each table indicates whether it was based on the linked weight factor or unlinked weight factor. The database was expanded to the total average daily ridership which equals 62,245.

## 3.1 Demographic Characteristics

#### 3.1.1 Age

The majority of all transit riders indicated that they were between the ages of 18 and 54 (80.53%). Nearly 6% of riders (5.91%) were indicated to be under the age of 18 as shown in Table 3-1 below and in Chart 3-1 on the following page.

Table 3-1. Age of Transit Riders
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Respondent's Age				
Based on Linked Weight Factor				
Excluding Visitors				
	Sun Tran	Sun Shuttle	Sun Link	Overall
15 or under	1.75%	0.36%	0.57%	1.66%
16-17	4.49%	2.46%	0.97%	4.25%
18-24	19.38%	13.04%	58.85%	21.83%
25-34	27.14%	26.23%	13.90%	26.29%
35-44	19.19%	20.33%	5.95%	18.36%
45-54	14.43%	9.49%	9.08%	14.05%
55-64	8.36%	7.73%	5.50%	8.17%
65 or older	5.25%	16.28%	5.19%	5.34%
Unknown	0.00%	4.07%	0.00%	0.03%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

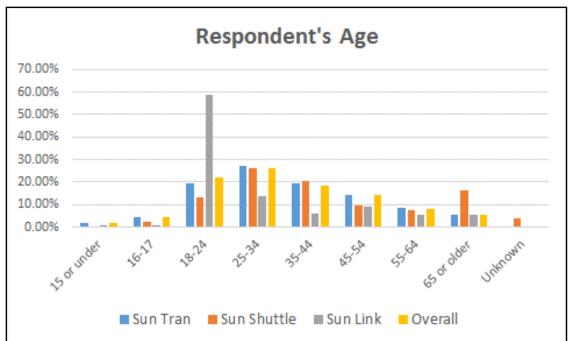


Chart 3-1. Age of Transit Riders

#### 3.1.2 Gender

As indicated in Table 3-2 below and in Chart 3-2 on the following page, more female riders (53.23%) take the Sun Link than male riders (46.65%), while more male riders (53.26%) take the Sun Tran than female riders (46.72%).

Table 3-2. Gender of Transit Riders

Respondent's Gender						
Based on Linked Weight Factor						
	Excluding	g Visitors				
	Sun Tran Sun Shuttle Sun Link Overal					
Female	46.72%	49.48%	53.23%	47.16%		
Male	53.26%	46.44%	46.65%	52.78%		
Don't Know / Refused 0.02% 4.07% 0.12% 0.06						
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		

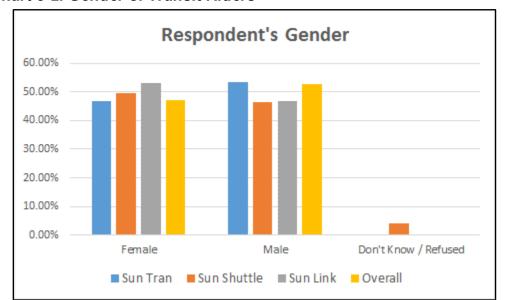


Chart 3-2. Gender of Transit Riders

#### 3.1.3 Race/Ethnicity

Thirty six percent (35.81%) of all transit riders (Sun Tran, Sun Shuttle, and Sun Link combined) identified themselves as having Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origins as shown in Table 3-3 below.

Table 3-3. Race/Ethnicity

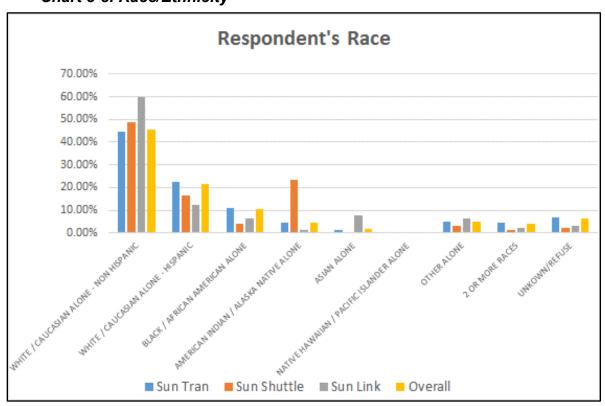
Whether Respondent is of Hispanic,						
Latino, or Spanish Origin						
	Based or	n Linked Wei	ght Factor			
	E	cluding Visit	ors			
	Sun Tran	Sun Shuttle	Sun Link	Overall		
No	63.02%	79.83%	79.20%	64.19%		
Yes	Yes 36.98% 20.17% 20.80% 35.81%					
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		

The majority of all transit riders (Sun Tran, Sun Shuttle, and Sun Link combined) identified themselves as White (67.27%) with approximately one-third being Hispanic (21.73%). Four percent (4.18%) of all transit riders identified themselves as being 2 or more races as shown in Table 3-4 and in Chart 3-3 on the following page.

Table 3-4. Race/Ethnicity

Respondent's Race						
Based on Linked Weight Factor						
Excluding Visitors						
Sun Tran Sun Shuttle Sun Link Overall						
WHITE / CAUCASIAN						
ALONE - NON HISPANIC	44.54%	48.50%	59.76%	45.54%		
WHITE / CAUCASIAN						
ALONE - HISPANIC	22.42%	16.54%	12.42%	21.73%		
BLACK / AFRICAN						
AMERICAN ALONE	10.81%	3.96%	6.55%	10.48%		
AMERICAN INDIAN /						
ALASKA NATIVE ALONE	4.55%	23.52%	1.40%	4.50%		
ASIAN ALONE	1.33%	0.58%	8.00%	1.74%		
NATIVE HAWAIIAN /						
PACIFIC ISLANDER ALONE	0.21%	0.00%	0.12%	0.21%		
OTHER ALONE	4.92%	3.27%	6.46%	5.00%		
2 OR MORE RACES	4.34%	1.27%	2.21%	4.18%		
UNKOWN/REFUSE	6.89%	2.36%	3.09%	6.61%		
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		

Chart 3-3. Race/Ethnicity



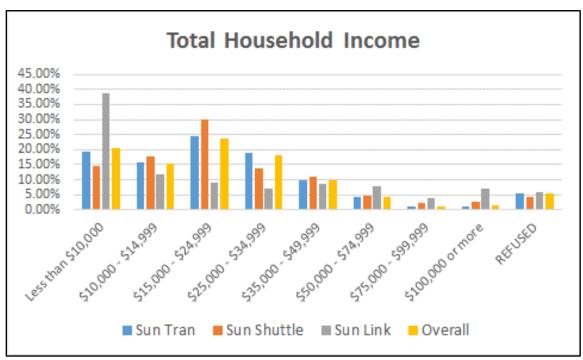
#### 3.1.4 Income

As shown in Table 3-5 and Chart 3-4 below, Sun Link riders indicate the lowest annual household income of Less than \$10,000 per year (38.93%), while also indicating the highest annual household income of \$100,000 or More per year of the three services (6.82%).

Table 3-5. Total Annual Household Income

Income					
Based on Linked Weight Factor					
	Excludir	ng Visitors			
	Sun Tran	Sun Shuttle	Sun Link	Overall	
Less than \$10,000	19.30%	14.41%	38.93%	20.46%	
\$10,000 - \$14,999	15.74%	17.85%	11.85%	15.52%	
\$15,000 - \$24,999	24.54%	30.02%	8.83%	23.62%	
\$25,000 - \$34,999	18.81%	13.57%	7.06%	18.05%	
\$35,000 - \$49,999	9.88%	10.78%	8.58%	9.80%	
\$50,000 - \$74,999	4.18%	4.43%	8.00%	4.42%	
\$75,000 - \$99,999	1.07%	2.22%	4.00%	1.26%	
\$100,000 or more	0.91%	2.57%	6.82%	1.29%	
REFUSED 5.56% 4.15% 5.93% 5.57%					
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	

Chart 3-4. Total Annual Household Income



#### 3.1.5 Employed Status of Transit Rider

Sun Shuttle (33.33%) and Sun Link (32.65%) had the highest ridership for not having any household members employed, either part-time or full-time as shown in Table 3-6 below. The majority of overall riders (67.49%) had one or two household members employed either part-time or full-time.

Table 3-6. Employment Status of Respondent

Employed In Household					
Based on Linked Weight Factor					
	Excludi	ing Visitors			
	Sun Tran	Sun Shuttle	Sun Link	Overall	
None (0)	16.88%	33.33%	32.65%	17.99%	
One (1)	32.25%	31.56%	34.83%	32.40%	
Two (2)	35.88%	26.24%	24.22%	35.09%	
Three (3)	10.77%	5.08%	5.69%	10.41%	
Four (4)	3.45%	1.53%	1.98%	3.34%	
Five (5)	0.38%	2.26%	0.26%	0.39%	
Six (6)	0.10%	0.00%	0.00%	0.10%	
Seven (7)	0.09%	0.00%	0.00%	0.08%	
Eight (8)	0.05%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%	
Nine (9)	0.05%	0.00%	0.38%	0.07%	
Ten or More (10+)	0.10%	0.00%	0.00%	0.09%	
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	

#### 3.1.6 Student Status

The majority of Sun Tran (79.09%) and Sun Shuttle (90.24%) riders indicated they were not a student of any kind. The majority of Sun Link (65.05%) indicated they were a full-time college/university student as shown in Table 3-7 below and in Chart 3-5 on the following page.

Table 3-7. Student Status

Student Status							
Based on Lin	ked Weigh	nt Factor					
Exclud	ling Visito	rs					
	Sun Tran Sun Shuttle Sun Link Overall						
Not a student	79.09%	90.24%	31.38%	76.26%			
Yes Full-time college/university	8.74%	4.05%	65.05%	12.16%			
Yes K-12th grade	6.75%	2.83%	1.08%	6.37%			
Yes Part-time college/university	5.01%	2.89%	2.40%	4.83%			
Yes Vocational/technical/trade school	0.34%	0.00%	0.04%	0.32%			
Yes - Other	0.07%	0.00%	0.05%	0.07%			
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%			

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Chart 3-5. Student Status

## 3.1.7 Transit Riders that Speak another Language besides English at Home

Sun Tran (22.45%) and Sun Link (25.11%) have the highest percentage of the services of riders who do speak another language other than English at home as shown in Table 3-8 below.

Table 3-8. Transit Riders that Speak another Language besides English at home

Speak Another Language Other than English at					
Home					
Ba	Based on Linked Weight Factor				
	Exclu	ding V	/isitors		
	Sun Tran	Sun S	Shuttle	Sun Link	Overall
No	77.55%		90.57%	74.89%	77.49%
Yes 22.45% 9.43% 25.11% 22.51%					
Total	100.00%	:	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Of those riders who indicated they did speak another language other than English at home, the majority of all riders speak English either "Very well" or "Well" (92.91%) as shown in Table 3-9 below.

Table 3-9. Transit Riders that Speak another Language besides English at home English Ability

English Ability						
Based on Linked Weight Factor						
	Excluding Visitors Sun Tran Sun Shuttle Sun Link Overall					
Very well	71.46%	77.54%	85.39%	72.46%		
Well	21.20%	16.72%	10.90%	20.45%		
Less than well	6.16%	3.90%	3.04%	5.93%		
Not at all	1.19%	1.84%	0.67%	1.16%		
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		

#### 3.1.8 Transit Riders with Disabilities

Ninety two percent (91.81%) of all riders (Sun Tran, Sun Shuttle, and Sun Link combined) indicated that they did not have a disability that hindered their mobility as shown in Table 3-10 below.

Table 3-10. Transit Riders with Disabilities

Disability					
Based on Linked Weight Factor					
	Excluding Visitors				
	Sun Tran	Sun Shuttle	Sun Link	Overall	
No	91.65%	73.31%	96.83%	91.81%	
Yes	8.35%	26.69%	3.17%	8.19%	
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	

#### 3.1.9 Vehicle Availability

Fifty three percent (53.02%) of overall riders do not have a working vehicle available to their household. Sun Link riders had the highest percentage of riders (64.32%) that had at least one or more working vehicles in their household as shown in Table 3-11 below and Chart 3-6 on the following page.

Table 3-11. Number of Working Vehicles in Household (by percentage of transit riders surveyed, excluding visitors)

Co	Count of Vehicles in Household					
	Based on Linked Weight Factor					
	Exc	luding Visito	rs			
	Sun Tran	Sun Shuttle	Sun Link	Overall		
None (0)	54.13%	57.00%	35.67%	53.02%		
One (1)	28.25%	29.02%	39.63%	28.96%		
Two (2)	13.91%	11.33%	16.71%	14.06%		
Three (3)	2.98%	0.26%	4.36%	3.04%		
Four (4)	0.56%	2.04%	2.79%	0.71%		
Five (5)	0.13%	0.35%	0.70%	0.17%		
Six (6)	0.02%	0.00%	0.13%	0.02%		
Seven (7)	0.02%	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%		
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		

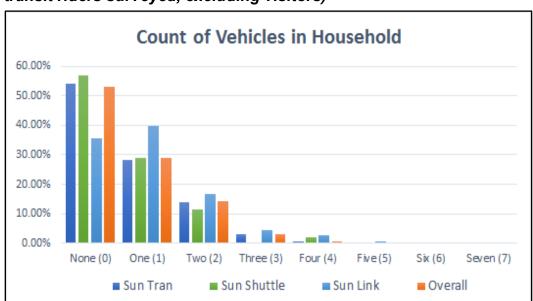


Chart 3-6. Number of Working Vehicles in Household (by percentage of transit riders surveyed, excluding visitors)

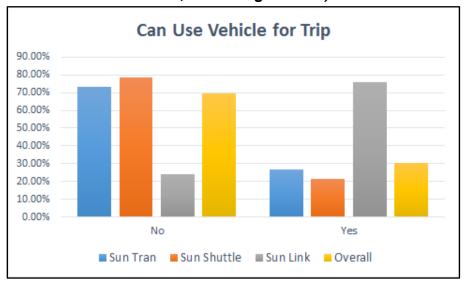
#### 3.1.10 Could transit rider use household vehicle to make trip

Of those passengers that had at least one working vehicle in their household, seventy six percent (75.72%) of Sun Link riders indicated that they could have used a household vehicle to make their trip, a marked difference compared to Sun Tran riders (26.53%) and Sun Shuttle riders (21.45%) as shown in Table 3-12 below and in Chart 3-7 on the following page.

Table 3-12. Could transit rider use household vehicle to make trip (by percentage of transit riders surveyed who had at least one working vehicle available to their household, excluding visitors)

Can Use Vehicle for Trip					
Based on Linked Weight Factor					
	Excluding Visitors				
	Sun Tran	Sun Shuttle	Sun Link	Overall	
No	73.47%	78.55%	24.28%	69.38%	
Yes	26.53%	21.45%	75.72%	30.62%	
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	

Chart 3-7. Could transit rider use household vehicle to make trip (by percentage of transit riders surveyed who had at least one working vehicle available to their household, excluding visitors)



#### 3.1.11 Driver's License

Sun Link riders indicated having a higher percentage of riders to have a valid driver's license (83.31%) compared to Sun Tran riders (51.26%) and Sun Shuttle riders (48.24%) as shown in Table 3-13 below.

Table 3-13. Valid Driver's License

Driver's License					
Based on Linked Weight Factor					
	Excluding Visitors				
	Sun Tran	Sun Shuttle	Sun Link	Overall	
No	48.74%	49.72%	16.69%	46.78%	
Yes	51.26%	48.24%	83.31%	53.20%	
Unknown	0.00%	2.04%	0.00%	0.02%	
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	

#### 3.2 Travel Characteristics

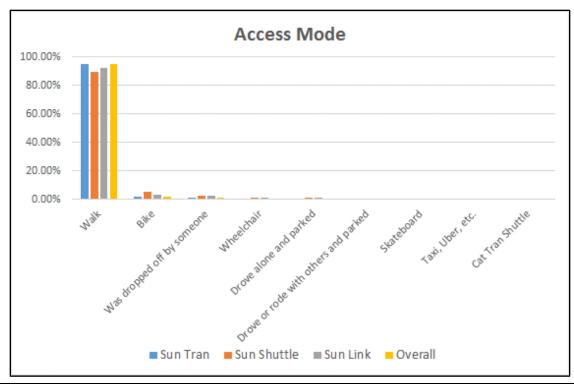
#### 3.2.1 How Passengers Access Public Transit

The majority of all transit riders (Sun Tran, Sun Shuttle, and Sun Link combined) indicated that they accessed public transit by walking (95.18%). Sun Shuttle had the highest percentage of riders who indicated they took a bike to access public transit (4.94%) as shown in Table 3-14 and Chart 3-8 below.

Table 3-14. Mode to Access Public Transit

Access Mode						
Based on Unli	nked Weig	ht Factor				
Exclud	ling Visitor	rs				
	Sun Tran	Sun Shuttle	Sun Link	Overall		
Walk	95.41%	89.67%	91.99%	95.18%		
Bike	2.13%	4.94%	2.94%	2.09%		
Was dropped off by someone	1.24%	2.84%	2.37%	1.25%		
Wheelchair	0.60%	0.92%	1.31%	0.58%		
Drove alone and parked	0.41%	0.90%	0.88%	0.55%		
Drove or rode with others and parked	0.21%	0.45%	0.38%	0.32%		
Skateboard	0.01%	0.28%	0.12%	0.01%		
Taxi, Uber, etc.	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%		
Cat Tran Shuttle 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.0						
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		

Chart 3-8. Mode to Access Public Transit



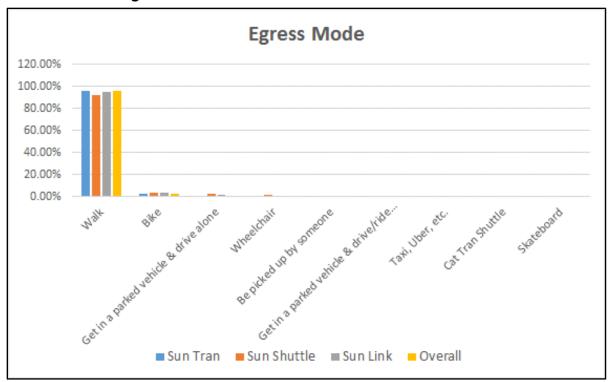
# 3.2.2 How Passengers Traveled from Transit to Their Final Destination

The majority of all transit riders (Sun Tran, Sun Shuttle, and Sun Link combined) indicated that they traveled from public transit to their final destination by walking (96.03%). Sun Shuttle (2.95%) riders were more likely to use a vehicle compared to Sun Link (1.82%), and Sun Tran riders (1.16%) as shown in Table 3-15 and Chart 3-9 below.

Table 3-15. Egress Mode to Destination

Egress Mode								
Based on Unlinke	Based on Unlinked Weight Factor							
Excluding	Visitors							
	Sun Tran	Sun Shuttle	Sun Link	Overall				
Walk	96.14%	92.27%	94.80%	96.03%				
Bike	2.20%	3.68%	2.98%	2.16%				
Get in a parked vehicle & drive alone	0.61%	2.05%	1.04%	0.62%				
Wheelchair	0.48%	1.10%	0.40%	0.60%				
Be picked up by someone	0.39%	0.90%	0.40%	0.41%				
Get in a parked vehicle & drive/ride w/others	0.09%	0.00%	0.38%	0.11%				
Taxi, Uber, etc.	0.05%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%				
Cat Tran Shuttle	0.02%	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%				
Skateboard	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%				
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%				

Chart 3-9. Egress Mode to Destination



#### 3.2.3 Transfers

Over half of all riders (Sun Tran, Sun Shuttle, and Sun Link combined) did not take any additional transfers during their one way trip (56.83%). Sun Tran riders had the highest percentage of riders to take 4 or more transfers (0.05%) as shown in Table 3-16 and Chart 3-10 below.

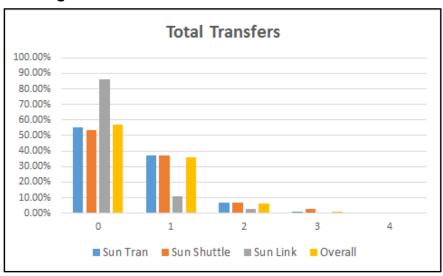
Maps (Appendix B) detail the individual transfer routes taken for a service census block group. For example, *Total Transfers: Sun Link Eastbound* show all transfer routes taken by respondents for the Sun Link census block.

Regarding Express Routes, 91.46% of all Express route riders took no transfers to or from their Origin or Destination. Three percent (3.04%) of riders did take at least one transfer from their Origin to the place where they boarded the route they were surveyed on, while 6.01% of riders took at least one transfer from the place they alighted at to their Destination.

Table 3-16. Total Number of Transfers

Total Transfers							
	Based on Unlinked Weight Factor						
	Ex	cluding Visito	ors				
Sun Tran Sun Shuttle Sun Link Overall							
0	55.21%	53.58%	86.16%	56.83%			
1	37.38%	37.14%	10.93%	35.98%			
2	6.63%	6.50%	2.83%	6.43%			
3	0.74%	2.78%	0.07%	0.72%			
4 0.05% 0.00% 0.00% 0.05%							
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%			

Chart 3-10. Egress Mode to Destination



# 3.3 Most Common Types of Place Riders and Coming from and Going To

The most common type of place a rider was coming from was their Home (48.87%), followed by their usual workplace (16.68%) and then shopping as the third most common place (6.93%). As Table 3-17 below shows, Sun Link riders were the highest percentage riders that were most commonly coming from College/University (26.76%).

Table 3-17 below and Table 3-18 on the following page show the estimated most common types of places that riders were coming from and also going to during their one-way trips. This does not include trips that were made in the opposite direction.

Maps illustrating where a person's origin and destination are in a census block group, broken down by route and direction are shown in Appendix B. For example, the map for *Origins and Destinations: Sun Link Eastbound* show only origins and destinations for the Sun Link census block.

Table 3-17. Most common types of places riders are coming from

Or	Origin Place Type						
Based on Unlinked Weight Factor							
Excluding Visitors							
Sun Tran Sun Shuttle Sun Link Overal							
Your Home	49.23%	54.56%	41.69%	48.87%			
Your usual Workplace	17.06%	13.72%	10.41%	16.68%			
Shopping	7.09%	7.47%	3.96%	6.93%			
College / University	4.67%	4.46%	26.76%	5.83%			
Personal business	5.58%	4.08%	4.07%	5.49%			
Social visit	3.75%	0.91%	1.91%	3.63%			
Medical appointment /							
doctor visit	3.21%	9.11%	0.95%	3.14%			
School K-12	2.88%	1.06%	0.80%	2.75%			
Other business related	2.69%	2.31%	1.45%	2.62%			
Dining out	1.57%	0.86%	5.77%	1.79%			
Recreation / Sightseeing	1.44%	1.16%	1.96%	1.46%			
Pick up / drop off someone	0.51%	0.00%	0.04%	0.48%			
Escorting / accompanying							
someone	0.13%	0.00%	0.00%	0.13%			
Hotel / Motel / Lodging	0.05%	0.00%	0.07%	0.05%			
Airport (passengers only)	0.04%	0.00%	0.04%	0.04%			
Major Sporting Event,							
Concert, or Conference	0.04%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%			
Your usual workspace	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%			
Unknown	0.06%	0.28%	0.11%	0.06%			
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%			

The most common type of place a rider was going to was their Home (40.21%), followed by their usual workplace (22.28%) and then personal business as the third most common place (6.77%). As Table 3-18 below shows, Sun Link riders were the highest percentage riders that were most commonly going to College/University (24.59%).

Table 3-18. Most common types of places riders are going to

Destination Place Type							
Based on Unlinked Weight Factor							
Excluding Visitors							
	Sun Tran	Sun Shuttle	Sun Link	Overall			
Your Home	40.18%	37.94%	41.13%	40.21%			
Your usual Workplace	23.06%	25.58%	7.87%	22.28%			
Personal business	7.01%	5.31%	2.77%	6.77%			
Shopping	6.57%	12.41%	4.62%	6.51%			
College / University	4.88%	3.25%	24.59%	5.91%			
Social visit	5.60%	3.49%	3.55%	5.48%			
Medical appointment /							
doctor visit	3.50%	9.33%	0.93%	3.42%			
School K-12	3.10%	0.86%	0.43%	2.94%			
Other business related	2.16%	0.63%	1.23%	2.10%			
Dining out	1.58%	0.00%	6.92%	1.84%			
Recreation / Sightseeing	1.51%	1.20%	4.34%	1.65%			
Pick up / drop off someone	0.44%	0.00%	0.00%	0.41%			
Major Sporting Event,							
Concert, or Conference	0.08%	0.00%	1.63%	0.16%			
Airport (passengers only)	0.16%	0.00%	0.00%	0.15%			
Escorting / accompanying							
someone	0.08%	0.00%	0.00%	0.07%			
Hotel / Motel / Lodging	0.08%	0.00%	0.00%	0.07%			
Unknown	0.02%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%			
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%			

This chapter describes the procedures used for carrying out the sampling of bus and streetcar riders. Three major areas are addressed by these procedures: (1) sampling goals, (2) methods for selecting survey participants, and (3) other techniques used to manage the sampling process.

## 4.1 Sampling Goals

In order to ensure that the distribution of completed surveys mirrored the actual distribution of riders, ETC Institute developed a sampling plan that would ensure the completion at least 6,200 Origin-Destination surveys for all services and Onto-Off Counts with at least 690 Sun Link service riders.

#### 4.1.1 Sampling Goals for On-to-Off Counts

Table 4-1 shows the original goals and the actual number of completed On-to-Off Counts that were obtained for Sun Link by station and direction. ETC Institute has several methods for collecting On-to-Off Counts based on the type of service being addressed. The Sun Link On-to-Off Counts were conducted using the rail method as described in section 5 of this report. The goals and number of Counts completed by station and direction are shown in table 4-1.

Table 4-1. Sampling Goals and On-to-Off Counts Completed for Sun Link

Station	Direction	On-to-Off Counts Goal	
Av del Convento/Congress St.	Eastbound	53	79
Cushing/Frontage Rd	Eastbound	3	13
Granada/Cushing	Eastbound	4	6
Congress/Granada Av	Eastbound	10	21
Broadway/Church	Eastbound	9	20
Broadway/Stone	Eastbound	11	13
Broadway/6th Av	Eastbound	24	40
Toole/Congress	Eastbound	64	82
4th Av/9th St	Eastbound	34	47
4th Av/7th St	Eastbound	24	32
4th Av/5th St	Eastbound	60	86
University/3rd Av	Eastbound	16	25
University/Tyndall	Eastbound	16	26
2nd St/Olive Av	Eastbound	7	14
2nd St/Highland Av	Eastbound	11	9
2nd St/Cherry Av	Eastbound	2	4
Helen/Warren	Eastbound	0	72
Helen/Warren	Westbound	53	21
2nd St/Cherry Av	Westbound	13	71
2nd St/Highland Av	Westbound	64	60
2nd St/Olive Av	Westbound	49	106
University/Tyndall	Westbound	97	19
University/3rd Av	Westbound	8	6
4th Av/5th St	Westbound	5	12
4th Av/7th St	Westbound	14	7
4th Av/9th St	Westbound	13	26
Congress/6th Av	Westbound	16	6
Congress/Stone	Westbound	5	2
Congress/Church	Westbound	4	4
Congress/Granada Av	Westbound	1	4
Granada/TCC	Westbound	1	0
Cushing/Frontage Rd	Westbound	1	0
Cushing/Av del Convento	Westbound	0	0

## 4.1.2 Sampling Goals for the OD Survey

Table 4-2 shows the original OD Survey goals and the actual number of completed surveys that were obtained for the Sun Link service by station, time period and direction. Table 4-3 shows the original OD Survey goals and the actual number of completed surveys that were obtained for the Sun Tran and Sun Shuttle routes by Time Period and Direction (RTD). In addition to the goal of approximately 6,200 completed surveys, there was also a goal of being within 10 surveys or within 10% of the established goal based on the overall estimated ridership by route with additional goals of being within 10 surveys or within 10% of the established goal based on the estimated ridership by time period and direction for each route. Based on the previous mentioned goals, all goals were achieved for all services. The time periods for this project were as follows: "Early" time period (Before 6:30am), "AM Peak" time period (6:30am-8:30am), "Midday" time period (8:30am-4pm), "PM Peak" time period (4pm-6pm), and "Evening" time period (After 6pm). Initially, total estimated weekday ridership data by route was provided for goal-setting purposes but was later updated during the data expansion process

Table 4-2. Sampling Goals for Sun Link by Station, Time Period and Direction

	Original Sampling Goals			Completed				
Station	AM Peak (6:30- 8:30 am)	Midday (8:30 am- 4:00 pm)	PM Peak (4-6 pm)	Evening (After 6 pm)	AM Peak (6:30- 8:30 am)	Midday (8:30 am- 4:00 pm)	PM Peak (4-6 pm)	Evening (After 6 pm)
Eastbound	34	143	23	32	60	240	69	35
Av del Convento/Congress St	6	21	4	5	19	58	14	7
Cushing/Frontage Rd	0	1	0	0	1	8	3	0
Granada/Cushing - EB	1	1	0	0	1	5	3	0
Congress/Granada Ave	1	4	1	0	1	14	2	1
Broadway/Church - EB	1	3	1	1	3	10	3	0
Broadway/Stone - EB	1	4	2	1	4	14	5	2
Broadway/6th Ave - EB	2	9	2	3	5	23	9	5
Toole/Congress - EB	8	27	3	4	8	33	9	5
4th Ave/9th St	4	13	2	4	7	15	5	3
4th Ave/7th St	2	10	2	3	2	11	5	4
4th Ave/5th St	6	27	3	4	6	26	5	4
University/3rd Ave	2	7	1	1	2	9	3	1
University/Tyndall	1	6	1	2	1	6	2	2
2nd St/Olive Ave	0	3	1	1	0	2	1	1
2nd St/Highland Ave	0	5	1	1	0	5	0	0
2nd St/Cherry Ave	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Helen/Warren	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westbound	6	125	47	51	23	251	101	65
Helen/Warren	3	19	6	7	6	49	32	7
2nd St/Cherry Ave	0	4	2	3	6	15	8	4
2nd St/Highland Ave	0	25	10	8	1	43	17	15
2nd St/Olive Ave	0	20	8	5	1	24	9	9
University/Tyndall	1	32	14	18	2	58	15	22
University/3rd Ave	0	3	1	1	2	9	4	2
4th Ave/5th St	0	2	1	1	2	16	3	1
4th Ave/7th St	0	6	1	2	1	9	1	1
4th Ave/9th St	0	5	1	2	1	7	7	0
Congress/6th Ave - WB	1	6	2	3	1	8	2	2
Congress/Stone - WB	0	2	1	1	0	6	2	1
Congress/Church - WB	0	1	1	1	0	6	1	1
Congress/Granada Av	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Granada/TCC - WB	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Cushing/Frontage Rd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cushing/Av del Convento	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Av del Convento/Congress St	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 4-3. Sampling Goals for Sun Tran and Sun Shuttle OD Surveys by Route, Time Period and Direction

					Origina	l Sampling	Goals				Completed		
Route	Route Name	Direction	Service	Early (Before 6:30 am)	AM Peak (6:30- 8:30 am)	Midday (8:30 am- 4:00 pm)	PM Peak (4-6 pm)	Evening (After 6 pm)	Early (Before 6:30 am)	AM Peak (6:30- 8:30 am)	Midday (8:30 am- 4:00 pm)	PM Peak (4-6 pm)	Evening (After 6 pm)
1	Glenn/Swan	NB	Sun Tran	1	8	28	10	7	5	13	31	11	12
1	Glenn/Swan	SB	Sun Tran	4	11	26	6	6	5	10	36	12	7
2	Pueblo Gardens	NB	Sun Tran	3	9	27	6	5	2	11	38	5	6
2	Pueblo Gardens	SB	Sun Tran	1	7	26	11	6	2	12	43	13	5
3	6th St./Wilmot	EB	Sun Tran	9	16	62	19	15	9	20	90	27	17
3	6th St./Wilmot	WB	Sun Tran	7	23	70	10	13	7	23	90	26	14
4	Speedway	EB	Sun Tran	8	33	141	44	32	9	35	159	49	34
4	Speedway	WB	Sun Tran	14	42	146	28	24	17	45	144	67	27
5	Pima/West Speedway	EB	Sun Tran	1	10	31	8	2	1	10	41	8	4
5	Pima/West Speedway	WB	Sun Tran	2	10	30	8	1	2	9	39	6	3
6	Euclid/N. 1st Ave.	NB	Sun Tran	4	15	60	20	12	5	15	58	23	13
6	Euclid/N. 1st Ave.	SB	Sun Tran	7	20	63	17	9	8	21	69	28	12
7	22nd St.	EB	Sun Tran	7	15	54	18	13	10	27	53	20	13
7	22nd St.	WB	Sun Tran	5	13	51	15	12	3	18	54	15	20
8	Broadway	EB	Sun Tran	12	40	155	40	24	19	45	169	48	27
8	Broadway	WB	Sun Tran	18	36	158	33	25	15	33	178	43	29
9	E. Grant Road	EB	Sun Tran	6	17	77	19	15	13	22	94	20	16
9	E. Grant Road	WB	Sun Tran	8	18	73	16	11	9	24	86	22	17
10	Flowing Wells	NB	Sun Tran	1	9	34	13	9	3	10	47	13	9
10	Flowing Wells	SB	Sun Tran	5	12	37	10	10	7	11	50	12	11
11	Alvernon Way	NB	Sun Tran	8	21	112	31	18	10	21	121	35	23
11	Alvernon Way	SB	Sun Tran	13	34	112	29	16	14	37	113	25	16
12	10th/12th Ave	NB	Sun Tran	5	17	44	11	8	6	15	60	14	15
12	10th/12th Ave	SB	Sun Tran	2	10	45	18	11	3	20	59	18	12
15	Campbell Ave.	NB	Sun Tran	4	9	44	13	11	4	7	49	23	12
15	Campbell Ave.	SB	Sun Tran	3	14	47	13	10	4	13	60	13	9
16	Oracle/Ina	NB	Sun Tran	12	40	159	39	29	13	42	165	51	26
16	Oracle/Ina	SB	Sun Tran	13	32	143	33	26	14	33	165	69	52
17	Country Club/29th St.	NB	Sun Tran	11	25	75	24	10	14	25	78	30	14
17	Country Club/29th St.	SB	Sun Tran	15	18	80	17	15	14	24	98	23	14
18	S. 6th Ave.	NB	Sun Tran	3	13	76	11	9	4	22	86	22	12
18	S. 6th Ave.	SB	Sun Tran	8	20	109	26	21	8	26	106	29	18
19	Stone Ave.	NB	Sun Tran	1	3	23	9	9	1	7	27	15	10
19	Stone Ave.	SB	Sun Tran	2	5	28	7	11	3	3	33	11	11
20	West Grant Road	EB	Sun Tran	0	5	13	3	0	0	4	18	5	0
20	West Grant Road	WB	Sun Tran	0	3	13	3	1	0	4	17	3	1
21	Congress/Silverbell	NB	Sun Tran	0	4	23	6	5	0	4	32	11	7
21	Congress/Silverbell	SB	Sun Tran	1	4	15	3	2	1	6	25	3	4
22	Grande	NB	Sun Tran	1	5	25	7	5	1	5	24	11	3
22	Grande	SB	Sun Tran	2	5	18	4	2	3	9	27	7	3
23	Mission Road	NB	Sun Tran	4	6	22	6	7	4	12	29	6	14
23	Mission Road	SB	Sun Tran	3	5	22	7	9	3	16	34	7	9
24	S. 12th Ave.	NB	Sun Tran	3	4	16	4	3	5	6	15	4	5
24	S. 12th Ave.	SB	Sun Tran	1	2	17	5	4	2	4	21	12	7
	S. Park Ave	NB	Sun Tran	9	18	57	14	12	9	15	66	11	14
25	S. Park Ave	SB	Sun Tran	3	15	51	19	15	4	16	52	21	14
	Benson Highway	WB EB	Sun Tran	3	5 8	31	11 3	12 3	3	23 5	35	12	11
26	Benson Highway		Sun Tran			23		7			39	11	12 9
27	Midvale Park	NB	Sun Tran	5 3	10	31 46	8 15		4	11	45 43	16	
27	Midvale Park	SB EB	Sun Tran	3	9 8		7	11 3	3	9	34	26	14
29	Valencia Valencia	MB	Sun Tran	2		31		9	3	6		10	6
29	Valencia Craycroft/Et Lowell		Sun Tran		6	36	14				39	16	13
34	Craycroft/Ft. Lowell Craycroft/Ft. Lowell	NB	Sun Tran	0	12	47	11	13	1	11	64	19	14
34	Craycroft/Ft. Lowell	SB	Sun Tran	U	14	49	16	11	0	16	67	19	11

Table 4-3 Sampling Goals for Sun Tran and Sun Shuttle OD Surveys Completed by Time of Day and Direction (CONTINUED)

	by Time of Bay a						0 1						
					Origina	l Sampling	Goals	I		'	Completed		
				Early	AM Peak	Midday	PM Peak	Evening	Early	AM Peak	Midday	PM Peak	Evening
Route	Route Name	Direction	Service	(Before	(6:30-	(8:30 am-	(4-6 pm)	(After 6	(Before	(6:30-	(8:30 am-	(4-6 pm)	(After 6
				6:30 am)	8:30 am)	4:00 pm)	(4-6 piii)	pm)	6:30 am)	8:30 am)	4:00 pm)	(4-0 piii)	pm)
37	Pantano	NB	Sun Tran	1	8	15	4	1	1	8	18	3	2
37	Pantano	SB	Sun Tran	2	5	13	4	1	3	7	30	5	2
50	Ajo Way	EB	Sun Tran	2	4	11	2	2	3	4	9	6	3
50	Ajo Way	WB	Sun Tran	1	2	15	4	3	1	6	18	9	4
61	La Cholla	NB	Sun Tran	1	5	20	4	2	3	4	20	4	1
61	La Cholla	SB	Sun Tran	1	3	13	4	2	1	4	20	6	2
101X	Golf Links-Downtown Express	EB	Sun Tran	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0
101X	Golf Links-Downtown Express	WB	Sun Tran	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
102X	Northwest-UA Express	NB	Sun Tran	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	0
102X	Northwest-UA Express	SB	Sun Tran	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
103X	Northwest-Downtown Express	NB	Sun Tran	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0
103X	Northwest-Downtown Express	SB	Sun Tran	1	3	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
104X	Marana-Downtown Express	NB	Sun Tran	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	6	0
104X	Marana-Downtown Express	SB	Sun Tran	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
105X	Foothills-Downtown Express	NB	Sun Tran	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0
105X	Foothills-Downtown Express	SB	Sun Tran	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0
107X	Oro Valley-Downtown Express	NB	Sun Tran	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	0
107X	Oro Valley-Downtown Express	SB	Sun Tran	0	1	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	0
108X	Broadway-Downtown Express	EB	Sun Tran	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	6	0
108X	Broadway-Downtown Express	WB	Sun Tran	1	4	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0
109X	Catalina Hwy-Downtown Express	EB	Sun Tran	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	6	0
109X	Catalina Hwy-Downtown Express	WB	Sun Tran	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
110X	Rita Ranch-Downtown Express	NB	Sun Tran	0	5	0	1	0	0	6	0	2	0
110X	Rita Ranch-Downtown Express	SB	Sun Tran	0	2	0	3	0	0	3	0	4	0
201X	Eastside-Aero Park Express	EB	Sun Tran	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0
201X	Eastside-Aero Park Express	WB	Sun Tran	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
202X	Northwest- Aero Park Express	NB	Sun Tran	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	0
202X	Northwest- Aero Park Express	SB	Sun Tran	0	1	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0
203X	Oro Valley-Aero Park Express	NB	Sun Tran	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
203X	Oro Valley-Aero Park Express	SB	Sun Tran	5	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
312X 312X	Oro Valley-Tohono Express Oro Valley-Tohono Express	NB SB	Sun Tran Sun Tran	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
401	N. Oracle/Catalina	NB	Sun Shuttle	0	1	5	1	0	0	3	4	1	0
401	N. Oracle/Catalina	SB	Sun Shuttle	0	1	3	1	0	0	1	4	2	0
410	Anway/Trico	EB	Sun Shuttle	0	1	3	1	0	0	1	3	1	0
410	Anway/Trico	WB	Sun Shuttle	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	3	1	1
411	Cortaro/Silverbell	NB	Sun Shuttle	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
411	Cortaro/Silverbell	SB	Sun Shuttle	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
412	Thornydale/Dove Mountain	NB	Sun Shuttle		1	5	1	1	1	3	10	2	0
412	Thornydale/Dove Mountain	SB	Sun Shuttle		1	3	1	2	1	1	9	3	1
413	Marana/I-10	NB	Sun Shuttle		1	2	0	0	0	1	5	1	1
413	Marana/I-10	SB	Sun Shuttle		2	6	1	0	0	2	6	2	1
421	Green Valley/Sahuarita Connector	NB	Sun Shuttle	0	4	4	1	1	0	5	12	2	4
421	Green Valley/Sahuarita Connector	SB	Sun Shuttle	1	2	7	1	0	1	1	8	7	0
430	Tucson Estates	EB	Sun Shuttle	0	3	3	0	0	0	3	3	2	0
430	Tucson Estates	WB	Sun Shuttle	0	2	6	2	2	0	2	6	2	2
440	San Xavier	NB	Sun Shuttle	0	3	7	3	1	0	3	12	5	2
440	San Xavier	SB	Sun Shuttle	0	2	8	3	1	0	2	12	6	1
450	Southeast Tucson/Rita Ranch	NB	Sun Shuttle	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	3	1	0
450	Southeast Tucson/Rita Ranch	SB	Sun Shuttle	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	4	3	0
486	Ajo/Tucson	EB	Sun Shuttle	0	0	0	0	0					
486	Ajo/Tucson	WB	Sun Shuttle		0	0	0	0					
Other	Green Valley/Sahuarita	DAR	Sun Shuttle							2	6		
Other	Oro Valley	DAR	Sun Shuttle						1	1	4		

The sampling target for each route involved completed surveys that were within 10% of the goal or within 10 surveys of the goal. For example, the goal for Sun Tran Route 16 based on the ridership during the "Midday" time period heading "Northbound" was 159 completed surveys. With 165 completed surveys for Route 16 during the 2016 onboard survey, the sample target was achieved. In the case of Sun Tran Route 1 during the "AM Peak" time period heading "Southbound", the goal was 11 completed surveys. Since the number of completed surveys (10) for this route was within 10 of the goal, the target was achieved. Overall, when including the overall goals plus the goals by time and direction, there were 587 total goals. All 587 goals were achieved (100%).

A survey was considered "complete" if all of the required information was collected, as described in Section 2.2.1. A survey was considered "useable" if it met 100 percent of the quality assurance and quality control tests that were applied to each record. Overall, the total number of "complete and useable surveys" exceeded the contractual requirements by more than 1,600 surveys. More information on the QA/QC process can be found in Section 7.2.

## 4.2 Methods for Selecting Survey Participants

#### 4.2.1 Methods for Selecting On-to-Off Counts Participants

For Sun Link, an online survey is the preferred method because it allows an interviewer to ask rail users which station they boarded their current streetcar and which station they would alight. This was used in place of the scanning technology typically used by ETC Institute on buses, because unlike bus users, the majority of all rail users know the name of the locations they board and alight at. The short length of this survey, and the high level of knowledge regarding the boarding and alighting location by the rail users, allowed for one surveyor to survey every rider per streetcar. One surveyor per streetcar could effectively administer the On-to-Off Counts to each rail rider.

#### 4.2.2 Methods for Selecting OD Survey Participants

On bus routes, a random number generator was used to determine which passengers were asked to participate in the survey after boarding a bus at a particular stop. If four people boarded the bus, the tablet PC randomly generated a number from 1 to 4. If the answer was 2, the second person who boarded the bus was asked to participate in the survey. If the answer was 1, the first person was asked to participate in the survey, and so forth. The selection was limited to the first six people who boarded a bus at any given stop to ensure the interviewer could keep track of the passengers as they boarded. For example, if 20 people boarded a bus, the tablet PC program would randomly pick one of the first six people for the survey. The process was very similar for Sun Link, with the exception of the placement of the surveyors. For the purpose of the City of Tucson, there being only one streetcar on which to place a surveyor, only one interviewer was placed on the streetcar for each direction. The surveyor then

would focus on the door of the car they were currently occupying and use the random number generator previously described to determine which boarding passenger to survey.

# 4.3 Other Techniques Used to Manage the Sampling Process

Some of the other techniques that were used to manage the sampling of bus and rail riders are described below:

- Daily Reviews of Interviewer Performance—During each day, the research team evaluated the performance of each interviewer. This included a review of the characteristics of the passengers who were interviewed with regard to age, gender, race, the number of reported transfers, the number of required data fields that were completed, the number of desired data fields that were completed, and the average length of each interview. These reviews are completed while the surveyor is on the bus or streetcar and the findings are discussed with that surveyor when they check in. This allowed the research team to provide immediate feedback to interviewers to improve their overall performance. It also allowed the research team to quickly identify and remove interviewers who were not conducting the survey properly.
- Management of the Sample by Time of Day—In addition to managing the total number of surveys that were completed for each route/station, ETC Institute also managed the number of surveys that were completed during each of the following five time periods: "Early" time period (Before 6:30am), "AM Peak" time period (6:30am-8:30am), "Midday" time period (8:30am-4pm), "PM Peak" time period (4pm-6pm), and "Evening" time period (After 6pm). This was done to ensure that the number of completed surveys for each time period would adequately support data expansion requirements for travel demand forecasting. The data expansion process is further described in Chapter 8 of this report.

Figure 4-1 to on the following page shows the system wide estimated ridership by time period. Figure 4-2 shows the number of On-to-Off Counts that were collected for Sun Link by time period, and Figure 4-3 shows the number of system wide OD Surveys that were collected by time period. (Note: Sun Link does not operate in the "Early" time period).

Figure 4-1. Estimated Ridership by Time Period

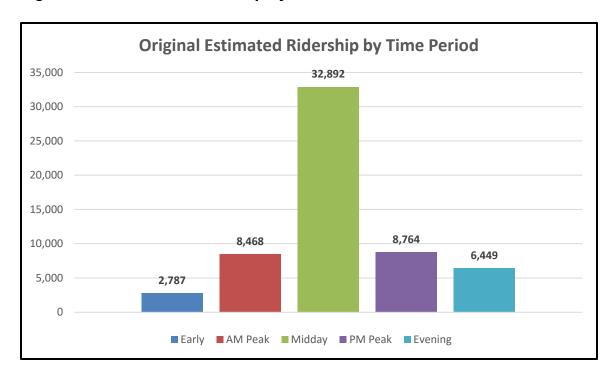
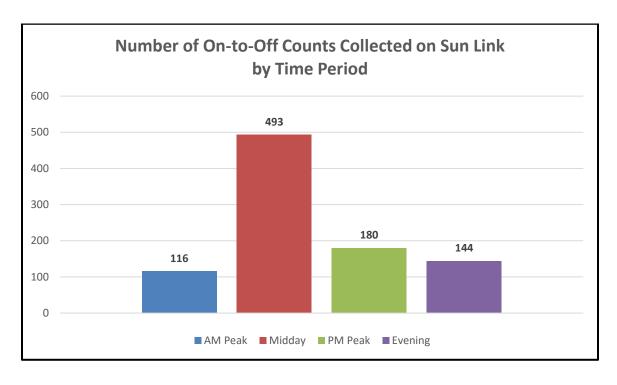
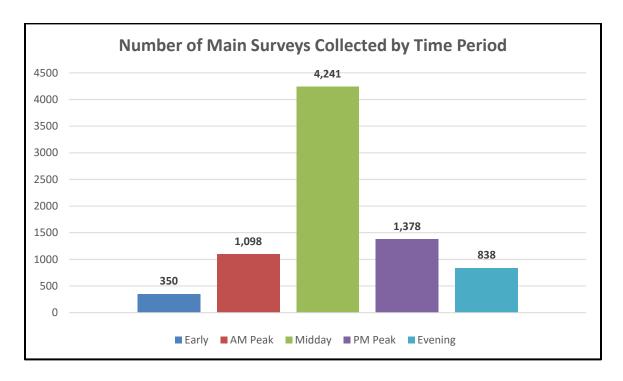


Figure 4-2. Number of On-to-Off Counts Collected on Sun Link by Time Period







# 5 On-to-Off Administration Methodology

On-to-Off Counts for this project were meant to capture the ridership flow of the Sun Link streetcar service. In-other-words, the On-to-Off Counts captured where the individual rider boarded Sun Link and the corresponding location where the rider alighted. This allows for a more comprehensive understanding of the true ridership flow, which then allows the OD Survey data to be more accurately expanded.

## 5.1 Recruiting and Training Surveyors

Assembling a team of high-quality surveyors was one of the most important steps in the On-to-Off administration process. For this project, ETC Institute complemented its team of supervisors with temporary surveyors who were local to the area. Surveyors recruited by the staffing agency were required to have a familiarity with the service areas, a solid work history, ability to work with the public, a professional attitude and appearance, and an ability to operate a tablet PC and become proficient with ETC Institute's On-to-Off software program.

Each surveyor was required to attend ETC Institute's training session. During this training session, surveyors were taught how to operate the tablet PCs and the On-to-Off software, execute the On-to-Off Count procedures, and deal with various situations that could be encountered during their surveying period.

The surveyor training was conducted in a classroom style setting at a local meeting location. The training provided information to all personnel who participated in the administration of the On-to-Off Counts to ensure that they were fully prepared for the project is described below:

- Overview of the onboard survey objectives
- On-to-Off equipment/software overview and training
- One-on-one tutoring/mock interview with an ETC Institute supervisor
- Overview of rules and procedures and a code of conduct to be followed while representing Sun Tran, Sun Link, or Sun Shuttle and ETC Institute in the field

Once the training was completed, and an ETC Institute supervisor approved of each surveyor's abilities in the classroom, the surveyors then spent several days in the field under the supervision of an ETC Institute field supervisor who assessed each surveyor's ability to properly conduct the On-to-Off procedures. Surveyors who did not demonstrate proficiency in all of the required tasks were released.

## 5.2 ETC Institute's On-to-Off Program Procedure

For Sun Link, an online survey was used that allowed an interviewer to ask rail users which station they boarded their current train and which station they would alight. This was used in place of the scanning technology used on buses because unlike bus users, the majority of rail users know the name of the locations they board and alight at. The short length of this two question survey, and the high level of knowledge regarding the boarding and alighting location by the rail users, allowed for one surveyor to survey every rider per streetcar. One surveyor per streetcar could effectively administer the On-to-Off Counts to each rail rider.

The purpose of the On-to-Off software program is to identify ridership patterns based on an individual's boarding and alighting locations that were then used to help develop the sampling plan for the OD Survey. This was accomplished on Sun Link by using the online survey tool which asked passengers where they boarded and where they alighted.

## 5.3 Organization of the Survey Team

The On-to-Off Counts were administered by teams that were directly supervised by an ETC Institute supervisor. The supervisors were responsible for reviewing the performance of each team and ensuring that all parts of the On-to-Off procedure were being followed and the sampling goals for each route were met. The supervisors operated from centralized locations, such as transit centers, so that the performance of all teams could be evaluated.

The On-to-Off Counts Team sizes for Sun Link were determined by route ridership levels and streetcar size. A typical team consisted of two members, based on a medium to high-ridership level. On-to-Off teams were typically deployed on at least two streetcars running in opposite directions.

## 5.4 Timing of the On-to-Off Counts

The On-to-Off Counts were administered during weekdays (Monday through Thursday) with the exceptions of holidays and college/school breaks.

The On-to-Off Counts were administered at the time of day that coincided with the hours that each route was operational. This ensured that the On-to-Off data would provide the OD Survey with an accurate sampling plan for administration and for the data expansion. The administration of the On-to-Off Counts began when the service started in the morning and continued as late as 10 pm.

## 6 OD Survey Administration Methodology

The following sections describe the methodology used for the OD Survey. This methodology includes recruiting and training of interviewers, procedures used for the survey, and organization of the survey teams.

## **6.1 Recruiting and Training Interviewers**

Assembling a team of high quality interviewers was one of the most important steps in the OD Survey administration process. For this project, ETC Institute also used local temporary interviewers who were recruited by a staffing agency to complement ETC Institute's experienced supervisors.

Interviewers recruited by the agency were required to have a familiarity with the bus service areas. They were also required to document a solid work history, show a professional attitude and appearance, prove to supervisors the ability to interact with the public, display an ability to work a Tablet PC, and show proficiency with ETC Institute's surveying program.

Each interviewer was required to attend ETC Institute's training session. During this training session, interviewers were presented with the following:

- An overview of the onboard survey objectives
- How to operate the tablet PC and surveying software
- How to approach riders and sampling procedures
- Survey etiquette
- How to deal with various situations that could be encountered during a survey
- Role-playing and one-on-one tutoring with an ETC Institute supervisor
- Overview of rules and procedures and a code of conduct to be followed while representing Sun Tran, Sun Link, and Sun Shuttle

Once all training was completed, and each interviewer was approved by an ETC Institute supervisor. Interviewers spent several days under the supervision of a supervisor, who assessed each interviewer's ability to properly conduct surveys. Those who did not demonstrate proficiency in all of the required tasks for the OD Survey were released.

## **6.2** Prior to the Administration of the Survey

In order to encourage participation in the survey, signs were posted on buses and streetcars that explained the importance of the survey. The sign also pictured an interviewer for recognition. The signs were posted on buses and streetcars during the On-to-Off phase of the survey and throughout the duration of the OD Survey.

A pilot test was also conducted in order to thoroughly test the equipment, the surveyors, the logistics, and the survey instrument. There were no issues and the pilot test was considered a success and ready for the OD Survey administration to begin.

## **6.3 OD Survey Administration Procedure**

All routes except for the Sun Shuttle dial-a-ride routes were surveyed using the tablet PCs, as described in Section 2.3. Interviewers selected people for the survey in accordance with the sampling procedures described in section 4 of this report.

Once an interviewer had selected a person for the survey, the interviewer:

- Approached the selected person and asked him or her to participate in the survey.
- If the person agreed to participate, the interviewer asked the respondent if he/she had at least 5 minutes to complete the survey.
- If the person did not have at least 5 minutes, the interviewer asked the person to provide his/her home/hotel/local address, boarding location, alighting location, name, and phone number. A phone interviewer from ETC Institute's call center contacted the respondent and asked him/her to provide the information by phone. This methodology ensured that people who completed "short-trips" on public transit were well represented. A nominal amount of surveys were collected this way as the vast majority of completed surveys were able to be completed within the time frame needed.
- If the person had at least 5 minutes, the interviewer began administering the survey to the respondent as a face-to-face interview using a tablet PC. After all of the required questions had been answered, the interviewer asked the respondent if he or she had 2 to 3 more minutes to complete the remaining questions. If the respondent agreed, the interviewer then asked the remaining questions on the survey.
  - o If the respondent did not have an additional 2 to 3 minutes to complete the survey, the interviewer selected the Call Back option on the bottom of the screen, where they were then able to capture the respondents name and phone number where a phone interviewer from ETC Institute's call center could then contact the person at a more convenient time for the respondent to complete the survey.

#### 6.3.1 After the Administration of the Survey

#### **Field Supervisor Quality Checks**

ETC Institute employs Field Supervisors (FS) who are responsible for: training, scheduling, and managing transit data collection efforts. ETC Institute continually adds steps to improve the FS' ability to effectively manage field staff. One tool is the use of an online dashboard created for each project. The online survey database that stores all the data collected in the field allows for connection to multiple Business Intelligence (BI) dashboards. This allows ETC Institute to create dashboards that allows the FS to instantly see the data collected in a variety of formats.

Sampling goals by route, direction, and time of day can instantly be viewed to support effective management of sampling goals. The dashboard also displayed a breakdown of the overall trip information and demographics collected, both overall and by individual interviewer. Individual interviewer data reviews were conducted throughout the day to ensure sampling procedures were followed and the findings were discussed with that interviewer when they checked in with the FS.

#### Field Supervisor Online Review Tool

In addition to being able to review various breakdowns of data, the FS was also able to review each individual record using a visual review tool. This was done in the field to ensure that trip data was being collected accurately for each interviewer. The FS was also able to look up individual records by interviewer in database/spreadsheet form which allowed them to call respondents to check on the accuracy of the data collected, as well as the job performance of the interviewer. An example screenshot of the FS' version of this online tool is shown in Figure 6-1 on the following page.

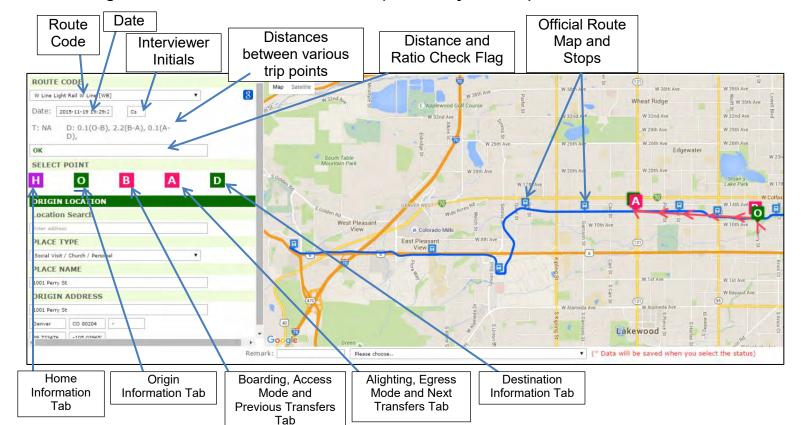


Figure 6-1. Online Visual Review Tool (Read-Only Version)

## **6.4 Timing of the OD Survey Administration**

The OD Survey was administered at the time of day that coincided with the hours that each route was operational. This was to ensure that the administration of the survey began prior to peak ridership levels in the morning and continued after peak ridership levels in the evening. Although the administration of the OD Survey began as early as 5:30 am and continued to as late as 8:30 pm on some routes, most of the surveys were administered between the hours of 6 am and 8 pm.

The OD Survey was administered during weekdays (Monday through Thursday) with the exceptions of holidays and college/school breaks from January 2016 – March 2016. Upon completion of this OD Survey, the analysis of results indicated some gaps regarding the targeted number of responses per bus route and streetcar. To fill in the gaps, follow-up OD Surveys were carried out in late March 2016.

Many of the processes described in Sections 2 and 4-6 of this report were essential elements of the overall quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) process that was implemented throughout the survey administration process. The establishment of specific sampling goals and procedures for managing the goals ensured that a representative sample was obtained from each bus route. Training of interviewers and the high levels of oversight provided by team leaders and the project manager ensured that the survey was administered properly. Also, the use of the latest geocoding tools contributed to the high quality of geocoding accuracy that was achieved.

The following sections describe the QA/QC processes that were implemented after the data was collected.

#### 7.1.1 Process for Identifying Complete Records

To classify a survey as being completed, the record must have contained all elements of the one-way trip. ETC Institute has classified required trip data as containing the complete answers to the following:

- Route / Direction
- Time of trip
- Transfers made
- Home address
- Origin address
- Destination address

- Origin place type
- Destination place type
- Access mode
- Egress mode
- Boarding location
- Alighting location

In addition to the required trip data questions, a survey must be marked as complete by the online survey program which occurs only if the interviewer has navigated through every required question on the online survey instrument including demographic questions.

#### Online Visual Review Tool

ETC Institute has created an online visual review tool that allows for the review of all completed records within the database. This tool shows all components of each individual trip as well as a series of preprogrammed distance and ratio checks as described on subsequent pages. After directions were finalized, the next step was to run each record through the Speed/Distance/Time checks. Figure 7-1 on the following page shows an example of the online visual review tool. It is very similar to the online visual review tool used by FS described previously, with the additional functionality of being able to review all aspects of the survey as well as being able to make edits when appropriate.

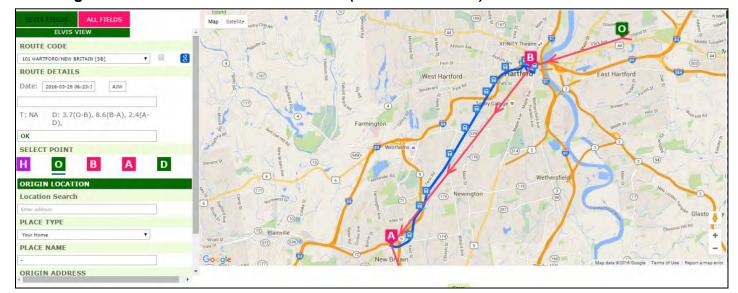


Figure 7-1. Online Visual Review Tool (Editable Version)

## 7.2 Pre-Processing Distance Checks

A series of distance and ratio checks are preprogrammed into the online visual review tool in order to allow for ETC Institute's Transit Review Team (TRT) to take a more systematic approach in reviewing completed records. The TRT process for editing surveys is described in a later section. (Note: The distance and ratio checks described were meant to alert the reviewer that closer evaluation was needed. It did not necessarily indicate that the record was inaccurate or unusable).

The distances used for the checks were created using the greatcircle distance formula which is based on a straight line from point A to point B that takes into account the curvature of the earth.

#### **Access/Egress Mode Distance Check**

Table 7-1 on the following page shows the distance checks for access (Origin to Boarding) and egress modes (Alighting to Destination).

Table 7-1. Origin to Boarding and Alighting to Destination Distance Checks

Distance Check Name	Check	Condition 1	Condition 2	Flag?
	Origin to Boarding distance is greater than 1.75 miles	Access Mode - <u>ANY USE OF A VEHICLE</u> (ie, dropped off, rode with others, drove, taxi)		No
	rigin to Boarding Origin to Boarding distance is	Access Mode - Walk/Wheelchair/Skateboard	There is at least one transfer from origin to boarding	No
Origin to Boarding		Access Mode - Walk/Wheelchair/Skateboard	There are no transfers from origin to boarding	Yes
		Access Mode - <u>ANY USE OF A VEHICLE</u> (ie, dropped off, rode with others, drove, taxi)		Yes
	less than .2 miles	Access Mode - Every mode	There is at least one transfer from origin to boarding	Yes
		Access Mode - Walk/Wheelchair/Skateboard	There are no transfers from origin to boarding	No
	Alighting to Destination distance	Egress Mode - ANY USE OF A VEHICLE (ie, will get picked up, ride with others, drive, taxi)		No
	is greater than 1.75 miles	Egress Mode - Walk/Wheelchair/Skateboard Egress Mode -	There is at least one transfer from alighting to destination There are no transfers from	No
Alighting to		Walk/Wheelchair/Skateboard	alighting to destination	Yes
Destination	E (i	Egress Mode - <u>ANY USE OF A VEHICLE</u> (ie, will get picked up, ride with others, drive, taxi)		Yes
	Alighting to Destination distance is less than .2 miles	Egress Mode - Every mode	There is at least one transfer from alighting to destination	Yes
		Egress Mode - Walk/Wheelchair/Skateboard	There are no transfers from alighting to destination	No

#### **Origin to Destination Distance Check**

Table 7-2 below shows the distance checks based on the origin and destination locations.

Table 7-2. Origin to Destination Distance Checks

Distance Check Name	Check	Flag Record
	Origin equals the Destination	Yes
Origin to Destination	Origin to Destination is greater than 50 miles	Yes
	Origin to Destination is less than .25 miles	Yes

#### **Boarding and Alighting Distance Check**

Table 7-3 on the following page shows the distance checks based on the boarding and alighting locations.

Table 7-3. Boarding to Alighting Distance Checks

Distance Check Name	Check	Flag Record
	Boarding equals the Alighting	Yes
Boarding to Alighting	Boarding to Alighting is less than .25 miles	Yes

## 7.3 Pre-Processing Ratio Checks

After all transfer checks were completed, the next step in this process involved the application of a series of QA/QC Ratio Checks.

Three ratio checks were conducted for each record. First, the distance between boarding and alighting was divided by the distance between origin and destination. If the rider had a high ratio, then the rider was on the bus for an extensive time compared to the origin to destination distance. If the check created an extremely low ratio, the use of transit seemed unnecessary.

Second, the distance between origin and boarding was divided by the distance between origin and destination. If the rider had a high ratio, the origin to boarding distance was excessive compared to the origin to destination.

Third, the distance between alighting and destination was divided by the distance between origin and destination. If the rider had a high ratio, this indicated that the alighting to destination distance was excessive compared to the origin to destination.

Table 7-4 on the following page describes in more detail the ratio checks used, and the conditions in which a record would be flagged for review.

Table 7-4. Ratio Checks

Ratio Checks	Check	Result of Formula	Condition 1	Condition 2	Flag?
	Boarding to Alighting Distance/Origin to Destination Distance	the result of this formula is 1.5 or greater			Yes
Origin to Destination	Boarding to Alighting Distance/Origin to Destination Distance	the result of this formula is less than .3	Access and Egress modes are both Walk/Wheelchair/Skateboard	There are NO transfers involved in the trip	Yes
distance	Boarding to Alighting Distance/Origin to Destination Distance	the result of this formula is less than .3	Access or Egress mode - ANY USE OF A VEHICLE		No
	Boarding to Alighting Distance/Origin to Destination Distance	the result of this formula is less than .3	There is at least one transfer involved in the trip		No
Origin to Boarding	Origin to Boarding Distance/Origin to Destination Distance	the result of this formula is 1 or greater	there is at least one transfer from origin to boarding		No
distance divided by Origin to Destination distance	Origin to Boarding Distance/Origin to Destination Distance	the result of this formula is 1 or greater	Access Mode - <u>ANY USE OF A</u> <u>VEHICLE</u> (ie, dropped off, rode with others, drove, taxi)		No
	Origin to Boarding Distance/Origin to Destination Distance	the result of this formula is 1 or greater	Access Mode - Walk/Wheelchair/Skateboard	There are no transfers from origin to boarding	Yes
	Alighting to Destination Distance/Origin to Destination Distance	the result of this formula is 1 or greater	there is at least one transfer from alighting to destination		No
Alighting to Destination divided by Origin to Destination	Alighting to Destination Distance/Origin to Destination Distance	the result of this formula is 1 or greater	Egress Mode - <u>ANY USE OF A</u> <u>VEHICLE</u> (ie, will get picked up, ride with others, drive, taxi)		No
	Alighting to Destination Distance/Origin to Destination Distance	the result of this formula is 1 or greater	Egress Mode - Walk/Wheelchair/Skateboard	There are no transfers from alighting to destination	Yes

#### 7.3.1 Transit Review Team (TRT)

ETC Institute has a dedicated team whose priority is reviewing and editing completed records through the use of an online visual review tool. One of their other key responsibilities is the process of calling and completing "Callback" surveys. Callback surveys are surveys that were unable to be completed in the field. The "Callback" surveys were conducted within a week of when the initial survey began so that the information of the trip could be more easily recalled by the respondent.

The TRT reviewed all complete records collected for the survey, paying special attention to records that were automatically flagged by the online visual review tool. Prior to making edits to any survey, they first attempted to contact the respondent to clarify any questionable answer choices regarding the trip. If no contact was made, or if contact was not possible, the following actions were taken.

#### **Pre-Processing General Issues and Actions**

Table 7-5 on the following page describes the general issues that could occur within a trip where changes may have been appropriate.

Table 7-5. General Issues

Issue	Description of Issue	Action
Origin/Destination Issue - 1	Origin/Destination appears incorrect because the wrong location of a multiple-location organization was selected	If for example, an Origin/Destination appears illogical based on the college campus that was selected, but an appropriate campus of the same college does appear logical given the other points and answer choices of the trip, then the appropriate campus will be selected.
Origin/Destination Issue - 2	Origin/Destination appears to have been geocoded to the incorrect city/state	If for example, an Origin/Destination appears illogical based on the city/state that was geocoded, but the address/intersection is logical within the trip if the city/state are changed. This occurs occasionally because the surveyor selects the wrong choice from the list of possible address choices that appear in the online survey instrument, then the appropriate address information will be inserted.
Access/Egress Mode	Access/Egress Mode seems illogical based on trip	If the access/egress mode involves the use of a vehicle and the distance from either origin to boarding or alighting to destination is less than .2 miles then the access/egress mode is recoded to walk/walked and that change will be reflected in the database. Unless the terrain of the area makes walking unlikely.
Directionality of Record	Boarding and alighting locations indicate that the trip is going in the opposite direction of what was selected by the surveyor.	Change Direction of Route Selected and if necessary update boarding and alighting locations based on appropriate direction.

### **Transfer Issues and Actions**

Table 7-6 on the following page describes the transfer issues that could occur within a trip where changes may have been appropriate.

Table 7-6. Transfer Issues

Issue #	Description of Issue	Action
Transfer Issue - 1	The transfer(s) seems illogical based on either the origin to boarding or alighting to destination	If the transfer appears to have been selected incorrectly based on surveyor misselection/passenger error then an appropriate transfer(s) will be inserted based on the geocoded points of the trip, the time of day of the trip and the direction of travel. If no appropriate transfers can be found, then the record will be removed from the database.
Transfer Issue - 2	The transfer(s) seems unnessary based on either the origin to boarding or alighting to destination	If the transfer(s) appears to be unnecessary because the distance from the origin to boarding or alighting to destination is less than 0.2 miles then the trip will be reviewed in further detail to determine if the transfer(s) are inappropriate. Aspects that wil determine appropriateness are: the terrain (0.1 miles for example is a very short distance but a river inbetween the origin and boarding location could require an individual to use a transfer as opposed to being able to walk), disability, age, and alternate access/egress modes (IE if someone indicates walking 1 mile from origin to boarding but then indicates taking 2 transfers from alighting to destination to travel a total of 0.1 miles they have likely indicated transfers for a future trip later in the day). NOTE: The 0.2 distance is only used as guideline to create a flag for closer review. Typically only extreme distances have transfers removed.
Transfer Issue - 3	The passenger indicated that they did not use a transfer but based on their access/egress mode and the distance between either the origin to boarding or alighting to destination suggests that a transfer was likely used.	If the access/egress mode is "walked/walk" and no transfer is indicated, and the distance between either origin to boarding or alighting to destination is greater than 2 miles, then an appropriate transfer(s) will be inserted based on the geocoded points of the trip, the time of day of the trip and the direction of travel. If no appropriate transfers can be found, then the record will be removed from the database.
Transfer Issue - 4	Duplicate Transfers in the Route Path	If duplicate transfers exist in the route path, the path is reviewed to determine which route(s) were incorrectly entered. If a review of the record suggests that the transfer route(s) is/are unneccesary then they will be removed. If the transfers suggest that trip is a round trip and not a one-way trip then the record will be removed from the database.

## 7.4 Post-Processing Additional Checks

After all records were reviewed by the TRT, the next step in this process involved the application of a series of QA/QC "non-trip" Checks. Non-trip checks are described as anything not pertaining to the respondent's actual trip, i.e. demographic information. Non-trip related checks included:

- Ensuring the respondents who indicated that they were employed also reported that at least one member of their household was employed.
- Ensuring the time of day a survey was completed was reasonable given the published operating schedule for the route.
- Ensuring that the appropriate fare type was used in response to the age of respondent.
- Checking that there is a representative demographic distribution based on age, gender, and income status.
- Removing any personal contact information used for quality control purposes during the data collection portion of the project in order to protect the anonymity of the respondents.

Once all records had gone through the pre-processing and post-processing QA/QC checks, those that were deemed complete and usable were then used to update the completion report used by the FS to ensure that all contractual goals had been met. After the final high-level review was completed, metadata (a codebook) was created in order to suitably explain the data in the database.

While the "goals" described in section 4.1 of this report were based upon the most current ridership levels provided at the time of the surveying effort, revised ridership figures were used to expand the data. The revised estimated ridership was based on more comprehensive and up-to-date ridership information that was available during the time of the data expansion process.

## 8.1 Sources of Ridership Data

### 8.1.1 Ridership Data Sources

The source of the updated weekday ridership figures for the Sun Tran buses and Sun Link streetcar were based on APC weekday data from January 25<sup>th</sup>-February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Sun Shuttle ridership was provided separately by RTA staff and displayed by RTD. Due to some limitations in the APC data and to ensure a more accurate representation of the number of passengers who ride the services on an average weekday, ETC Institute took the percentage distribution of the APC data and normalized it with the farebox data from that same time period, so that the APC data equaled the farebox ridership while still maintaining the distribution collected by the APC data.

## 8.2 Data Expansion Overview

When survey goals are created, they are typically based off of a percentage of the average weekday ridership for the routes in the system. That is further broken down by time periods and directions. The time periods that are created (6:30am to 8:30am for example) are based off of the specific needs of the client, generally aligning with the travel demand model. Once a sample percentage is agreed upon, the goals for the survey collection are based on ridership for each route by time period and direction and then multiplied by the sampling percentage.

The purpose of developing survey goals is to collect an appropriate number of survey records that will be "expanded" to represent the total average weekday ridership of each route by time period and direction. To further increase the specificity of the expansion process, segments were created for each route. Stops were grouped into segments along that route so that boarding segments could be paired with alighting segments when creating the expansion factor. Segmentation occurs on bus routes because it is unrealistic to expand bus survey data at the stop level. Stop, or station, level expansion is generally reserved for rail lines.

### 8.2.1 Sun Link Data Expansion

Although daily boarding and alighting data by station for Sun Link was available, data on the number of trips between stations was not available. While the number of passengers that board and alight at each stop is important, the next step is learning where a passenger boards and then correspondingly where that same passenger alights. In order to estimate actual ridership between stops along the Sun Link route, an On-to-Off survey was administered with the goal of obtaining a sample of approximately 30% of Sun Link passengers. Ultimately over 40% of the originally estimated daily ridership participated in an On-to-Off survey.

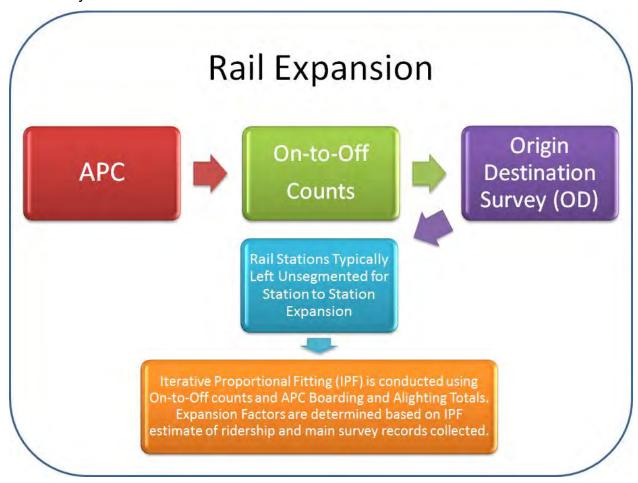


Table 8-1 on the following page shows a portion of the results for the On-to-Off Survey that was administered during the "AM Peak" period going eastbound. Each row in the table identifies the station where passengers boarded the streetcar. The columns in the table identify the stations where people got off the streetcar. For illustration purposes, only boarding and alighting stations for 6 of the 17 eastbound stations are shown.

Table 8-1. Sun Link Data Expansion Table Results of On-to-Off Survey

AM PEAK - EASTBOUND		COUNTS FR	OM THE ON/OF				
Station Name	Total	Av del Convento/ Congress St	Cushing/ Frontage Rd	Granada/Cushing	Congress/ Granada Av	Broadway/Church	Broadway/Stone
Av del Convento/Congress St	24	0	0	1	1	3	3
Cushing/Frontage Rd	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Granada/Cushing	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Congress/Granada Av	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Broadway/Church	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Broadway/Stone	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 8-2 shows the distribution of the data in Table 8-1 as a percentage of all boardings for the Sun Link for that time period and direction. For example, 3.1% of all trips during the AM peak board at Av del Convento/Congress St and end at Broadway/Stone.

Table 8-2. Sun Link Data Expansion Table Distribution of On-to-Off Survey

AM PEAK - EASTBOUND		PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF RIDERSHIP COUNTS FROM THE ON/OFF SURVEY							
Station Name	Total	Av del Convento/ Congress St	Cushing/ Frontage Rd	Granada/Cushing	Congress/ Granada Av	Broadway/Church	Broadway/Stone		
Av del Convento/Congress St	24.7%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	1.0%	3.1%	3.1%		
Cushing/Frontage Rd	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
Granada/Cushing	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
Congress/Granada Av	5.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
Broadway/Church	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
Broadway/Stone	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		

To develop an initial estimate of the ridership flow based on the Station-on to the Station-off, the Sun Link total ridership for this time period and direction was applied to the distribution shown in Table 8-2. Table 8-3 shows the initial estimate of ridership from Station-on to Station-Off. Based on this estimate, 4 trips during the AM peak begin at Av del Convento/Congress St and end at Broadway/Stone.

Table 8-3. Sun Link Data Expansion Table Initial Estimate of Ridership Flows Between Stations

AM PEAK - EASTBOUND		PROJECTED RIDERSHIP BASED ON THE ON-TO-OFF SURVEY						
STATION	Total	Av del Convento/ Congress St	Cushing/ Frontage Rd	Granada/Cushing	Congress/ Granada Av	Broadway/Church	Broadway/Stone	
Av del Convento/Congress St	36	0	0	1	1	4	4	
Cushing/Frontage Rd	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Granada/Cushing	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Congress/Granada Av	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Broadway/Church	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Broadway/Stone	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Since the On-to-Off Survey did not cover 100 percent of the Sun Link boardings and alightings, the distribution in Table 8-3 was compared to the actual boarding and alighting data collected for each major station. The top portion of Table 8-4 below shows the boarding and alighting counts for each major station on the route based on the calculations described in Section 8.1. The bottom portion of the table shows the difference between the projected boardings and alightings at each station (from Table 8-3) and the average calculated counts.

Table 8-4. Sun Link Data Expansion Table Actual Boardings and Alightings by Station

AM PEAK - EASTBOUND							
Average Weekday Ridership	Total	Av del Convento/ Congress St	Cushing/ Frontage Rd	Granada/Cushing	Congress/ Granada Av	Broadway/Church	Broadway/Stone
BOARDINGS	145	27	1	3	5	2	1
ALIGHTINGS	145	0	0	0	1	2	2
DIFFERENCE FROM PROJECTED							
BOARDINGS	0	-9	0	2	-3	-1	0
ALIGHTINGS	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	-2

In order to develop a more accurate estimate of the ridership flows between major stations on each route, ETC Institute developed an Iterative Proportional Fitting Algorithm to balance the differences between the ridership projected from the On-to-Off Survey (shown in Table 8-3) and the average calculated counts at each station (shown in Table 8-4).

The key steps to the iterative process are described below.

**Step 1: Correction for the Boardings**. The estimated ridership from the On-to-Off data (shown in Table 8-3) was multiplied by the ratio of the calculated boardings from the APC/Farebox for each stop by the estimated boardings for each stop. For example, if the calculated boardings for Station A were 120 and the estimated boardings were 100, each cell associated with Station A would have been multiplied by 1.2 (120 / 100) to adjust the estimated boardings to calculated boardings.

**Step 2: Correction for the Alightings**. Once the correction in Step 1 (described above) was applied, the estimated boardings would have equaled the calculated boardings. However, the adjustment to the boardings total may have changed the alighting estimates. In order to correct the alighting estimate, the new values calculated in Step 1 were adjusted by multiplying the ratio of the calculated alightings for each stop by the estimated alightings for each stop from Step 1. For example, if the calculated alightings for Station B were 220 and the estimated alightings from Step 1 were 200, each cell associated with Station B would have been multiplied by 1.1 (220 / 200) to adjust the estimated alightings from Step 1 to calculated alightings.

The processes described in Steps 1 and Steps 2 were repeated sequentially until the difference between the calculated and estimated boardings and alightings was zero.

The final estimate for ridership flows is shown in Table 8-5. To calculate the expansion factors, the final estimate of ridership between major stations shown in Table 8-5 was divided by the actual number of main surveys that were completed by station shown in Table 8-6.

Table 8-5. Final Estimate of Ridership Flows between Stations (Sun Link)

AM PEAK - EASTBOUND								
Station Name	Total	DIFFERENCE FROM ACTUAL BOARDINGS	Av del Convento/ Congress St	Cushing/ Frontage Rd	Granada/Cushing	Congress/ Granada Av	Broadway/Church	Broadway/Stone
Av del Convento/Congress St	27	0	0	0	0	1	3	2
Cushing/Frontage Rd	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Granada/Cushing	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Congress/Granada Av	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Broadway/Church	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Broadway/Stone	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 8-6. Number of Completed Surveys (Sun Link)

AM PEAK - EASTBOUND							
STATION	Total	Av del Convento/ Congress St	Cushing/ Frontage Rd	Granada/Cushing	Congress/ Granada Av	Broadway/Church	Broadway/Stone
Av del Convento/Congress St	19	0	0	0	0	1	3
Cushing/Frontage Rd	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Granada/Cushing	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Congress/Granada Av	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Broadway/Church	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Broadway/Stone	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

The next step after creating the weighting factors was to give each Sun Link record in the Main Survey database a weight factor name based on time period, boarding station, and alighting station. For example, the weight factor name of "700\_E\_2\_1\_5" indicates that the record is from Sun Link (700 is the code for Sun Link), "E" for Eastbound, "2", AM PEAK is Time Period 2, the rider boarded at the "Av del Convento/Congress St" Station (1), the rider alighted at the "Broadway/Stone" Station (5).

Since there is so much daily variation of ridership between the 17 eastbound Sun Link stations, there are areas where there are completed surveys that have no estimated ridership and vice versa. In order to address the daily variations that take place, the remaining surveys were given a weight factor based on the ridership data that was unaccounted for and divided by those unaccounted for completed surveys.

#### Validating the Expansion for Sun Link

After all the Sun Link expansion factors were added into the Main Survey database, the weighting factors were summed by time period and direction. Those summed weighting factors by time period and direction were then compared to the revised overall ridership numbers for the appropriate time period and direction in order to make sure they were the same.

### 8.2.2 Route Segmentation with APC Data

There are two ways ETC Institute creates segments for bus routes: 1) boarding percentages of the route from APC data, and 2) based on the number of stops for the route. When possible, segmenting routes using APC data is the preferred way to segment routes as opposed to segmenting routes based on the number of stops. Routes with APC data were separated based on direction, then divided into three segments based on the total boardings. After approximately one-third of the route's total APC ridership had boarded, a new segment began. After approximately two-thirds of the route's total APC ridership had boarded the final third segment began. Table 8-7 below is a simplified example of APC Data Segmenting. (Note: Iterative Proportional Fitting (IPF) is used in multiple types of expansion discussed in this document. In order for IPF to work properly, the boarding totals must match the alighting totals. For this reason, APC alightings are adjusted using a multiplying factor in order to make sure their totals match the boarding totals.)

Table 8-7. Route Segmenting: APC Provided Routes

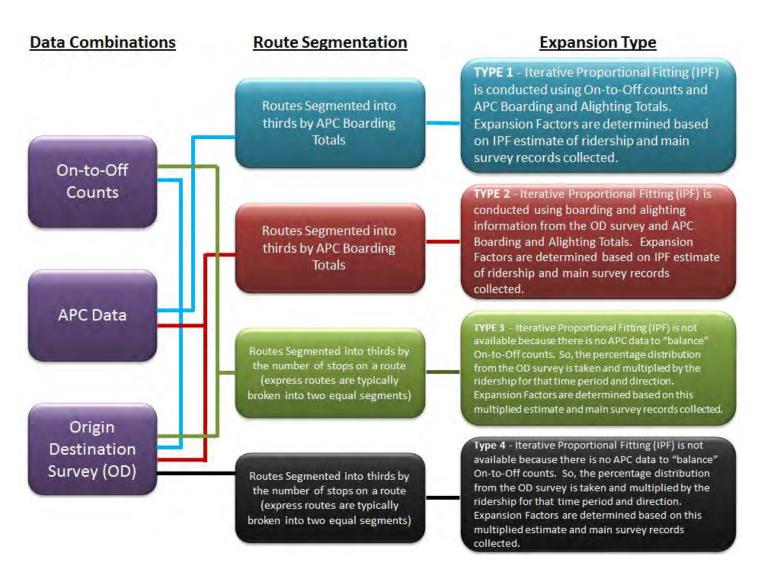
Segmentation with APC Example								
Direction: Eastbound	APC	DATA	Segmentation					
Stops	Boardings	Alightings	Running Total of Boardings	Running Percentage of Total Boardings	Segment			
Stop 1	35	0	35	23.0%	1			
Stop 2	20	10	55	36.2%	1			
Stop 3	20	5	75	49.3%	2			
Stop 4	15	10	90	59.2%	2			
Stop 5	5	12	95	62.5%	2			
Stop 6	4	4	99	65.1%	2			
Stop 7	19	4	118	77.6%	3			
Stop 8	12	3	130	85.5%	3			
Stop 9	15	5	145	95.4%	3			
Stop 10	3	10	148	97.4%	3			
Stop 11	2	15	150	98.7%	3			
Stop 12	2	11	152	100.0%	3			
Stop 13	0	10	152	100.0%	3			
Stop 14	0	15	152	100.0%	3			
Stop 15	0	38	152	100.0%	3			

## 8.3 Types of Bus Data Expansion

The type of bus data expansion conducted depended on the data available for the specific bus route. The three types of data that created the combinations that guided the type of expansion used were: APC data (from Client), On-to-Off Counts Data (collected by ETC Institute), and Origin-Destination (OD) Survey Data (collected by ETC Institute). Figure 8-1 below shows the data combinations, the corresponding route segmentation, and type of expansion used.

Due to some limitations in the APC data and to ensure a more accurate representation of the number of passengers who ride the services on an average weekday, ETC Institute took the percentage distribution of the APC data and normalized it with the farebox data from that same time period. That ensured that the APC data equaled the farebox ridership while still maintaining the distribution collected by the APC data.

Figure 8-1 Types of Bus Data Expansion

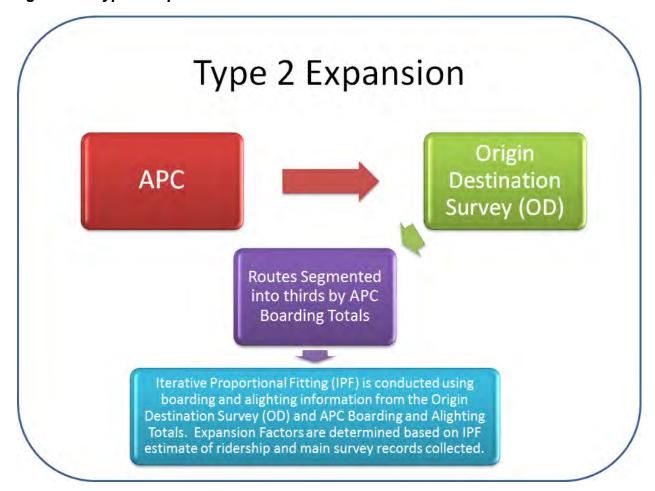


For this project, only expansion types 2 and 4 in the table above were utilized, so those are the only expansion processes explained subsequently.

# Type 2 Expansion: Bus Routes with APC Data, OD Survey Data, but no Onto-Off Counts Data

On-to-Off counts are not always collected. However, sometimes these routes will have APC data available. In this case, Type 2 expansion is appropriate. This type of expansion also divided stops into three segments based on total boarding distribution by direction. These segments were then appended to the OD records based on the boarding and alighting locations. The expansion method is similar to Type 1 expansion, the only difference being that the distribution of OD records was substituted for the On-to-Off counts data in Figure 8-1. The methodology for Type 2 expansion is as follows:

Figure 8-2 Type 2 Expansion



# Type 2: Expansion Methodology for Bus Routes with APC Data, OD Survey Data, but no On-to-Off Counts Data

Table 8-8 shows the segmented results from the OD survey that replaced the On-to-Off counts. Each row in the table identifies the segment where passengers boarded the bus. The columns in the table identify the segments where people alighted. For example, 10 OD surveys had riders board on segment 2 and alight on segment 3.

Table 8-8: Bus Data Expansion Table Results of On-to-Off Survey

TABLE 1: RESULTS OF TH				
Route: Example Eastbound (6am-9am)		Replacing On-to-	Off Results	
Segment	Total	1	2	3
1	32	3	9	20
2	17		7	10
3	8			8
Total	57	3	16	38

Table 8-9 shows the distribution of the data in Table 6-8, expressed as a percentage of all boardings for the time period and direction. Table 6-9 was created by dividing each cell in Table 6-8 by the sum of all records in Table 6-8, which is 57. For example, 10/57 (17.5%) of all trips boarded on segment 2 and alighted at segment 3 as shown in Table 8-9.

Table 8-9: Bus Data Expansion Table Distribution of On-to-Off Survey

TABLE 2: DISTRIBUTION OF THE ON-TO-OFF SURVEY								
Route: Example Eastbound (6am-9am)	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF RIDERSHIP COUNTS FROM THE ON/OFF SURVEY							
Segment	Total	Total 1 2 3						
1	56.1%	5.3%	15.8%	35.1%				
2	29.8%	0.0%	12.3%	17.5%				
3	14.0% 0.0% 0.0% 14.0%							
Total	100.0%	5.3%	28.1%	66.7%				

The ridership for the route by time period and direction was applied to the "on-to-off" (boarding to alighting information from the OD survey) distribution shown in Table 8-9. This produces an estimate of the ridership flow on the route based on the boarding segment to the alighting segment as shown in Table 8-10. Applying the actual ridership of 320 to the distribution created an initial estimate that 56 trips (17.5% x 320) boarded on segment 2 and alighted on segment 3.

Table 8-10: Bus Data Expansion Table Initial Estimate of Ridership Flows Between Segments

TABLE 3: INITIAL ESTIMATE OF RIDERSHIP FLOWS BETWEEN STATION								
(percentages in table 2 were applied	ed to the total b	oardings for this ti	me period in this	direction)				
Route: Example Eastbound (6am-9am)		PROJECTED RIDERSH	IP BASED ON THE ON	N-TO-OFF SURVEY				
Segment	Total 1 2 3							
1	180	17	51	112				
2	95	0	39	56				
3 45 0 0 45								
Total	320	17	90	213				

In order to develop a more accurate estimate of ridership flows between segments for each route, ETC Institute developed an Iterative Proportional Fitting Algorithm to balance the differences between the initial estimated ridership (shown in Table 8-10) and the ridership observed by APC data at each segment (shown in Table 8-11). (Note: The APC Data shown in Table 8-11 was normalized with the farebox data from the same time period to create a more accurate representation).

Table 8-11: APC Data

TABLE 4: BOARDINGS and ALIGHTINGS BY STATION				
Route: Example Eastbound (6am-	9am)			
Average Weekday Ridership	Total	1	2	3
BOARDINGS	320	100	100	120
ALIGHTINGS	320	20	100	200
DIFFERENCE FROM PROJECTED				
BOARDINGS	0	-80	5	75
ALIGHTINGS	0	3	10	-13

The key steps to the iterative process are described below

**Step 1: Correction for the Boardings**. The estimated ridership from the "on-to-off" data (boarding to alighting information from the OD survey) for each route (shown in Table 8-10) was multiplied by the ratio of the actual boardings from the APC/Farebox data for each segment by the estimated boardings for each segment. For example, if the actual boardings for Segment 1 were 120 and the estimated boardings were 100, each cell associated with Segment 1 would have been multiplied by 1.2 (120 / 100) to adjust the estimated boardings to actual boardings.

**Step 2: Correction for the Alightings**. Once the correction in Step 1 was applied, the estimated boardings would equal the actual boardings. However, the adjustment to the boardings total may change the alighting estimates. In order to

correct the alighting estimate, the new values calculated in Step 1 were adjusted by multiplying the ratio of the actual alightings from the APC data for each segment by the estimated alightings for each segment from Step 1. For example, if the actual alightings for Segment 2 were 220 and the estimated alightings from Step 1 were 200, each cell associated with Segment 2 would have been multiplied by 1.1 (220 / 200) to adjust the estimated alightings from Step 1 to actual alightings.

The processes described in Step 1 and Step 2 were repeated sequentially until the difference between the actual and estimated boardings and alightings was zero. Table 8-12 shows that after six balancing iterations in this algorithm, there were no differences between the projected distribution and the actual boardings and alightings.

Table 8-12. Iterative Balance Process

Table 0-12. Iterative	Balance	1100633			
6th STEP of ITERATIVE BALANCING TO	CORRECT DISTR	RIBUTION OF RIDERSHIP BY	ALIGHTING L	ocation	
Segment	Total	DIFFERENCE FROM	1	2	3
		ACTUAL BOARDINGS			
1	100	0	20	40	41
2	100	0	0	60	40
3	120	0	0	0	120
Total	320	0	20	100	200
DIFFERENCE FROM ACTUAL ALIGHTINGS	0		0	0	0
6th STEP of ITERATIVE BALANCING TO	CORRECT DISTR	RIBUTION OF RIDERSHIP BY	BOARDING L	ocation	
Segment	Total	DIFFERENCE FROM ACTUAL BOARDINGS	1	2	3
1	100	0	20	40	40
2	100	0	0	60	40
3	120	0	0	0	120
Total	320	0	20	100	200
DIFFERENCE FROM ACTUAL ALIGHTINGS	0		0	0	0

The final estimate for ridership flows is shown in Table 8-13 below.

Table 8-13: Final Estimate of Ridership Flows between Stations

TABLE 6: FINAL ESTIMATE OF RIDERSHIP FLOWS BETWEEN STATIONS				
Route: Example Eastbound (6am-9am)				
Segment	Total	1	2	3
1	100	20	40	40
2	100	0	60	40
3	120	0	0	120
Total	320	20	100	200
DIFFERENCE FROM ACTUAL ALIGHTINGS	0	0	0	0

The actual number of OD records that were completed for each boarding to alighting segment is shown in Table 8-14. To calculate the expansion factors, the final estimate of ridership between segments shown in Table 8-13 was divided by the actual number of OD records that were completed as shown in Table 8-14. This calculation produces the expansion shown in Table 8-15. The 40 estimated riders were divided by the 10 completed surveys to produce a factor of 3.96 to be applied to riders who board at segment 2 and alighting at segment 3, as shown Table 8-15.

Table 8-14: Number of Completed Surveys (Bus)

TABLE 7: NUMBER OF COMPLETED SURVEYS				
Route: Example Eastbound (6am-9am)				
Segment	Total	1	2	3
1	32	3	9	20
2	17		7	10
3	8			8
Total	57	3	16	38

Table 8-15: Weighting Factors (Bus)

TABLE 8: WEIGHTING FACTORS				
Route: Example Eastbound (6am-9am)				
Segment	Total	1	2	3
1	3.13	6.67	4.40	2.02
2	5.88	0.00	8.63	3.96
3	15.00	0.00	0.00	15.00
Total	5.61	6.67	6.25	5.26

# Type 4 Expansion: Bus Routes with OD Survey Data, without On-to-Off Counts Data or APC Data

For routes that only have OD Survey data and ridership information by time period and direction like the Sun Shuttle routes, Type 4 expansion is utilized. Type 4 expansion represents the classic version of bus expansion, which takes the ridership for a given route, time period and direction and divides that ridership by the appropriate number of collected surveys.

#### **General Rule for Expansion Factors**

While there are no specific guidelines for the expansion factor values, ETC Institute uses a guideline of keeping expansion factors below 3 times the average expansion factor based on the sampling percentage. This is done in order to keep any one record from representing a markedly high number of riders in the system. The formula for determining this guideline is:

If the expansion factor for a boarding segment to alighting segment pair is greater than 3 times the average expansion factor then it is aggregated into the adjacent boarding to alighting segment where it will have the least impact on the previously existing expansion factors. This guideline is standard for all the various expansion types.

### 8.3.2 Summary of Unlinked Weight Factors

After all the factors are appended to the OD survey database (regardless of type of expansion) the factors are summed by route, time period, and direction. If expansion was done properly, the summed factors will equal the boarding ridership provided in the APC data by route, time period, and direction. All routes had their unlinked weight factors summed by time period and direction and that ridership was matched to the ridership APC/farebox combination totals to ensure they were the same.

#### **Linked Trip Expansion Factors for All Records**

The linked trip expansion factor helps to account for the number of transfers that were made by each passenger, so the linked expansion factors can better represent the overall system. Linked expansion factors are generated after the unlinked expansion factors are created.

The equation that is used to calculate the linked trip multiplying factor is shown below:

Linked Trip Multiplying Factor = [1 / (1 + # of transfers)]

If a passenger did not make a transfer, the linked trip multiplying factor would be 1.0 because the person would have only boarded one vehicle. If a person made

two transfers, the linked trip expansion factor would be 0.33 because the person would have boarded three transit vehicles during his/her one-way trip. An example of how the linked trip expansion factors were calculated is provided in Table 8-16 below.

Table 8-16: Sample Calculations of Linked Trip Multiplying Factors

Number of Transfers	Calculation [1/(1+Number of Transfers)]	Linked Trip Multiplying Factor
0	[1/(1+0)]	1
1	[1/(1+1)]	0.5
2	[1/(1+2)]	0.33
3	[1/(1+3)]	0.25

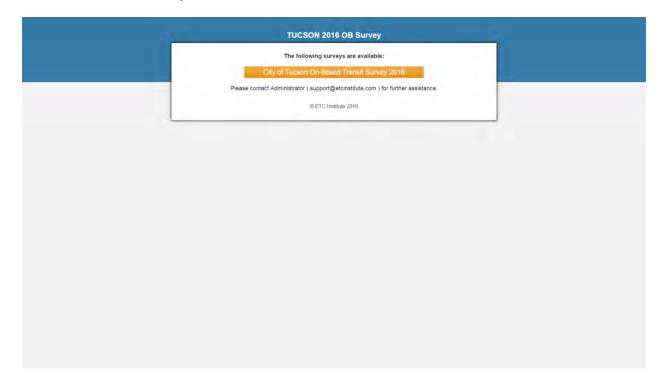
Once the linked trip multiplier is created it is multiplied by the unlinked expansion factor to create the linked expansion factor.

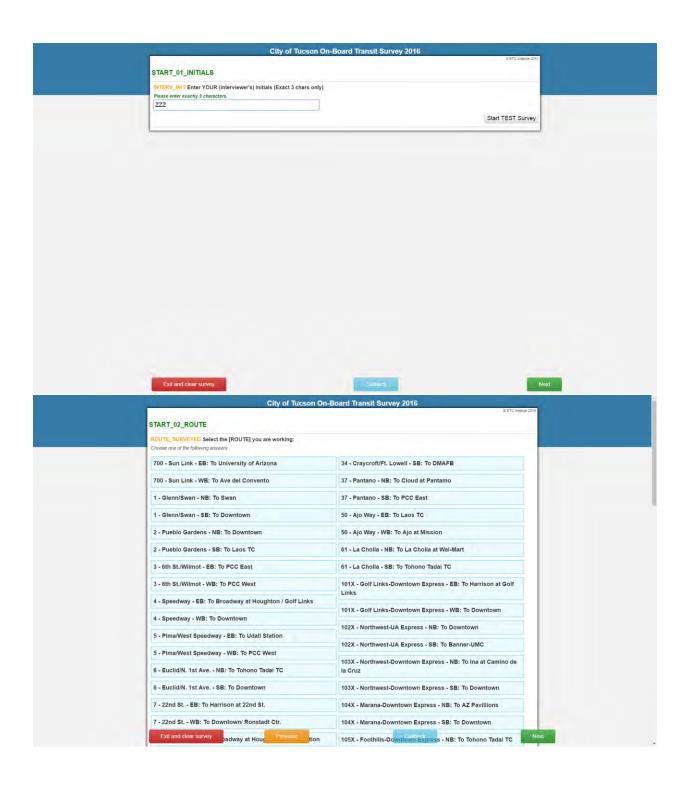
### **Assessment of Expansion Factor Values**

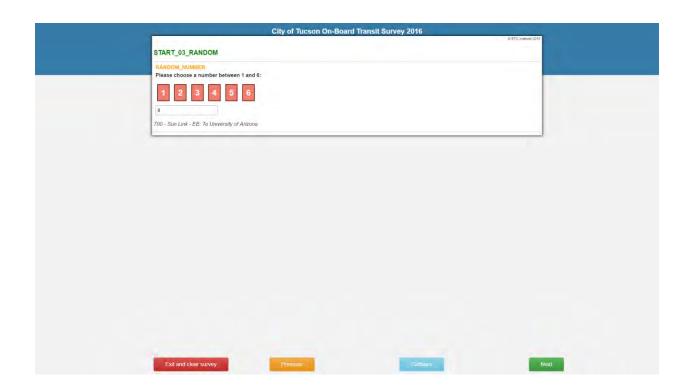
The average value of all unlinked expansion factors in the database is 7.87. Of the 7,905 records in the database, 7,203 (91% of the sample) have an expansion factor of 15 or less and 7629 (97% of the sample) have a value less than 20. Only 46 records in the database have an expansion factor greater than 30.

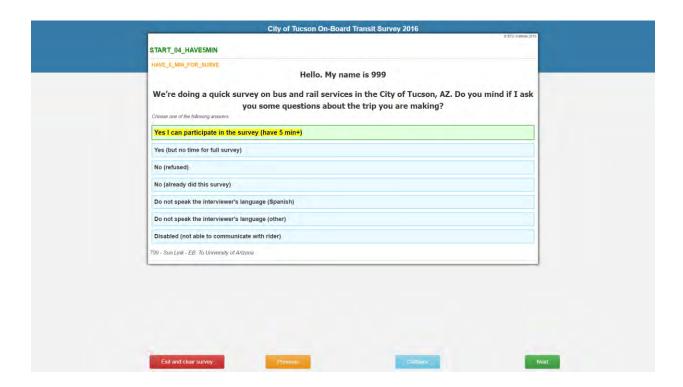
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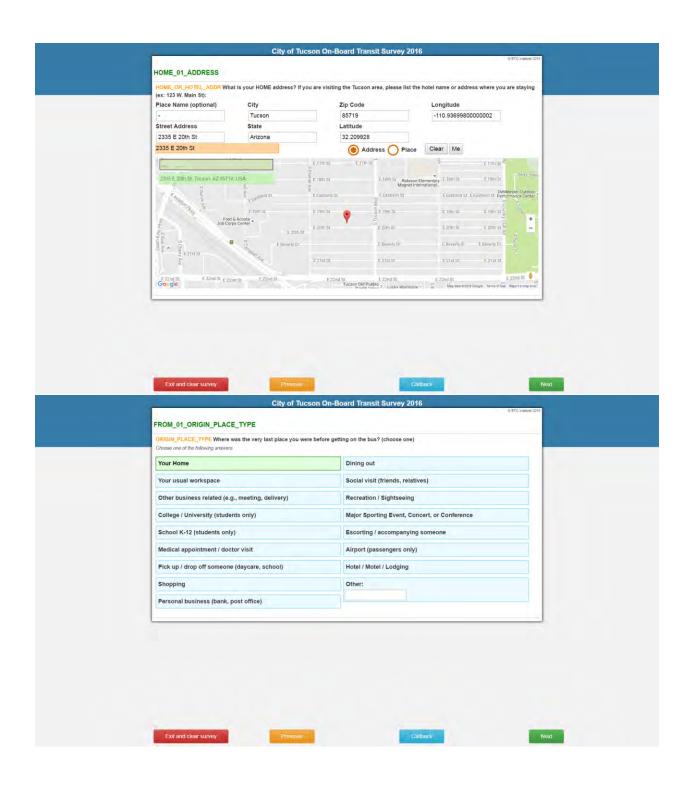
Screenshots of the tablet survey are shown on the following pages. (Note: Not all "paths" are shown in the screenshots. For example, during the demographic portion of the survey, if a respondent indicated that they spoke another language other than English at home, a secondary question for what type of language would be asked).

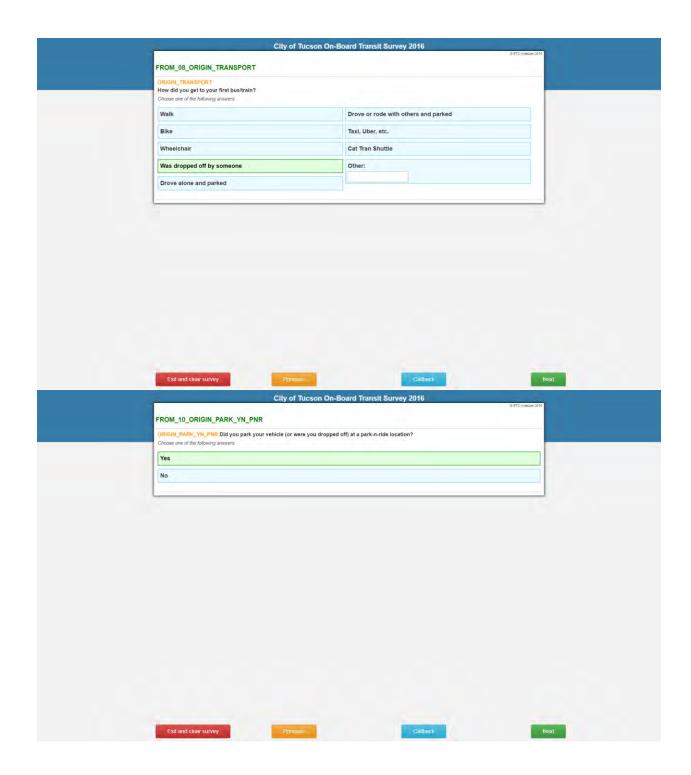


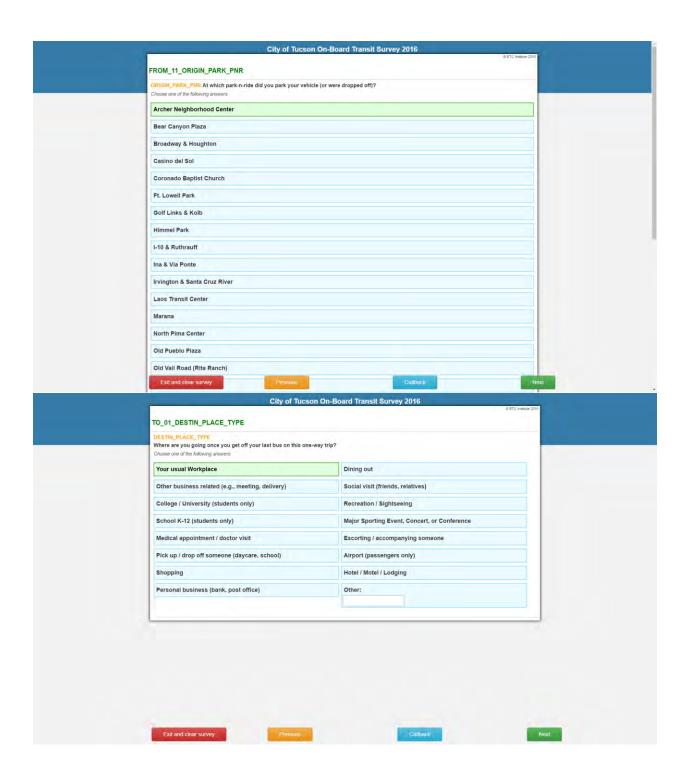


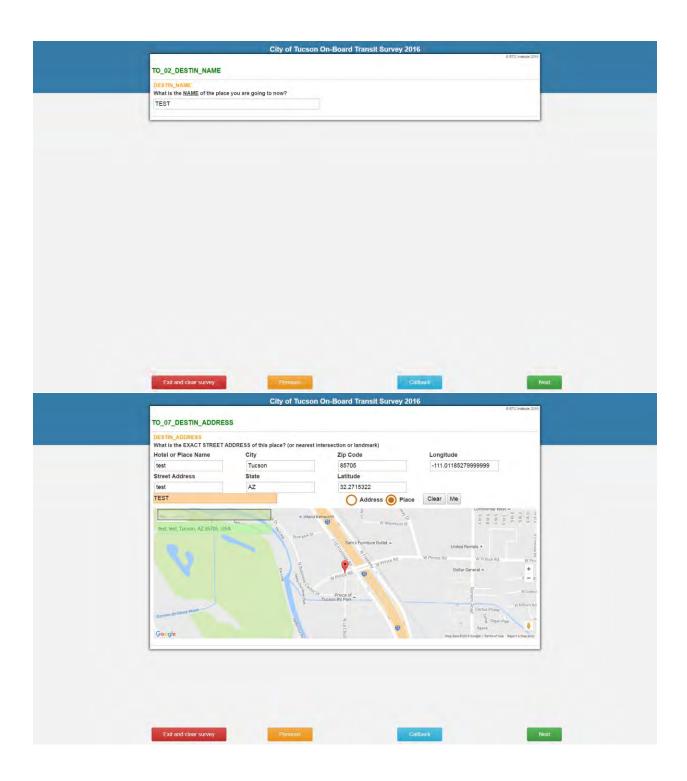


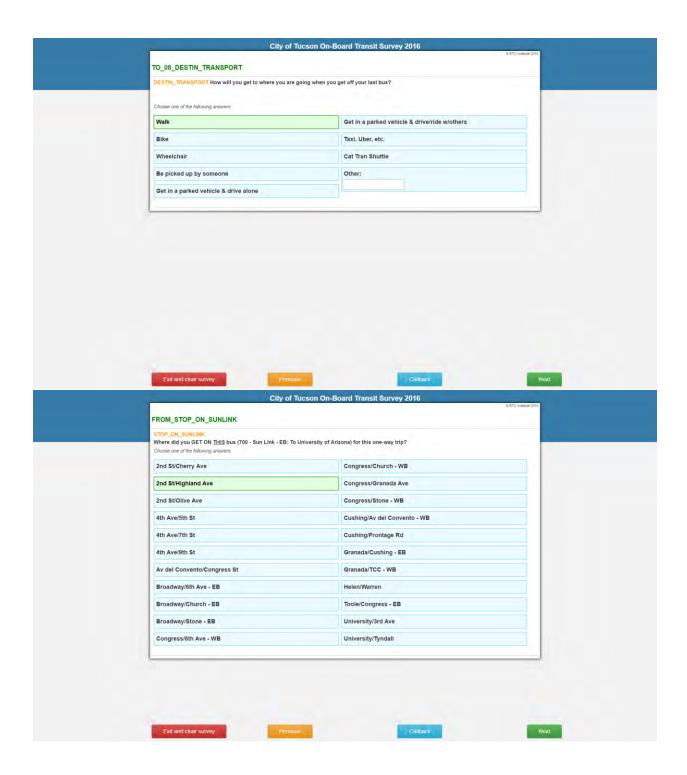


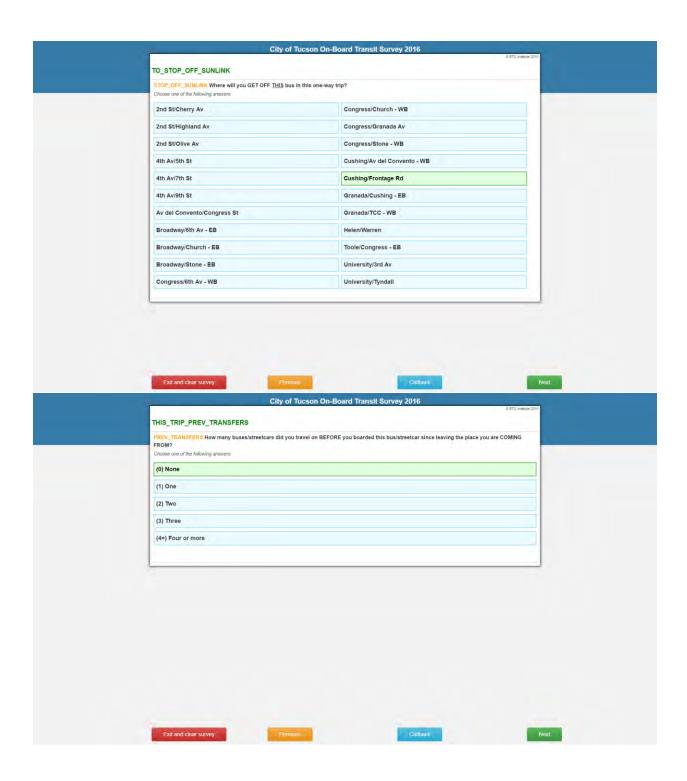


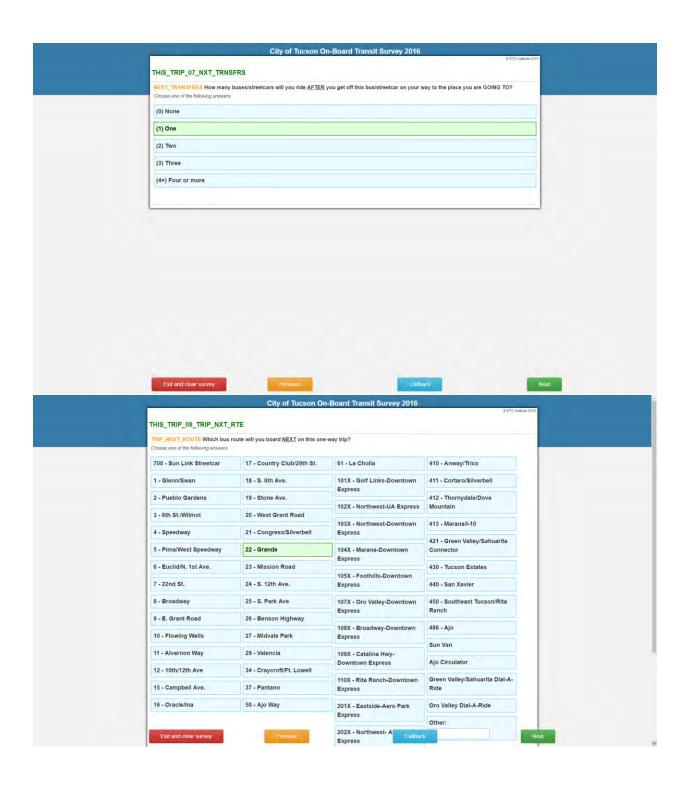


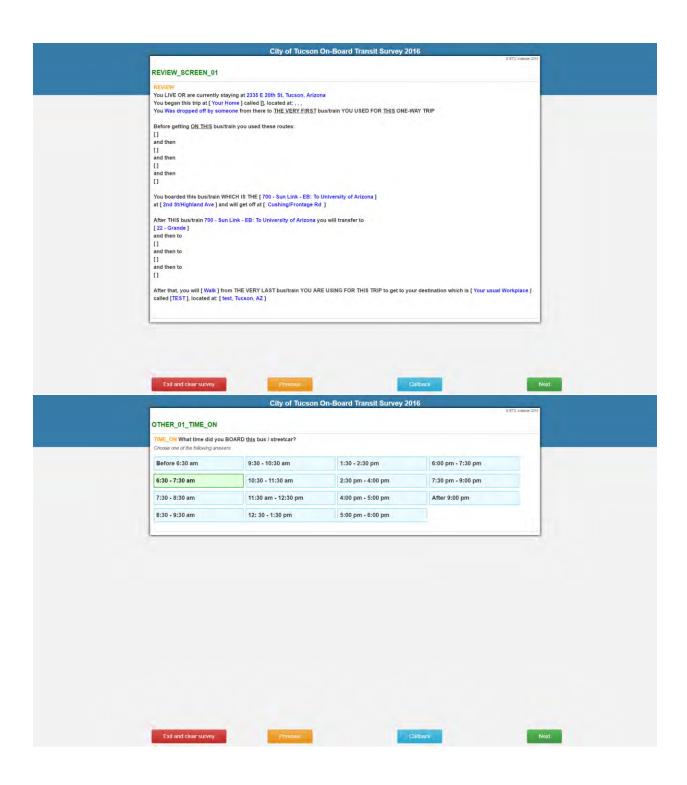


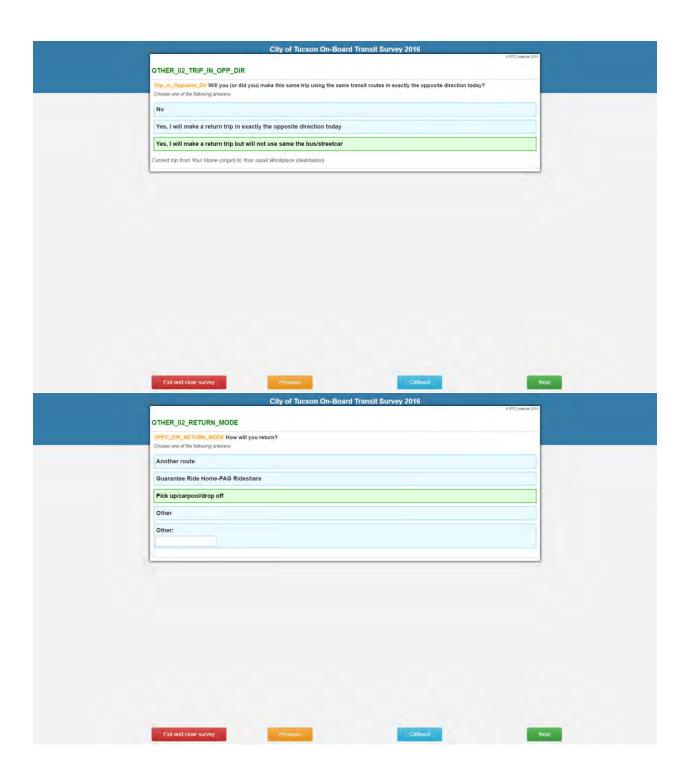


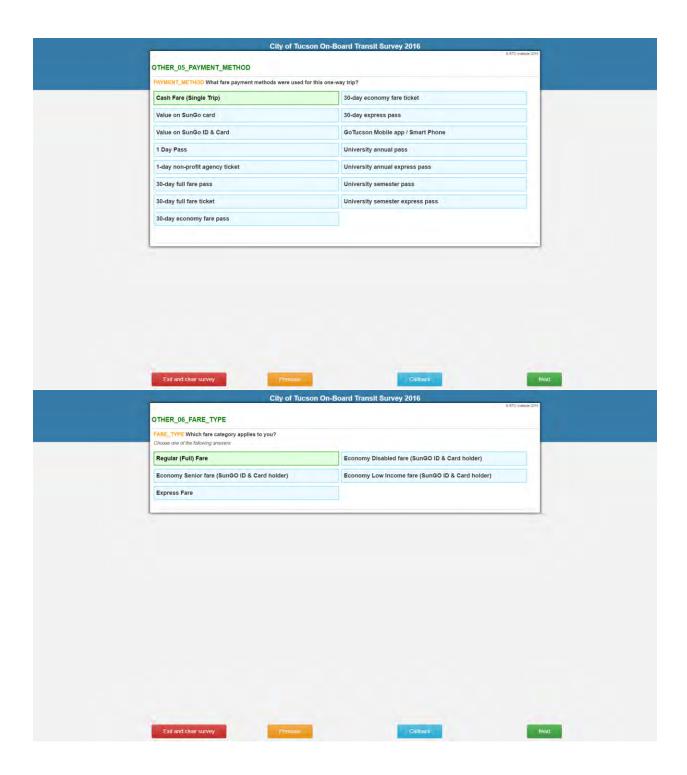


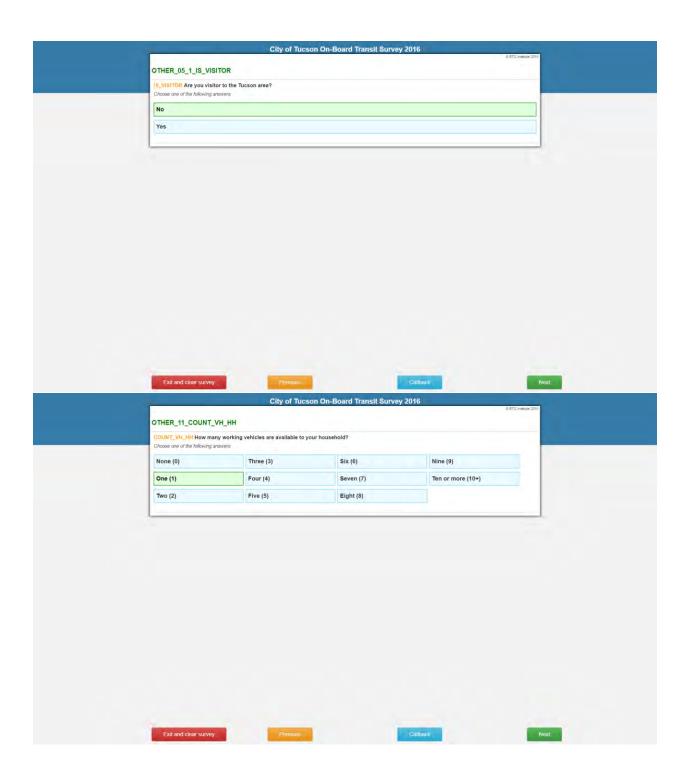


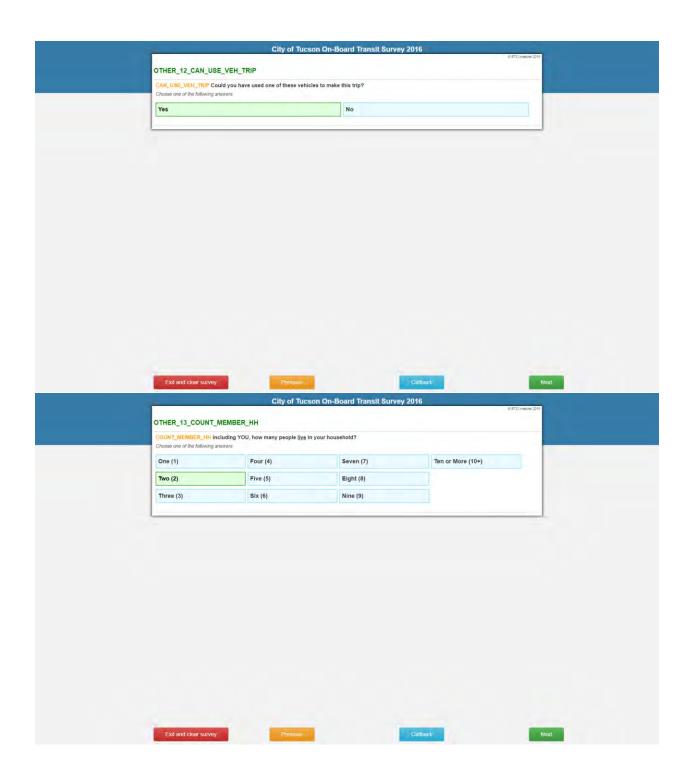


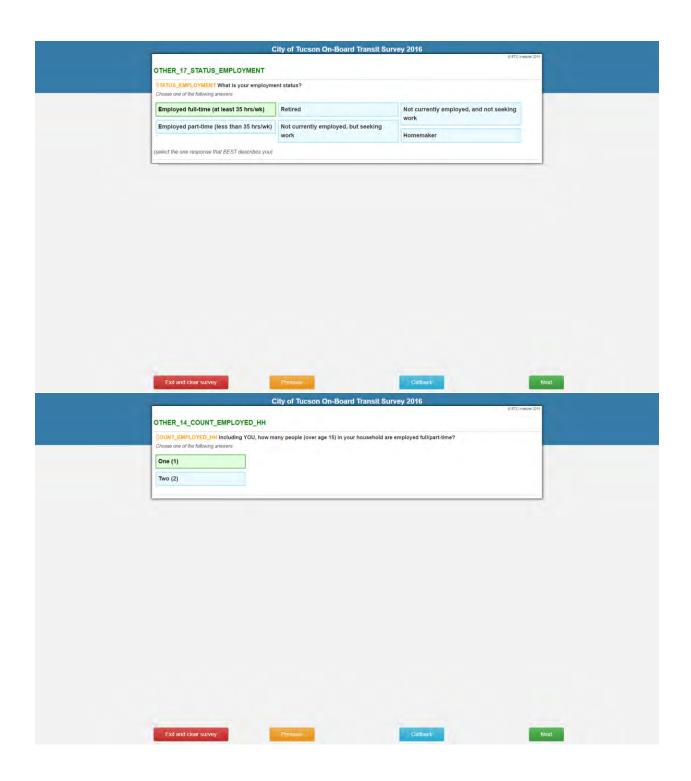




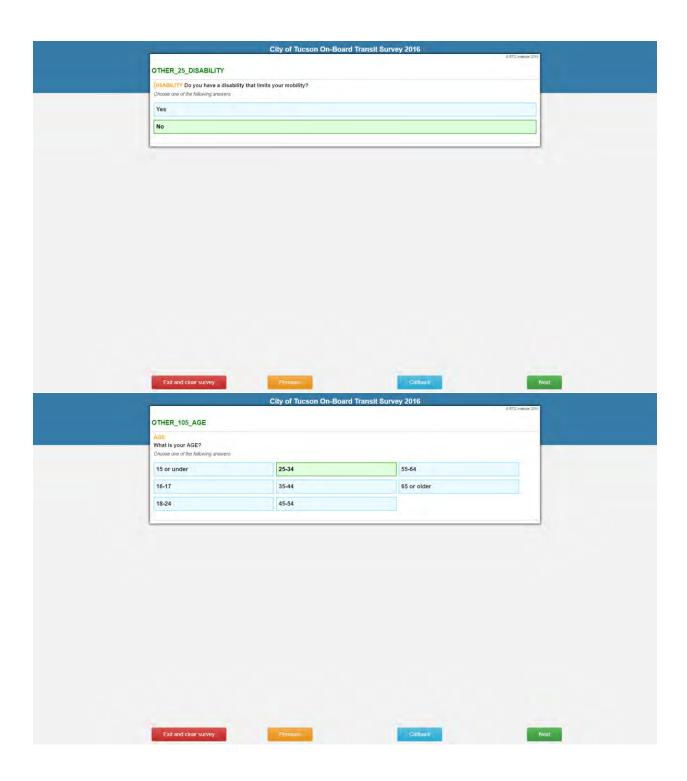


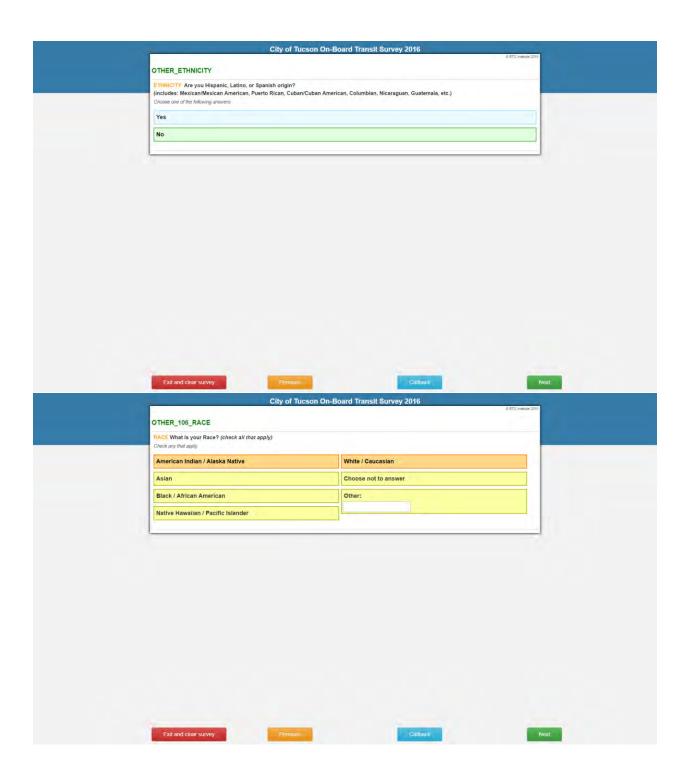


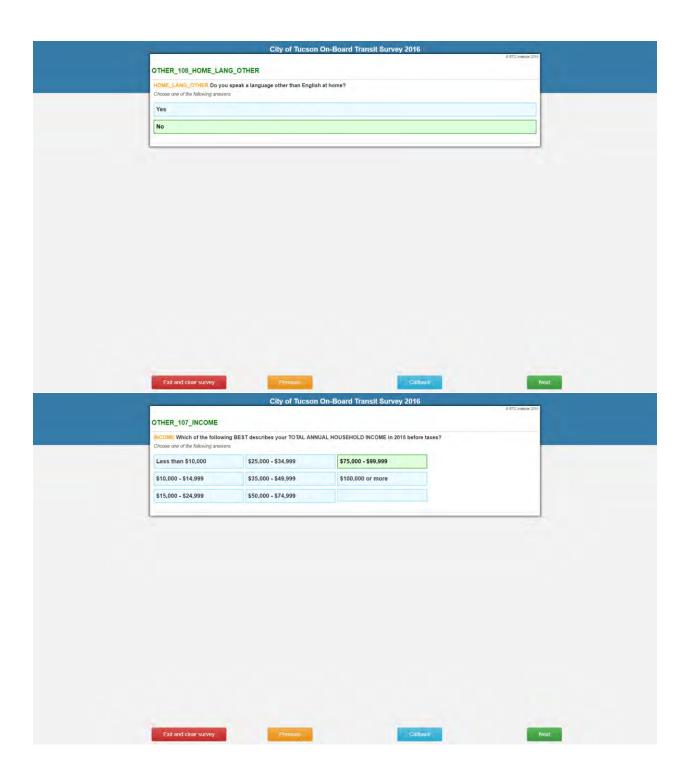


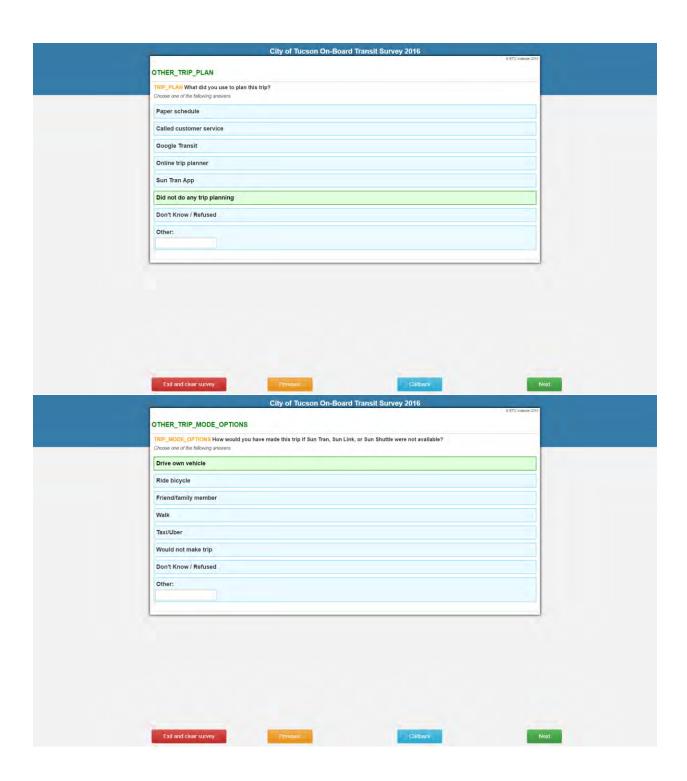


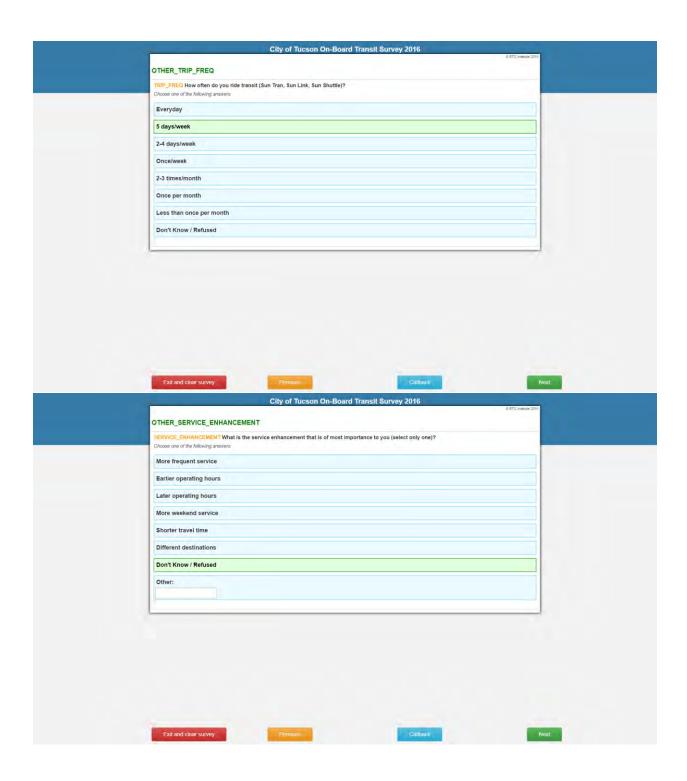


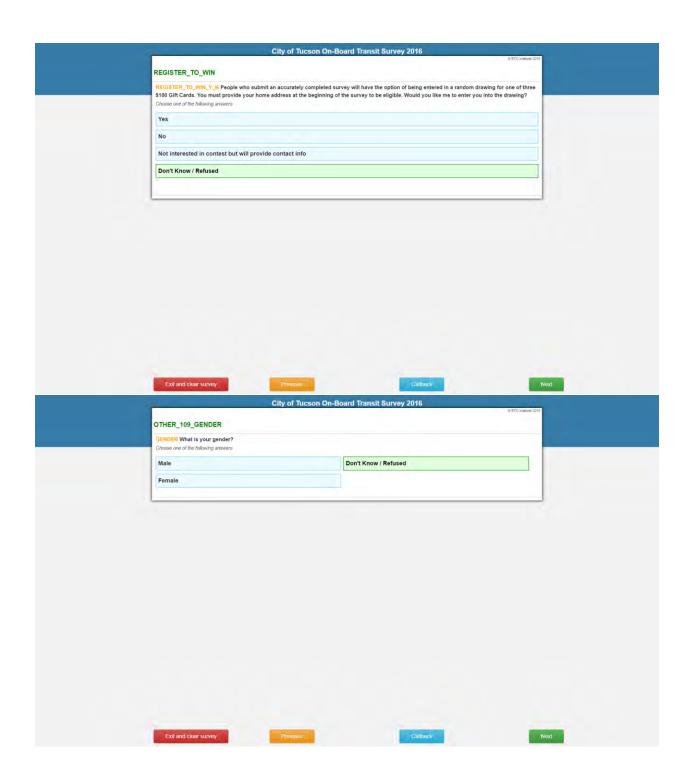




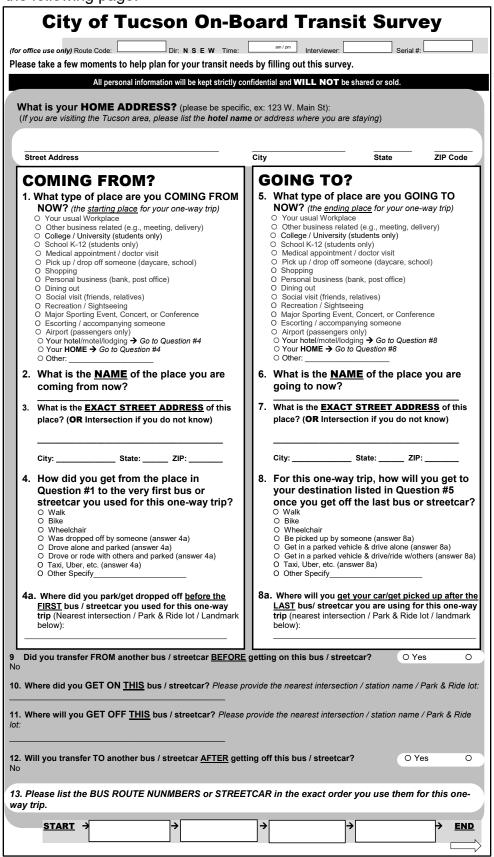






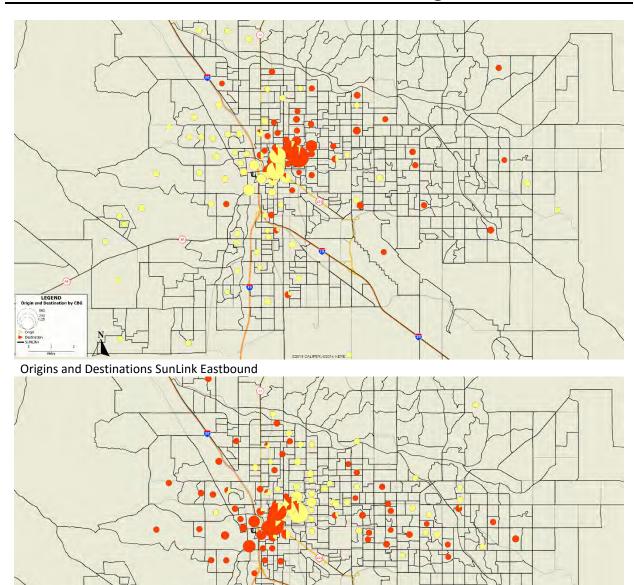


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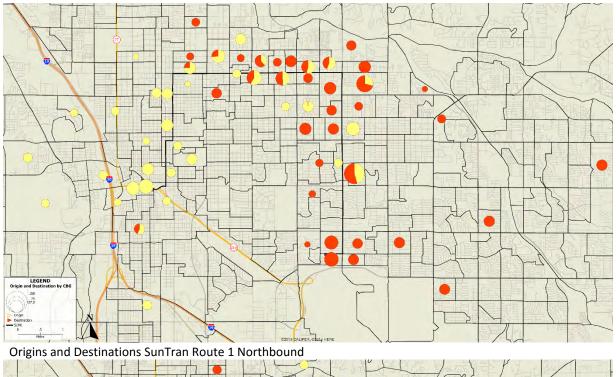


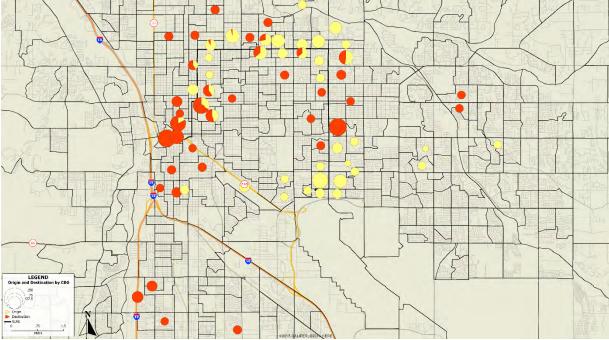
	What time did you GET ON this bus / streetcar? : a.m. / p.m. (circle one)
15.	Will you make a RETURN TRIP today to get you back to the place where you started this one-way trip? ONo O Yes, I will make a return trip in exactly the opposite direction today (or this is my return trip) at what time am/pm (circle one)
16	O Yes, I will make a return trip but will not use the bus/streetcar. How will you return? O Guarantee Ride Home-PAG Rideshare O Pick up/carpool/drop off O Other  How did you pay for this one-way trip?
10.	O Cash Fare (Single Trip) O Value on SunGo card O 1 Day Pass O 30-day full fare ticket O 30-day economy fare pass O 30-day express pass O University annual express pass O University semester pass O Value on SunGo ID & Card O 30-day full fare pass O 30-day full fare pass O 30-day economy fare ticket O 30-day express pass O University semester pass O University semester express pass
17.	Which fare category applies to you? O Regular (Full) Fare O Economy Senior fare (SunGO ID & Card holder) O Express Fare O Economy Disabled fare (SunGO ID & Card holder) O Economy Low Income fare (SunGO ID & Card hold
18.	If you used a monthly or annual pass to pay for this trip; did your employer or another organization pay all
	or a portion of the fare for your trip today? O Yes O No
	18a. If yes to #18: Approximately what amount or percentage of the fare did your employer or another organization pay?  Amount \$ or Percentage%
	ABOUT YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD
19.	Are you visitor to the Tucson area? O Yes O No
20.	How many vehicles (cars, trucks, or motorcycles) are available to your household? vehicles
2	20a. [If #20 is ONE OR MORE] Could you have used one of these vehicles to complete this trip? OYes ON
21.	Including YOU, how many people live in your household? people
22.	Including YOU, how many people (over age 15) in your household are employed full/part-time? people
23.	What is your employment status? (check the one response that BEST describes you)
	O Employed full-time (at least 35 hrs/wk) O Employed part-time (less than 35 hrs/wk) O Retired O Not currently employed, but seeking work O Not currently employed, and not seeking work O Homemaker
24.	What is your student status? (check the one response that BEST describes you)
	O Not a student O Yes – Full-time college/university O Yes – Vocational/technical/trade school O Yes – K-12 <sup>th</sup> grade  Please specify your school name <drop down="" list=""></drop>
25.	Do you have a valid driver's license? OYes ONo
26.	Do you have a disability that limits your mobility? O Yes O No
27.	What is your Age? O Under 15 O 16-17 O 18-24 O 25-34 O 35-44 O 45-54 O 55-64 O 65 and older
	Are you Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? O Yes O No (includes: Mexican/Mexican American, Puerto Rican, Cuban/Cuban American, Columbian, Nicaraguan, Guatemala, etc.)
29.	What is your Race? (check all that apply)
	O American Indian / Alaska Native O Asian O Black/African American O Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander O White / Caucasian O Other:
	What is your gender? O Male O Female
31.	Do you speak a language other than English at home? O No OYes - Which language?
	31a. [If #31 = Yes] How well do you speak English? O Very well O Well O Less than well O Not at all
32.	Which of the following BEST describes your TOTAL ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME in 2014 before taxes?
	○ Less than \$10,000 ○ \$15,000 - \$24,999 ○ \$35,000 - \$49,999 ○ \$75,000 - \$99,999 ○ \$10,000 - \$15,999 ○ \$25,000 - \$34,999 ○ \$50,000 - \$74,999 ○ \$100,000 or more
	What did you use to plan this trip? O Paper schedule       O Called customer service       O Google Transit         O Online trip planner       O Sun Tran App       O Did not do any trip planning       O Other
34.	How would you have made this trip if Sun Tran, Sun Link, or Sun Shuttle were not available?
	O Drive own vehicle O Ride bicycle O Friend/family member O Walk O Taxi/Uber O Would not make trip
35.	<b>How often do you ride transit</b> (Sun Tran, Sun Link, Sun Shuttle)? O Everyday O 5 days/week O 2-4 days/week O Once/week O 2-3 times/month O Once per month O Less than once per month
36.	What is the service enhancement that is of most importance to you (select only one)?
	O More frequent service O Earlier operating hours O Later operating hours O More weekend service O Shorter travel time O Different destinations

The maps on the following pages contain Origin and Destination, Boarding and Alighting, and Transfer Locations for individual route by direction.

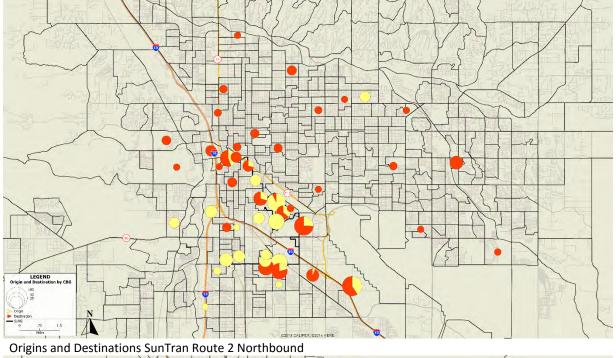


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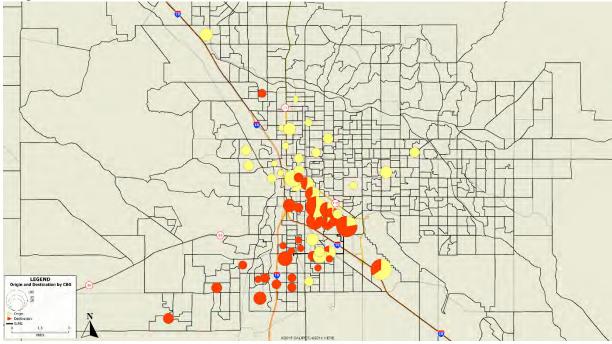




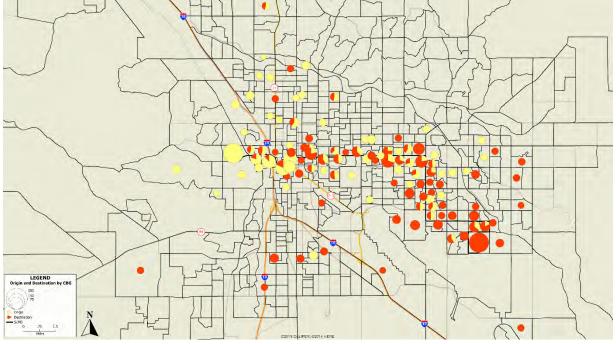
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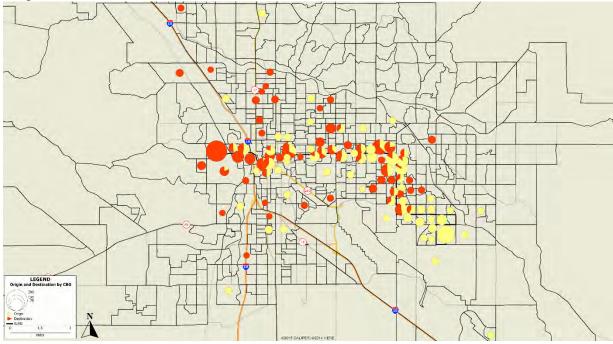




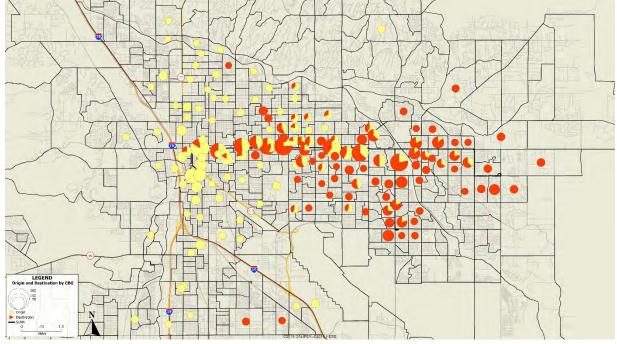
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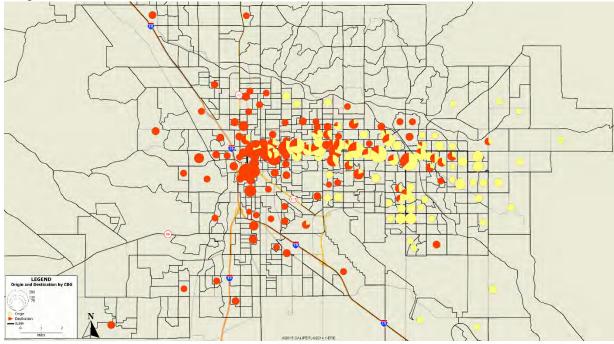
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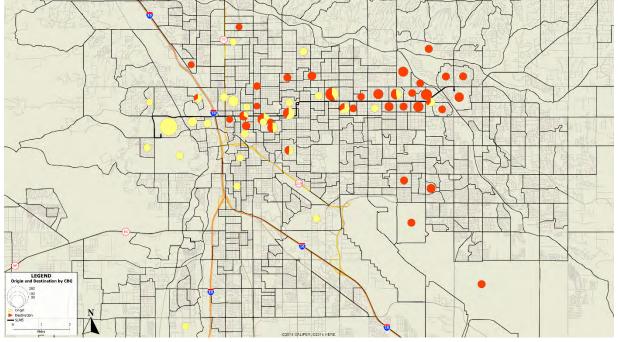
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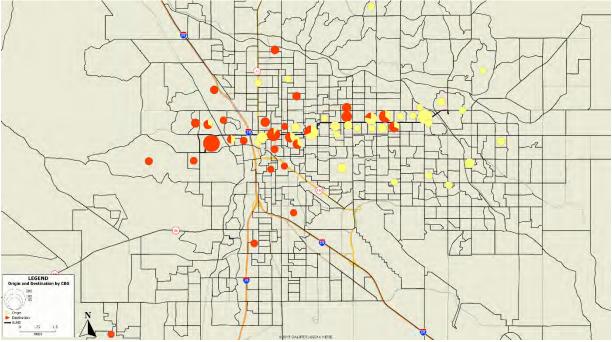




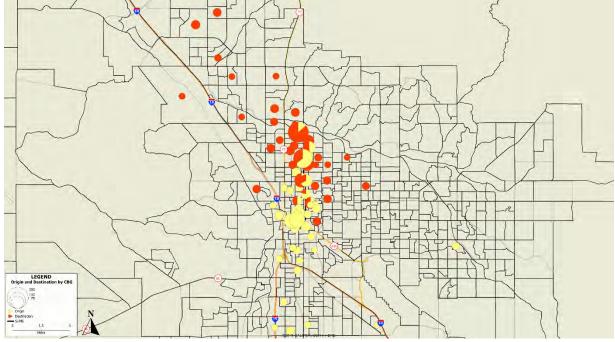
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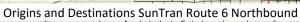


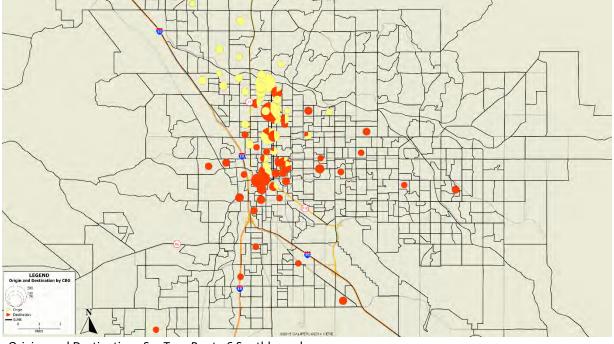




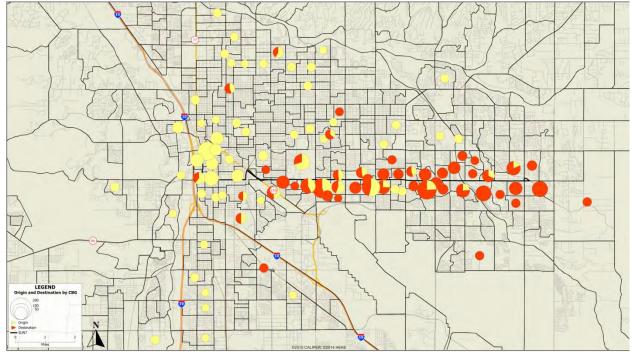
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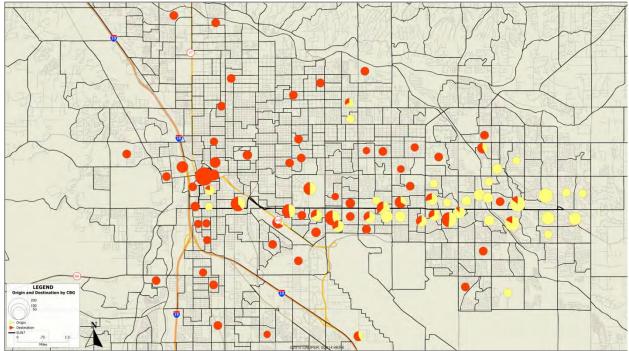




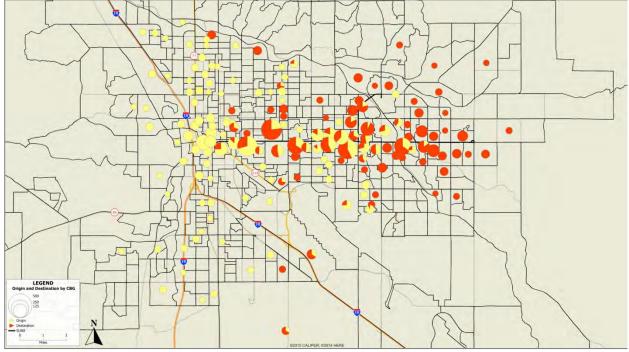
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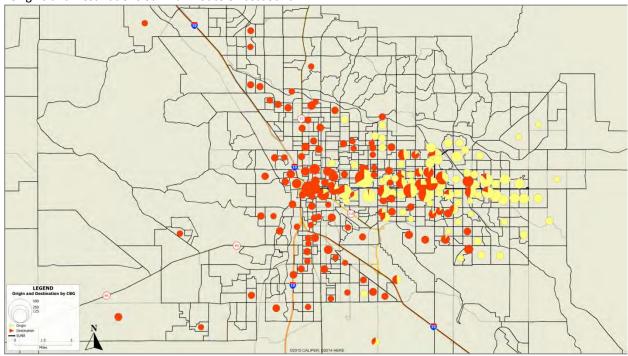
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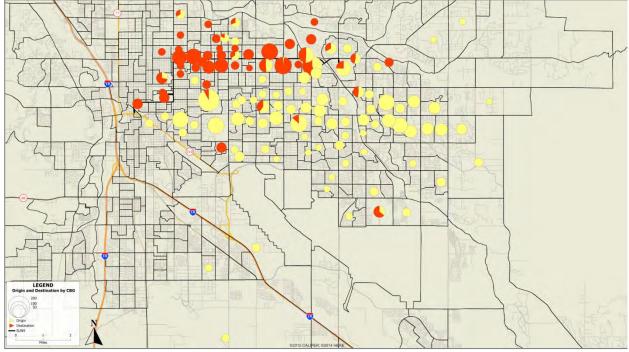
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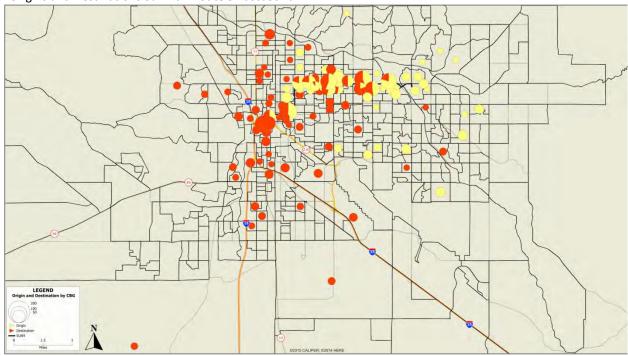
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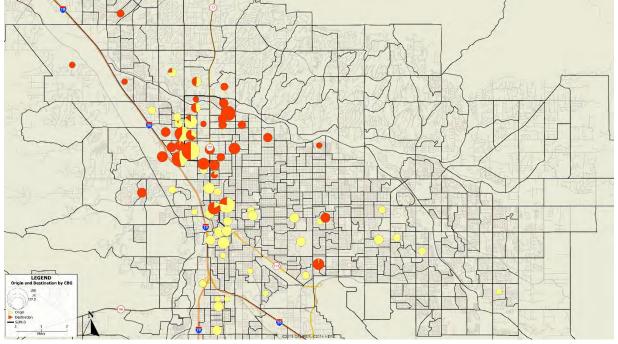
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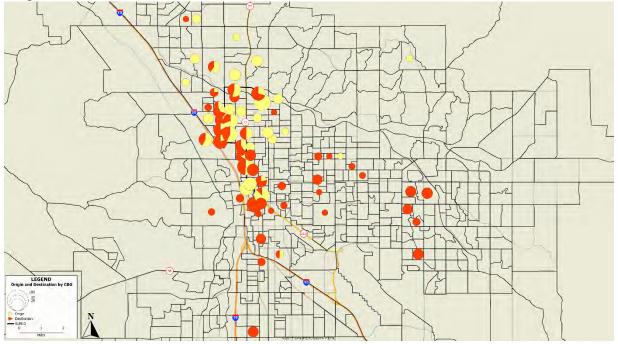
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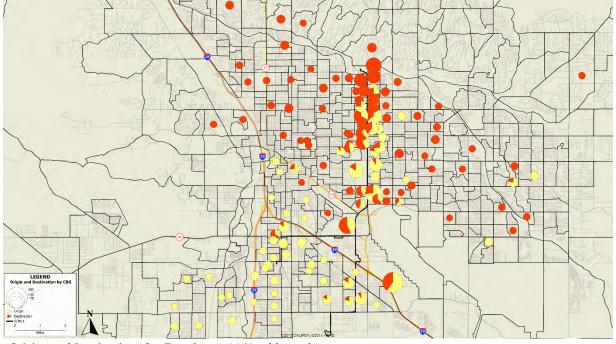
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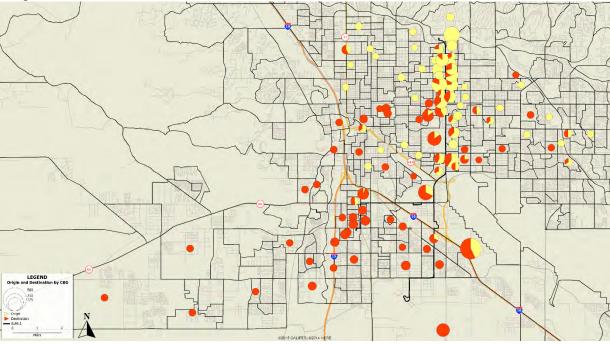
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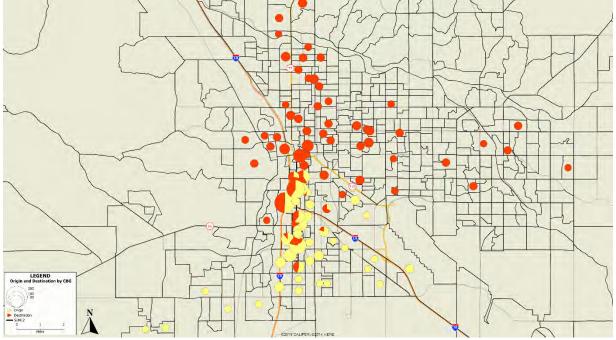
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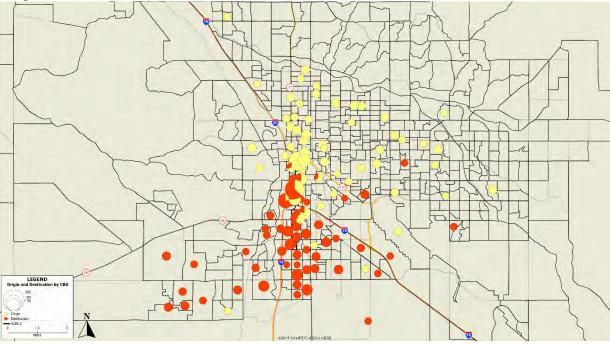
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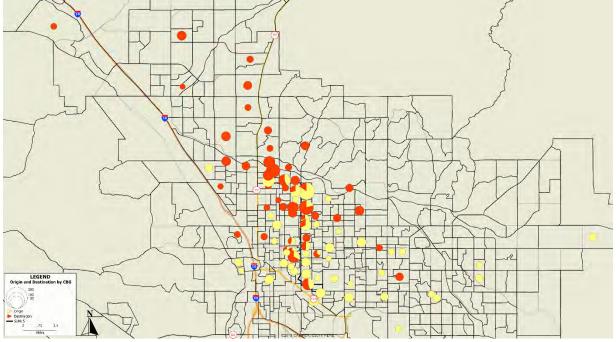
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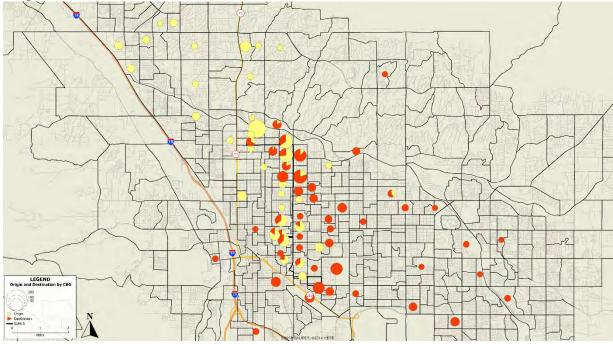




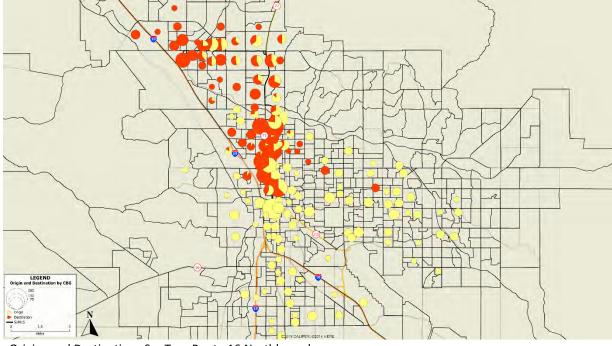
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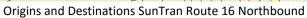


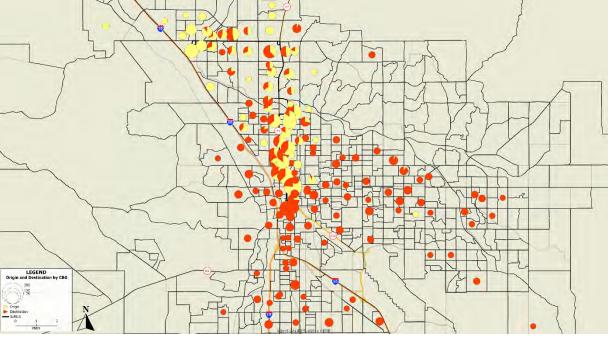
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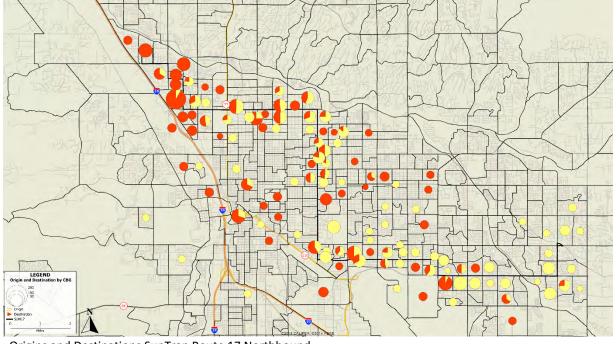
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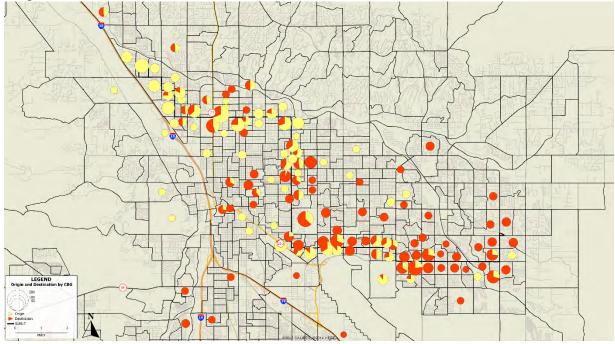




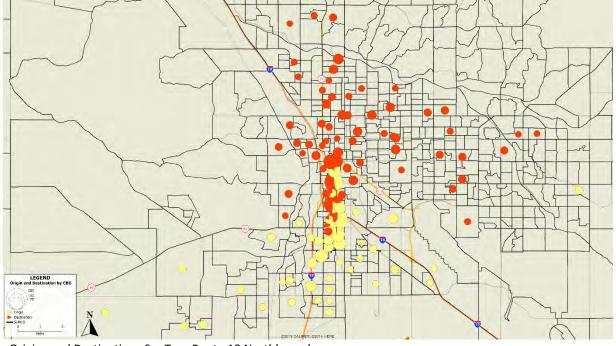
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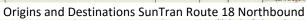


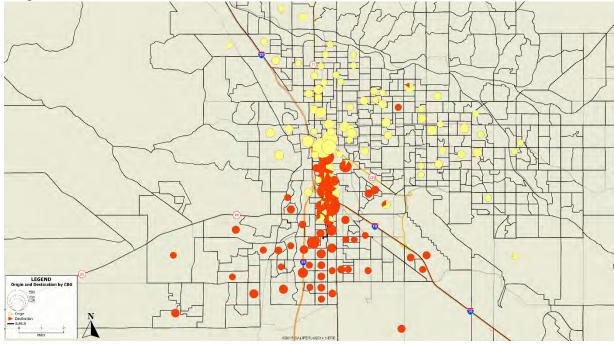
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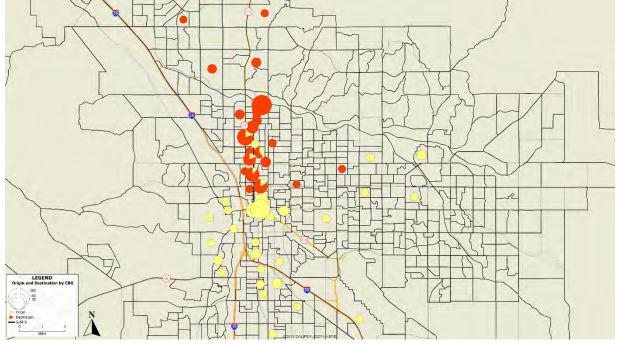
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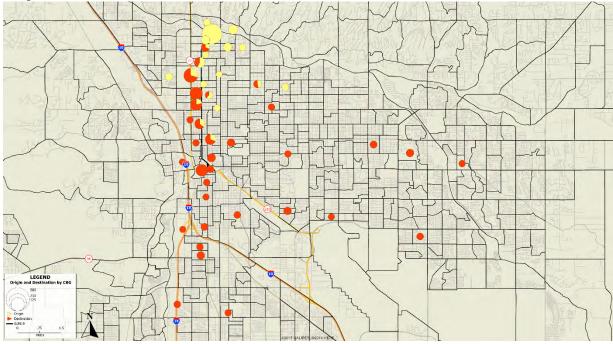




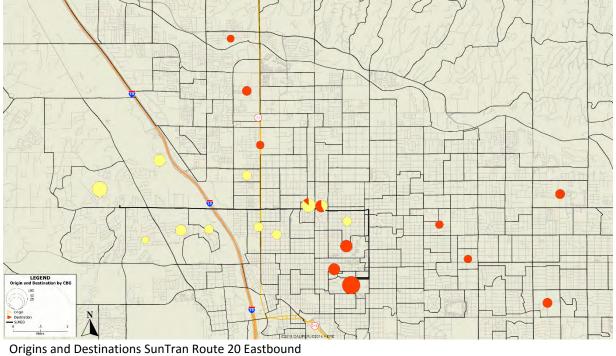
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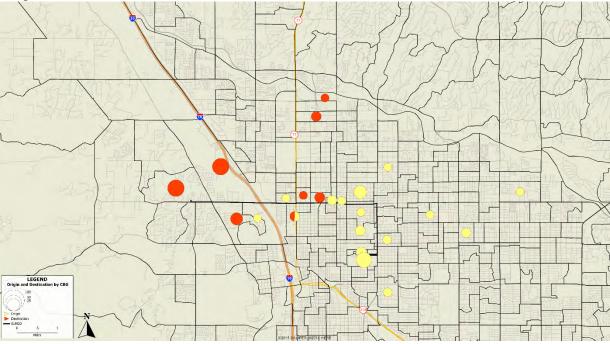


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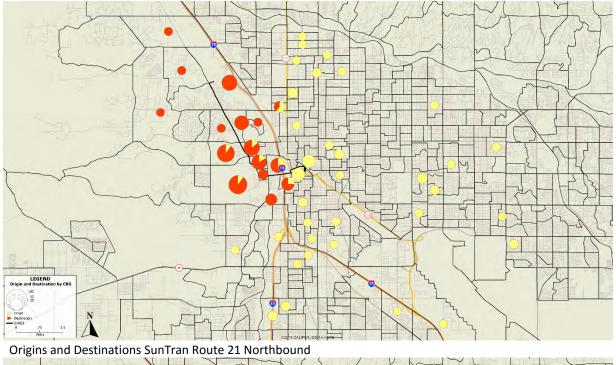


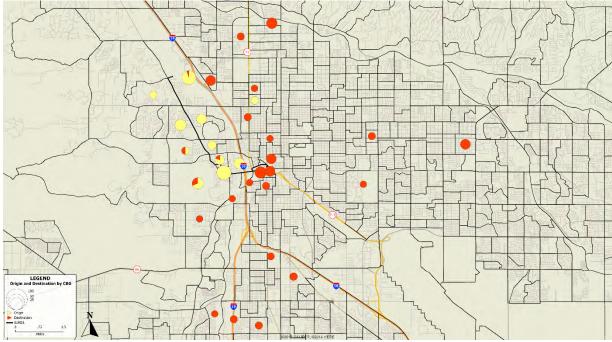
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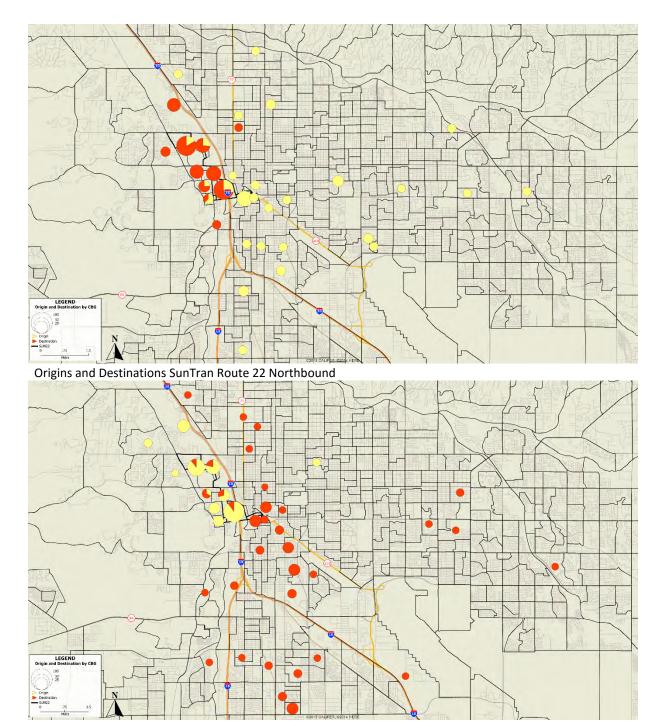


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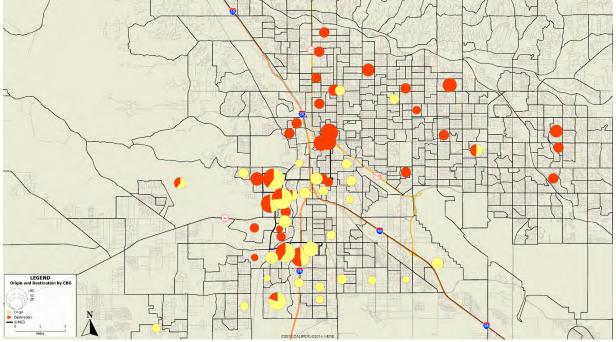


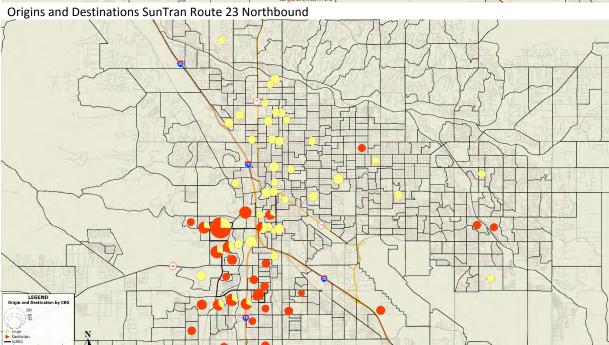


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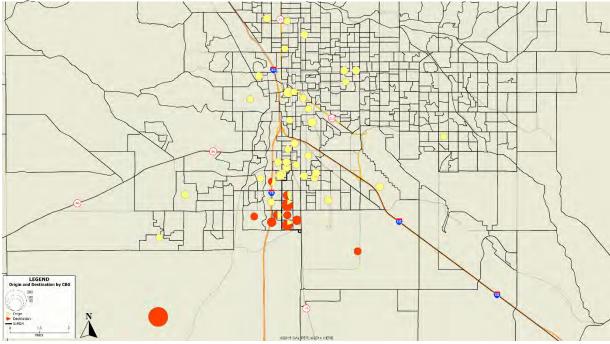




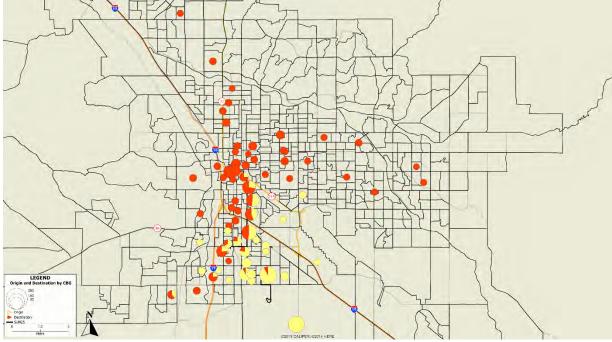
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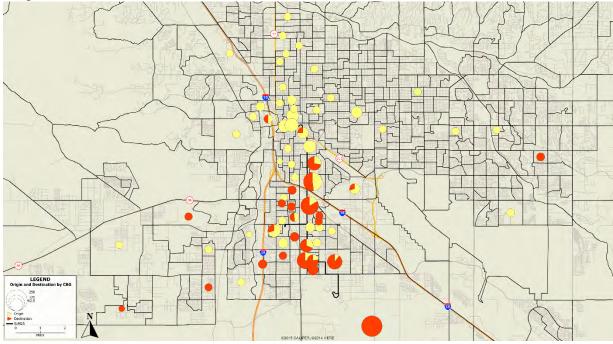




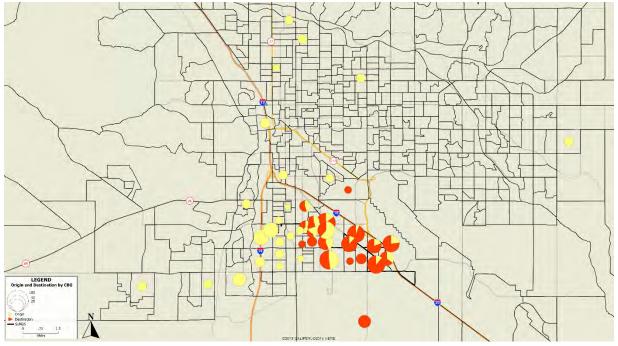
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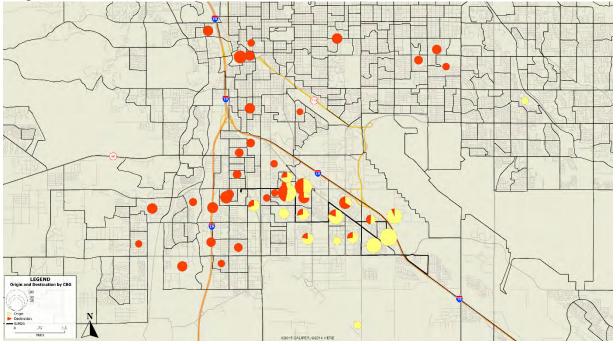




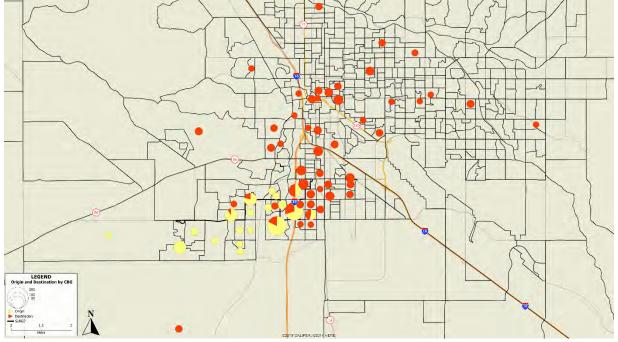
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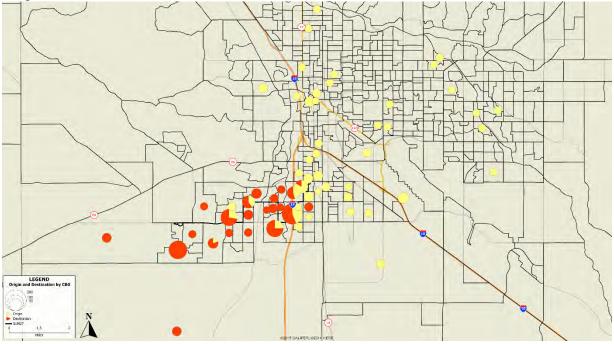
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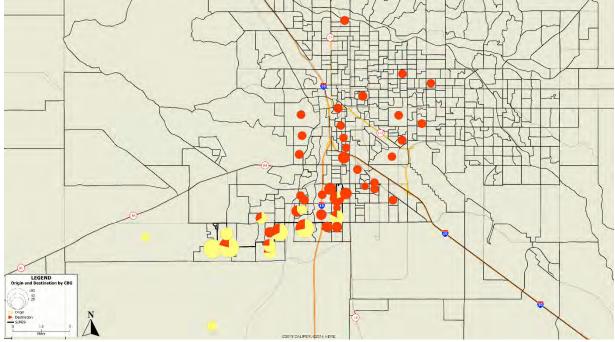
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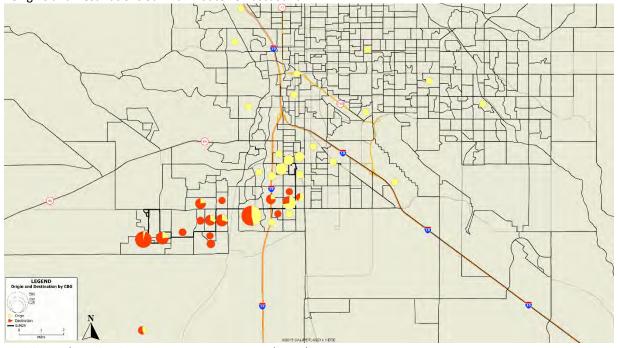




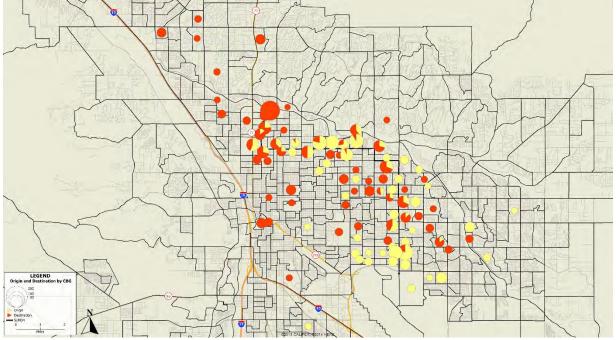
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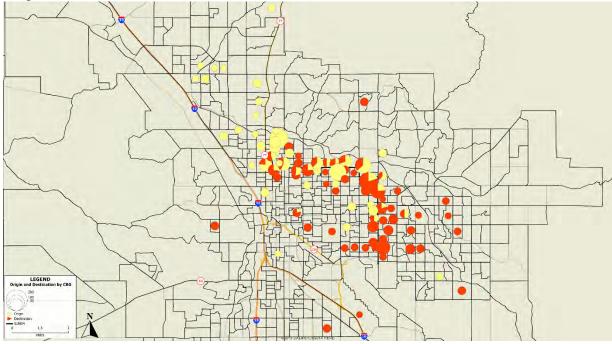
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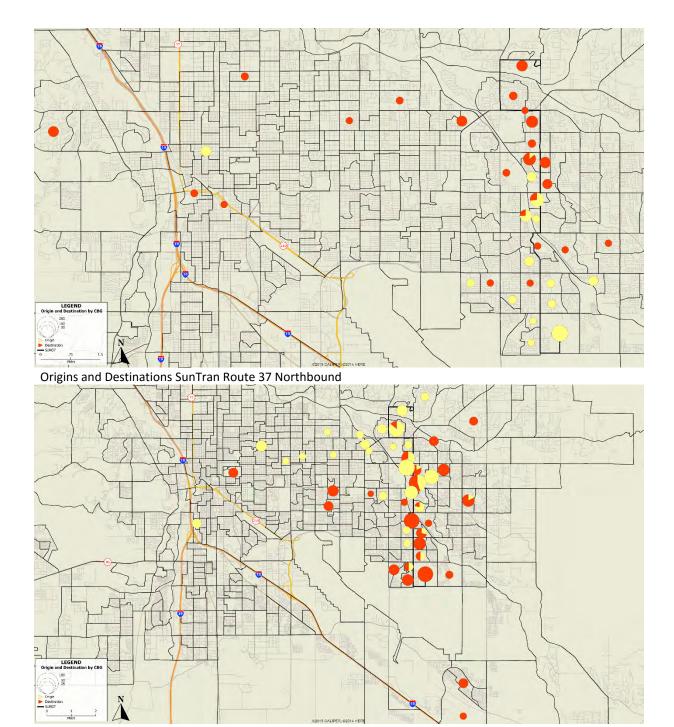
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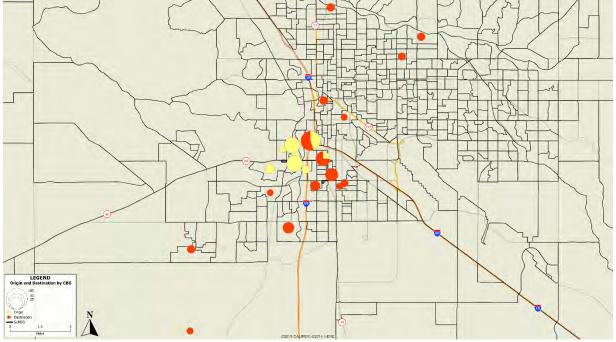




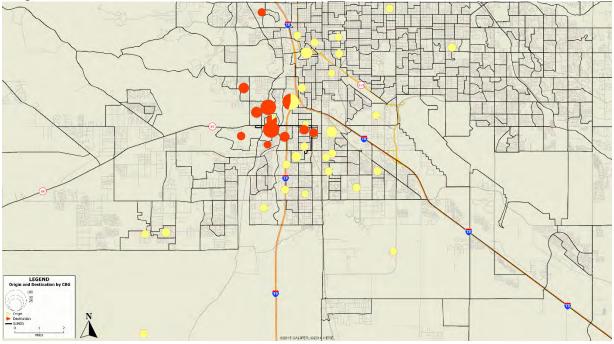
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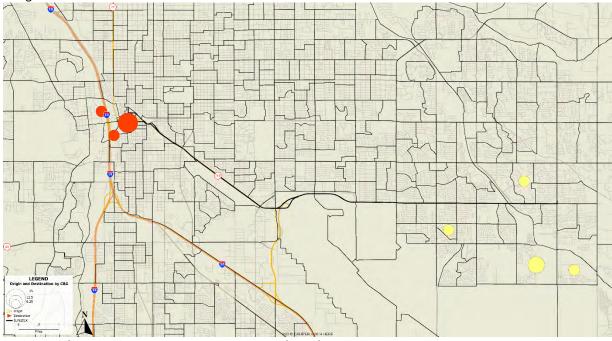


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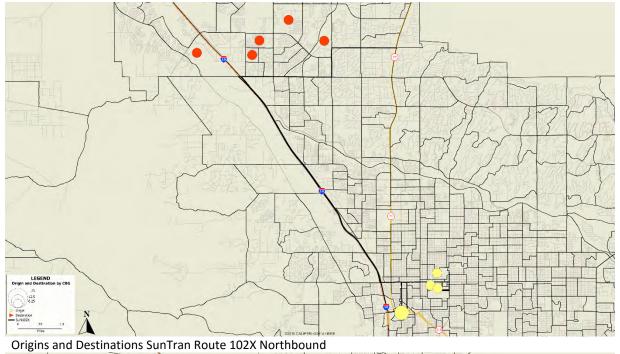


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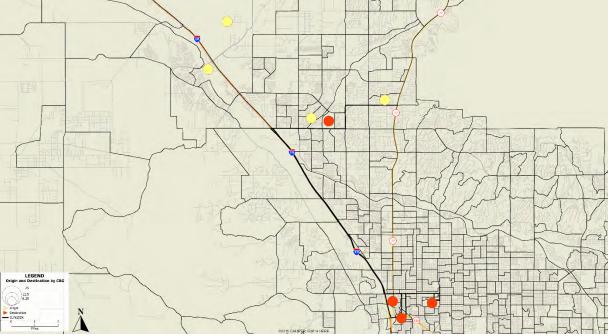




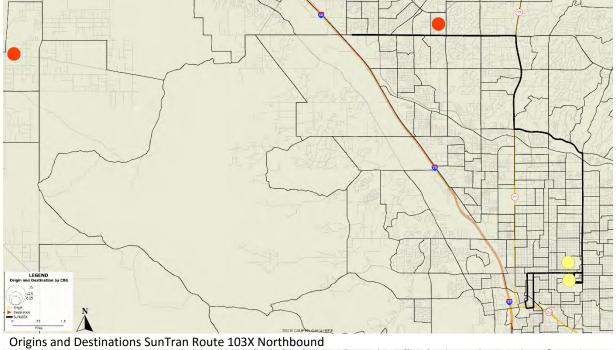
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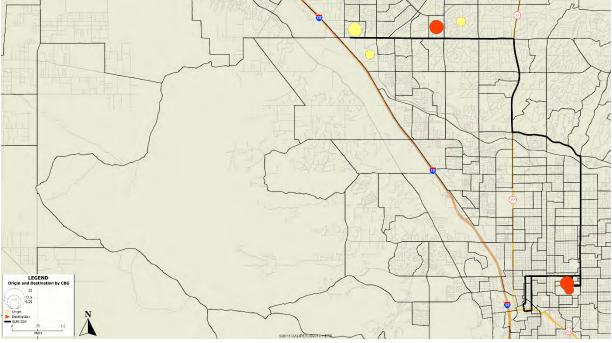




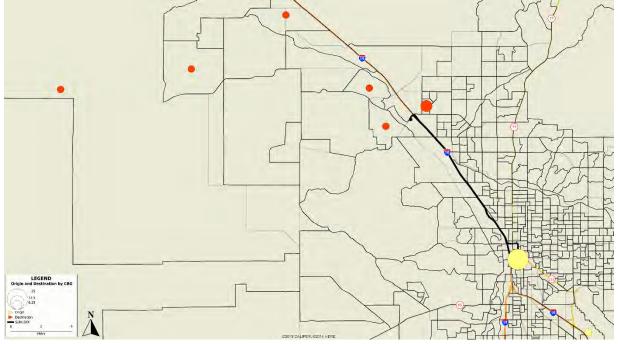


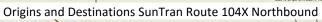
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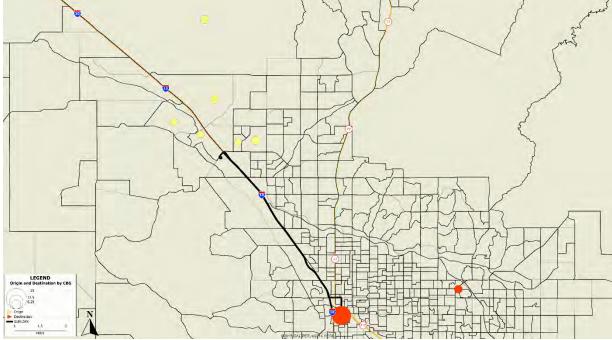




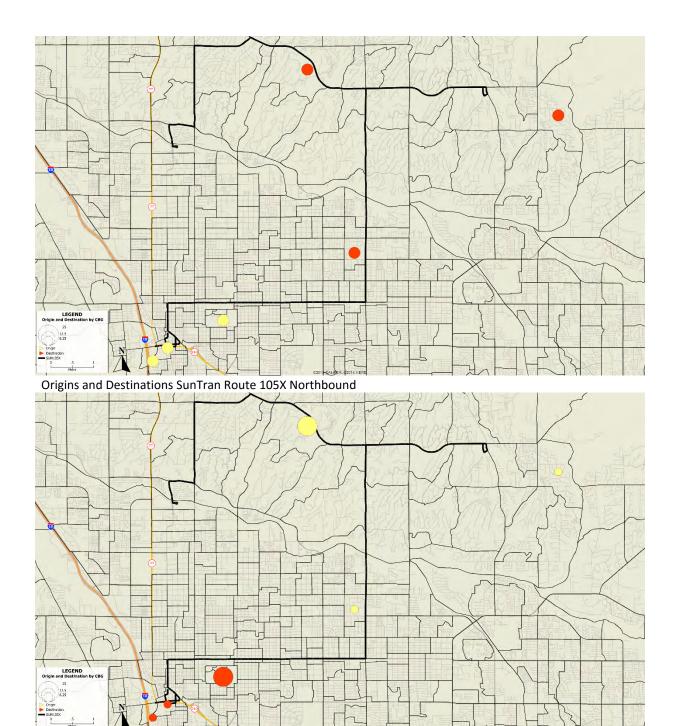
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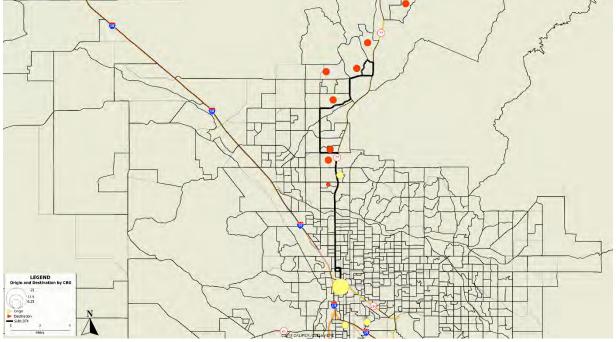




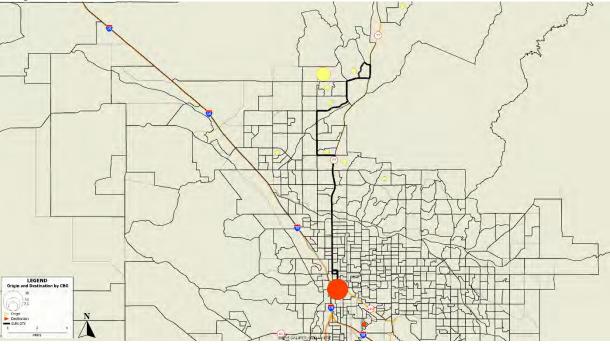
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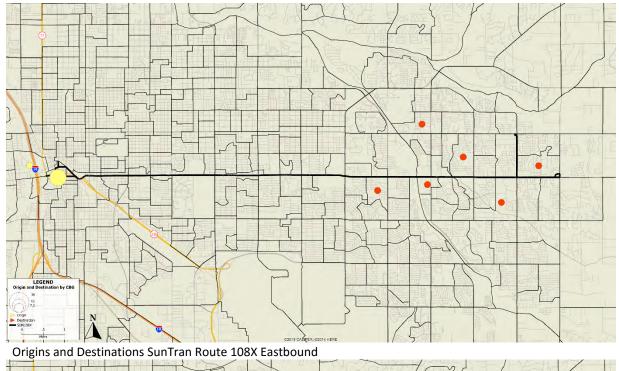
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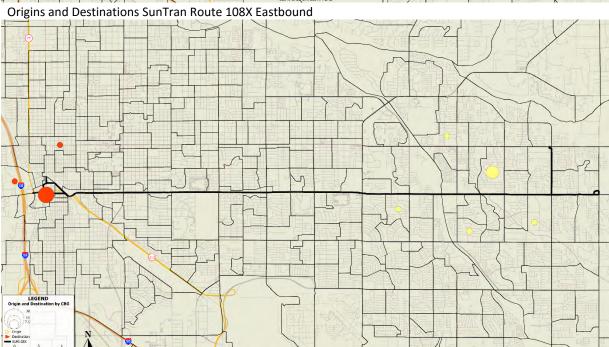


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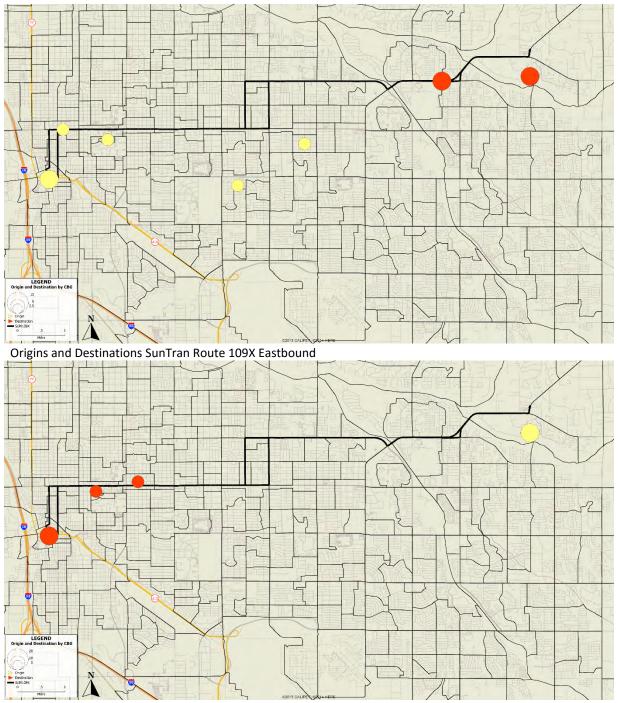


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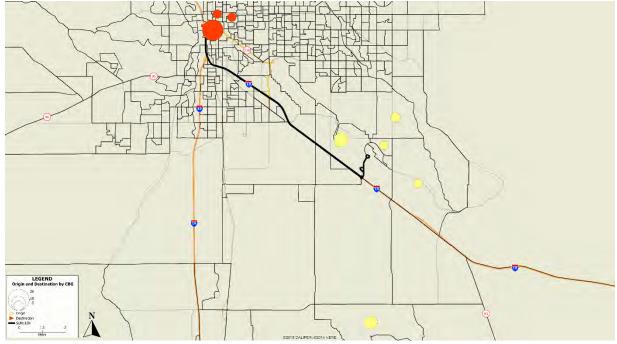




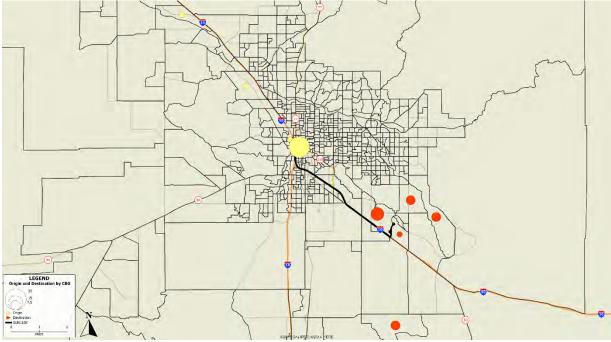
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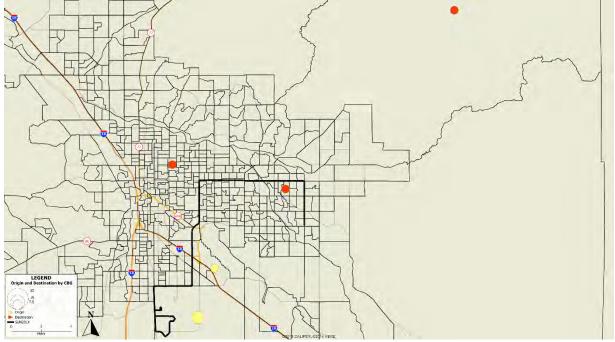
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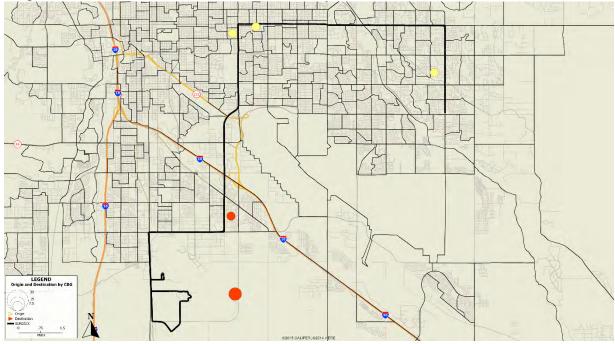
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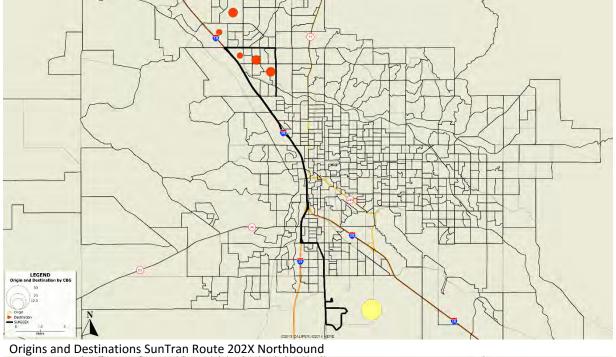
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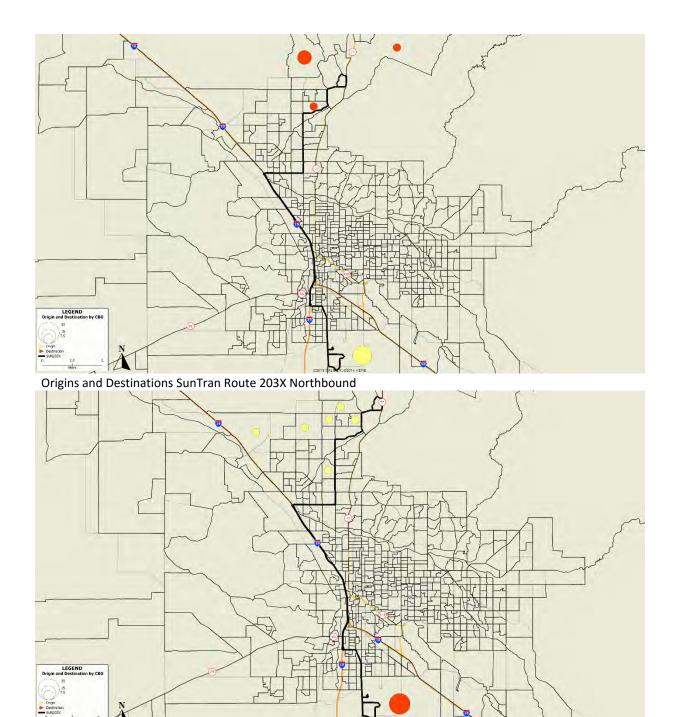


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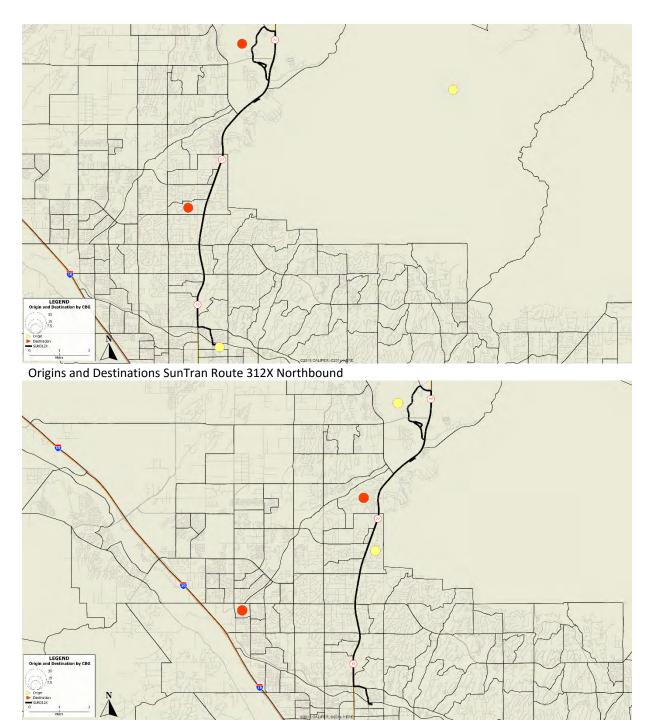




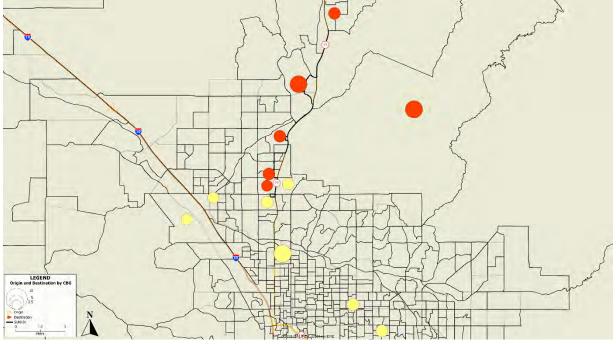
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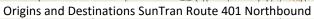


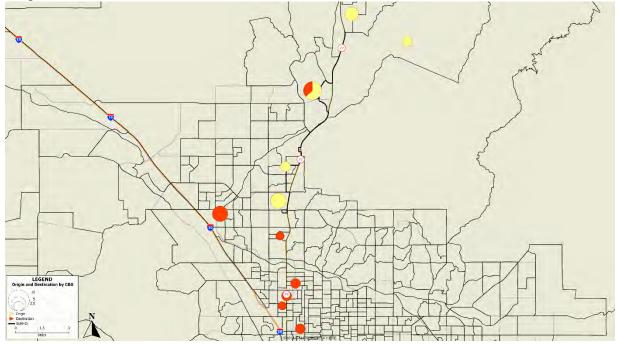
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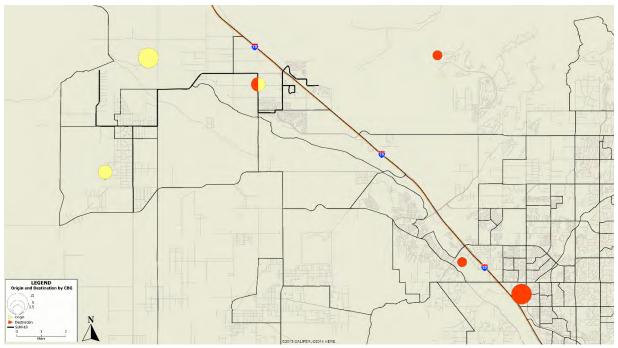
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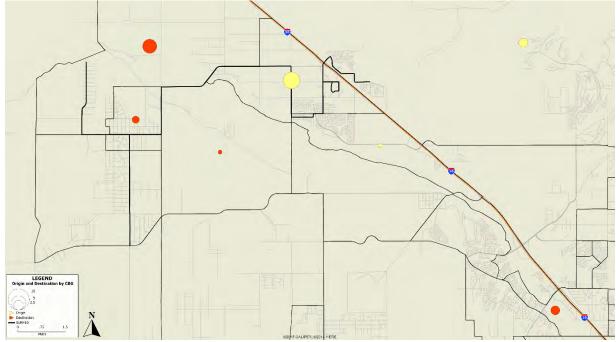




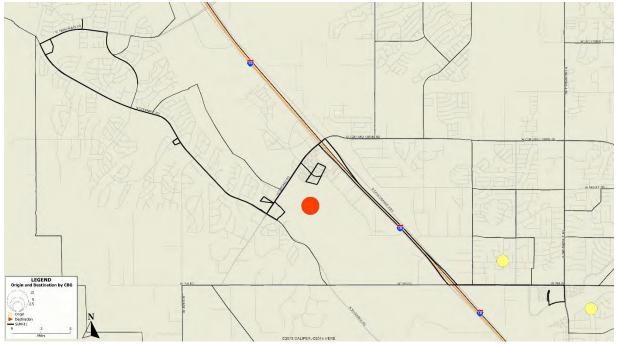
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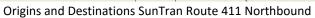


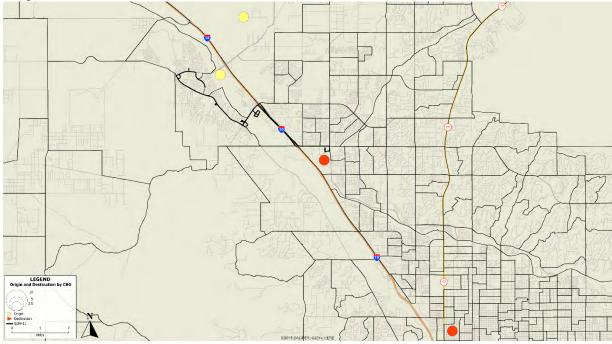
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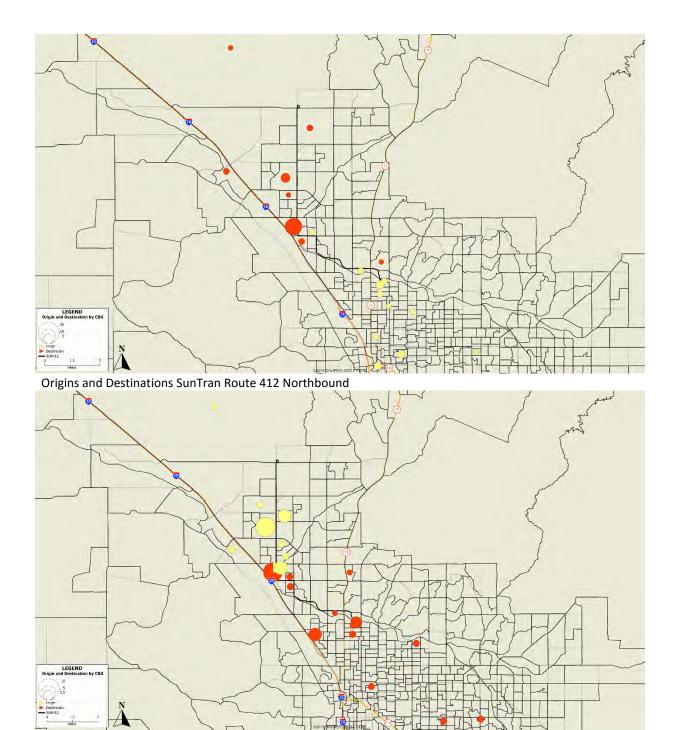
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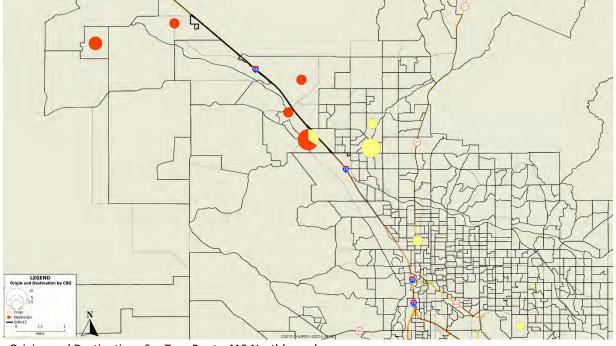


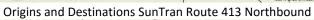


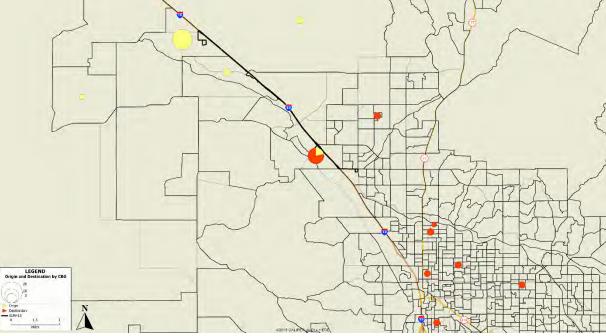
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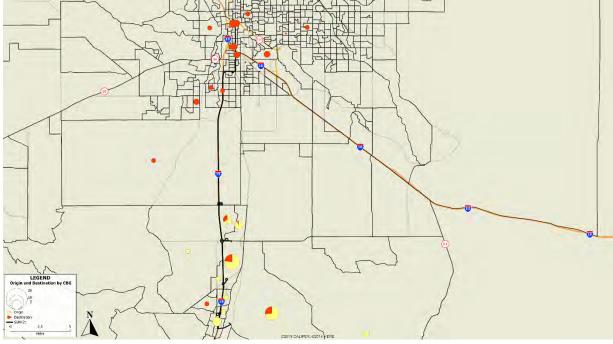
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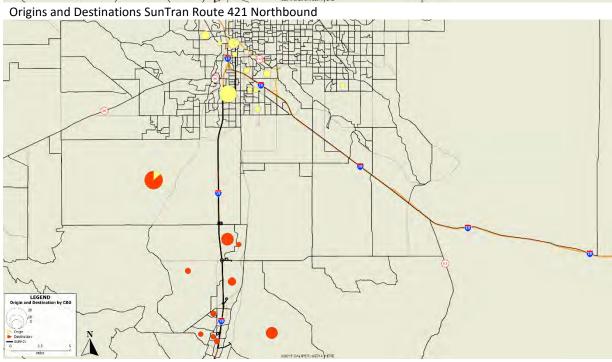




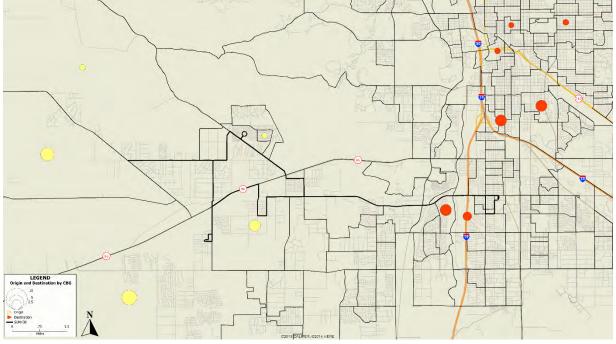
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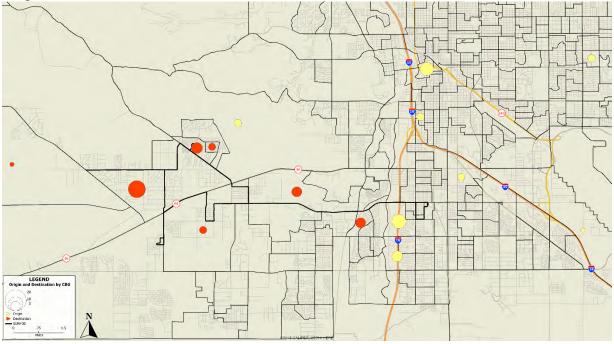




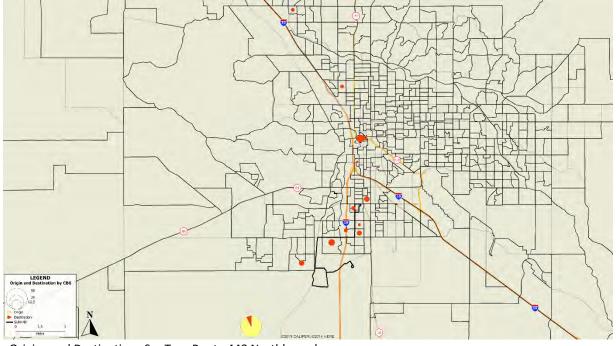
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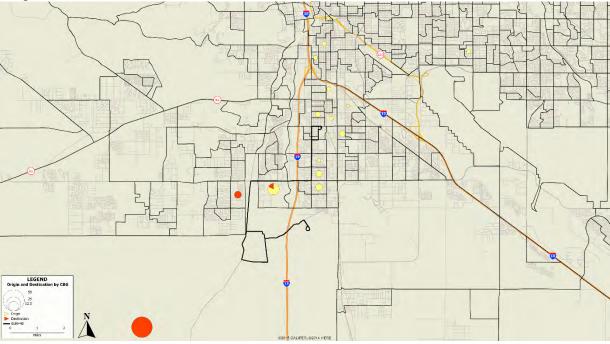
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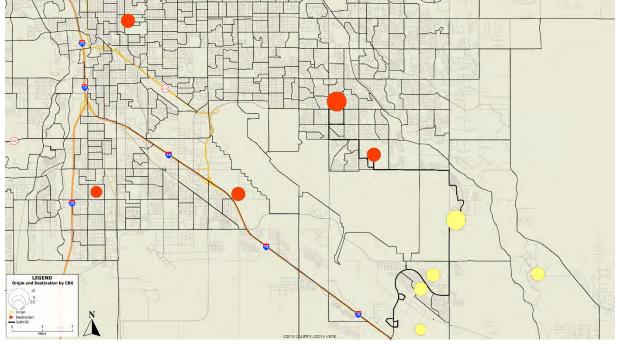
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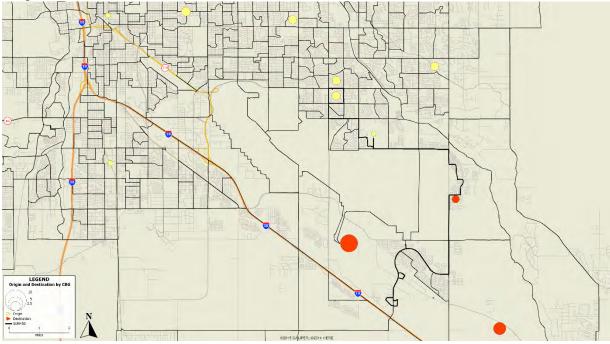
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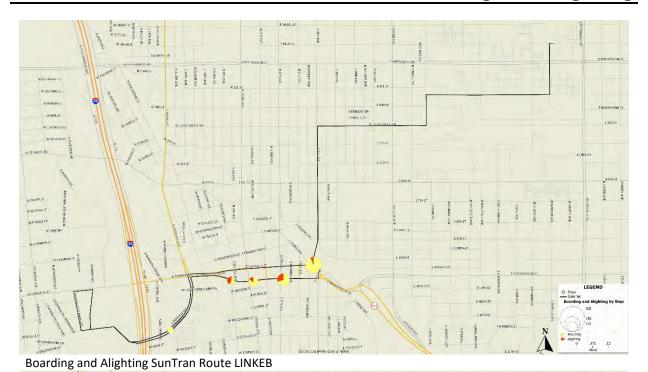
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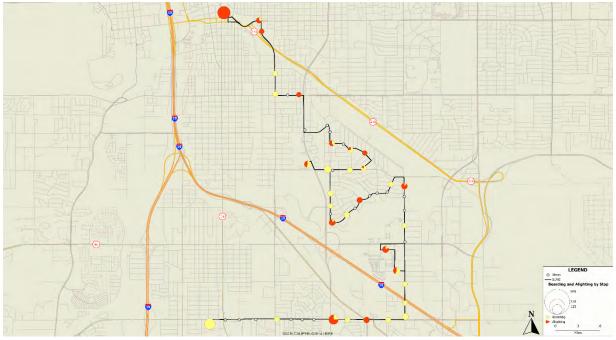
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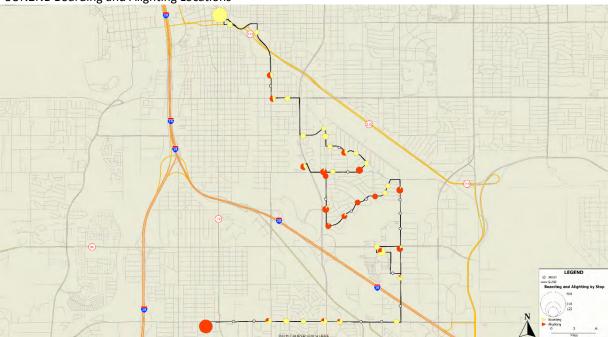
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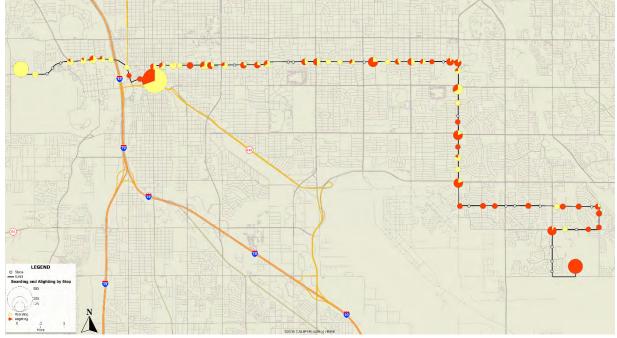
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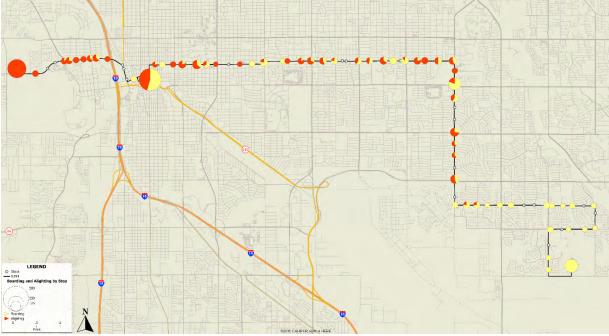
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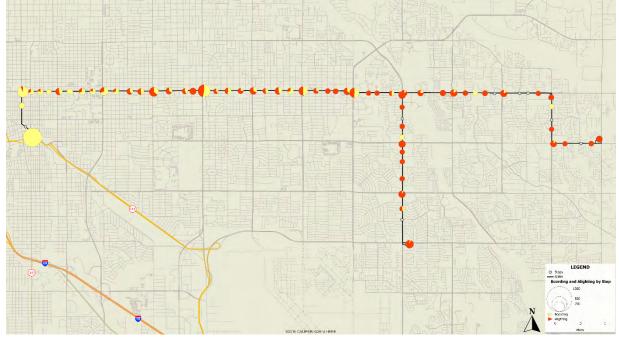
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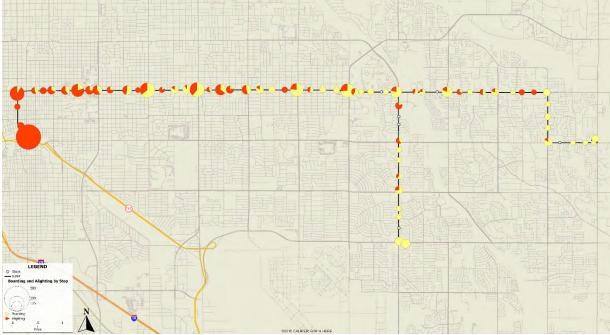
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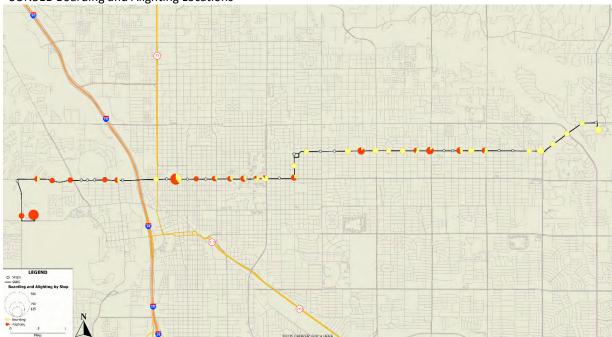
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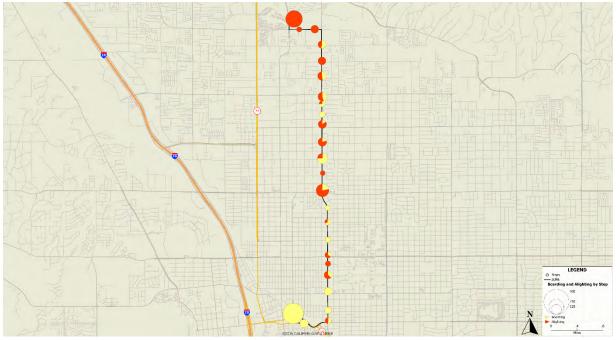
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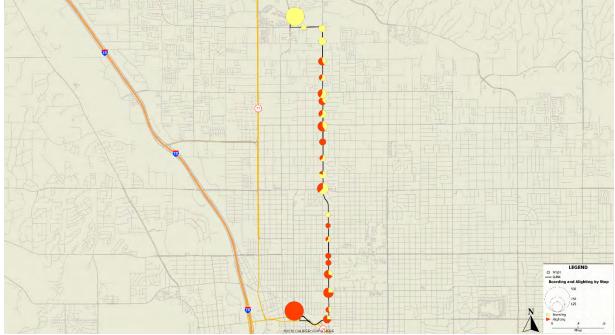
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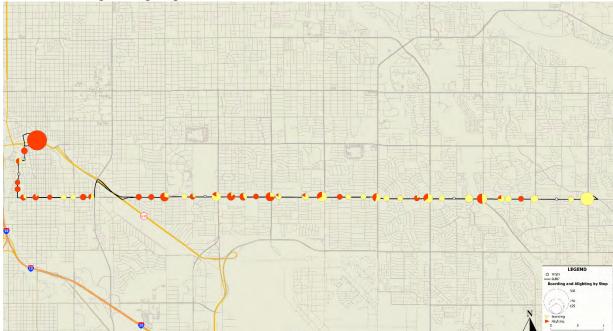
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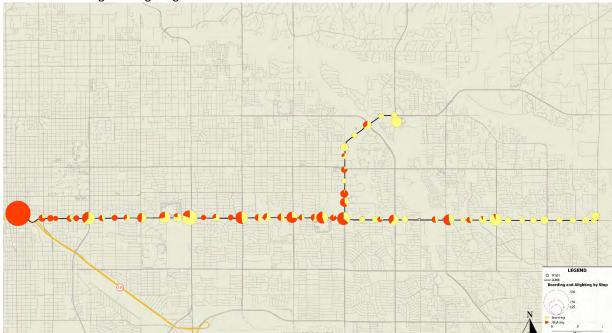
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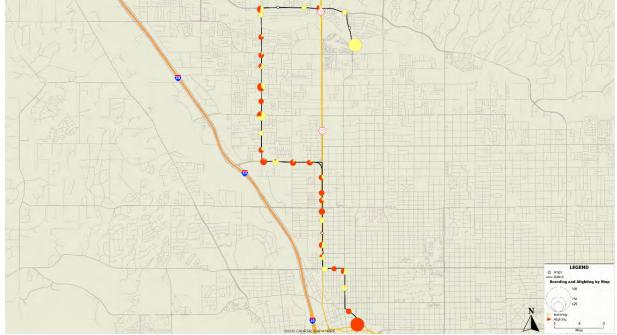
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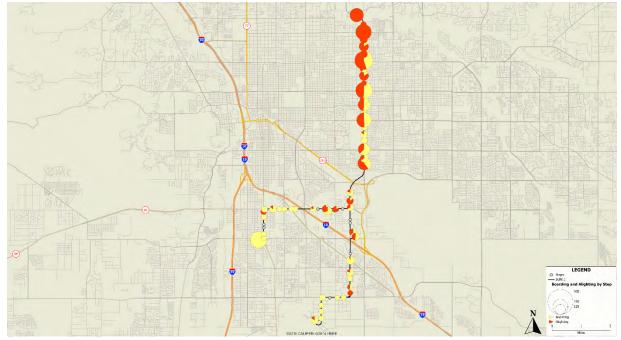
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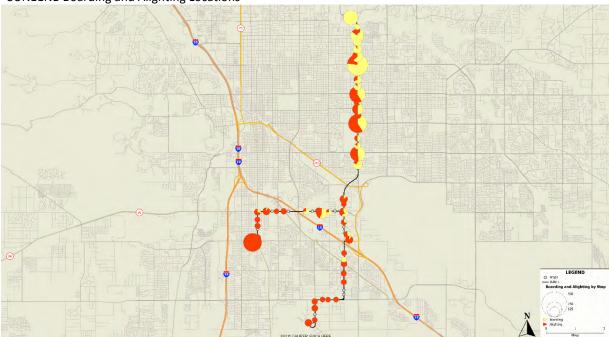
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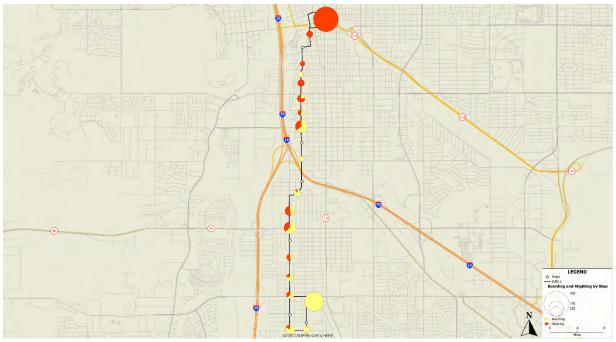
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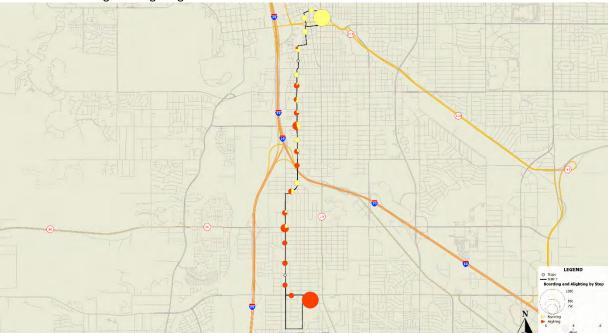
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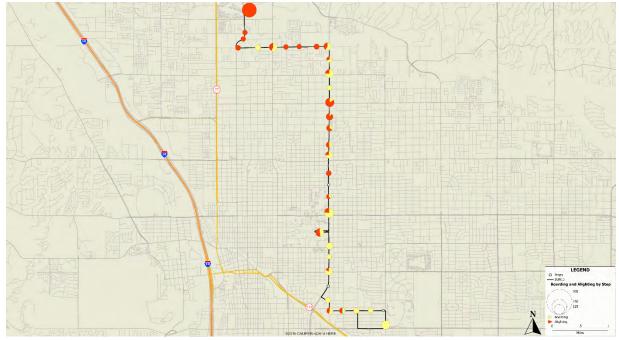
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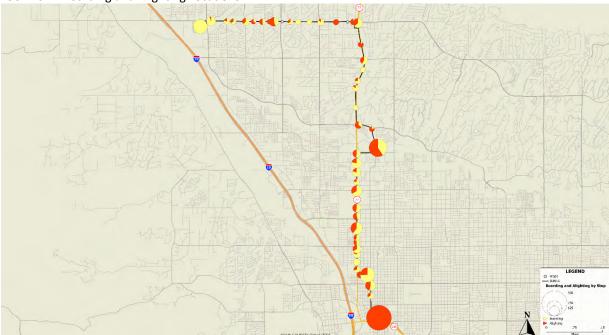
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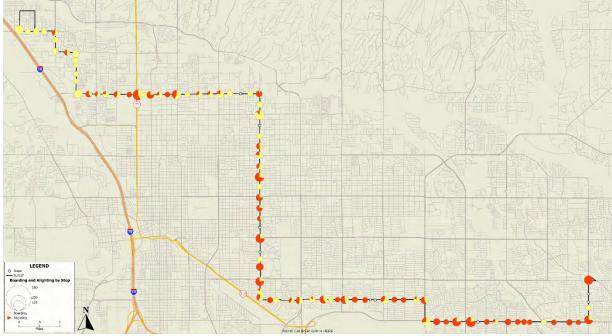
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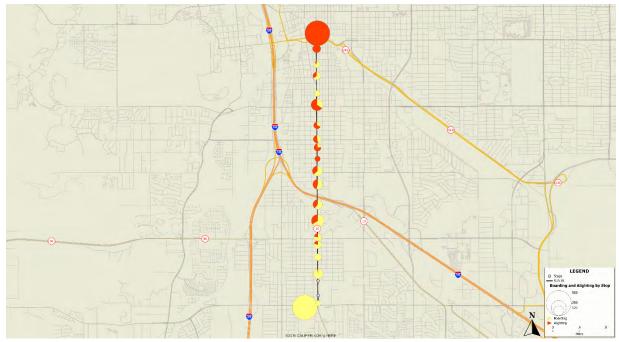
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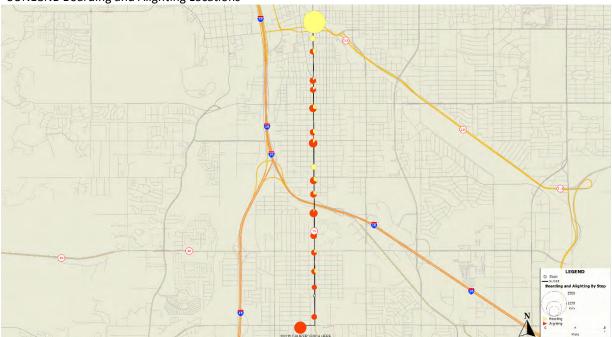
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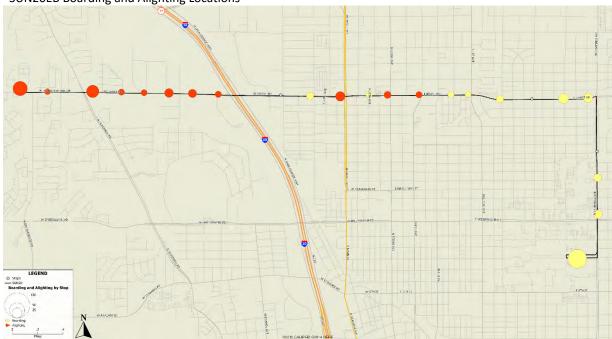
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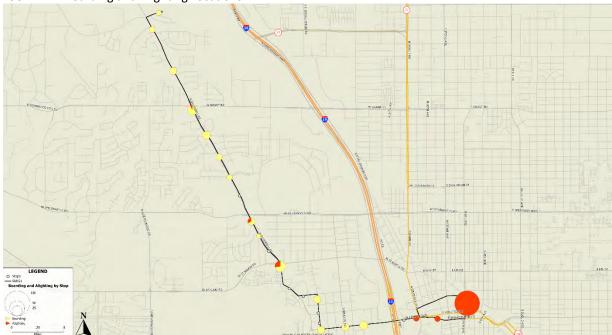
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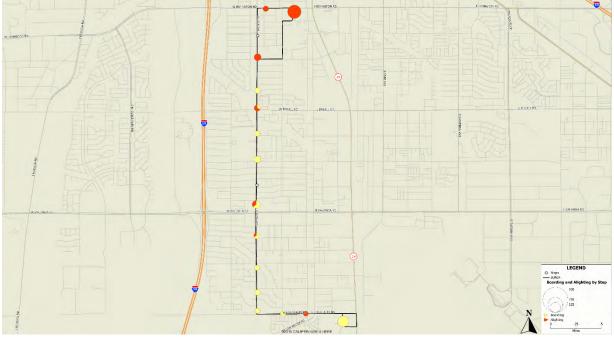
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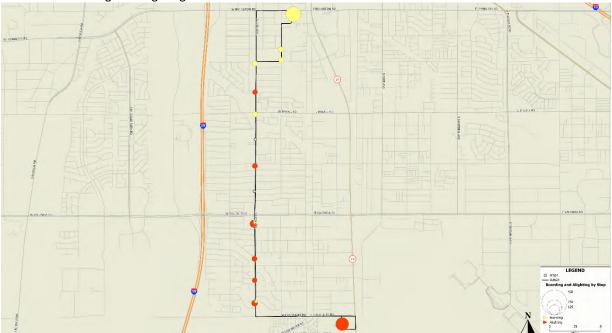
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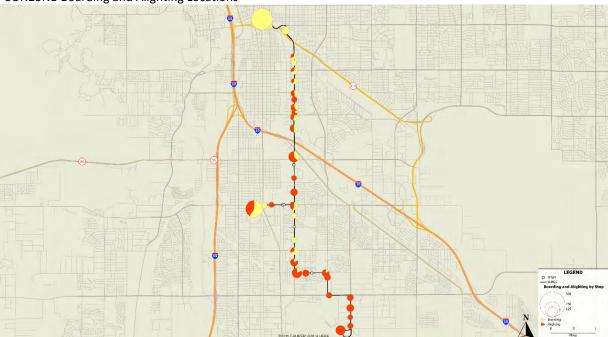
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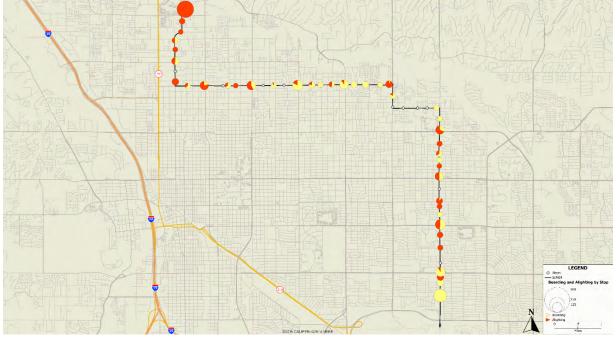
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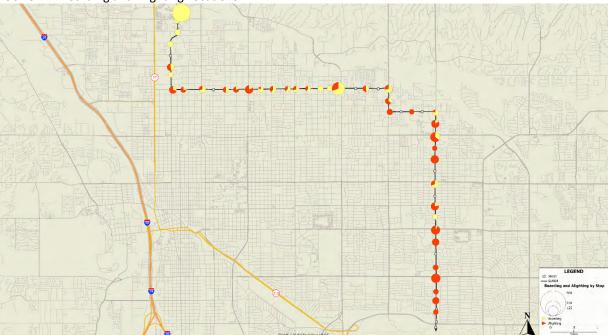
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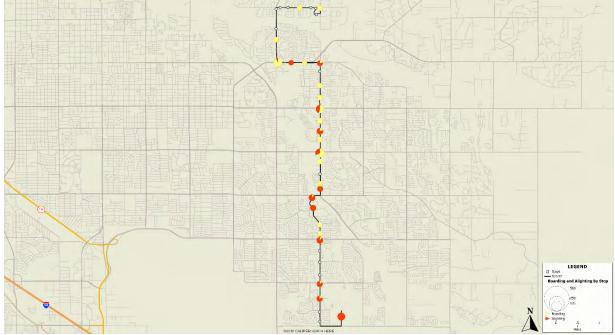
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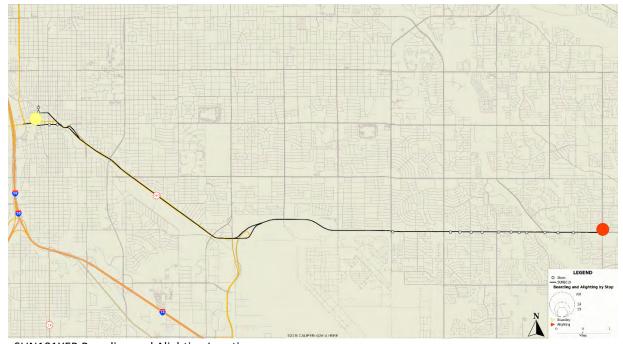
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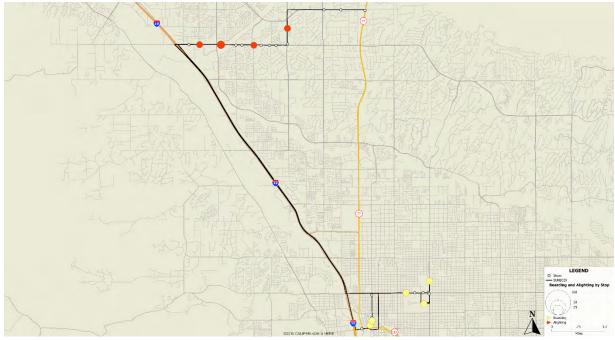
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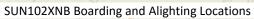


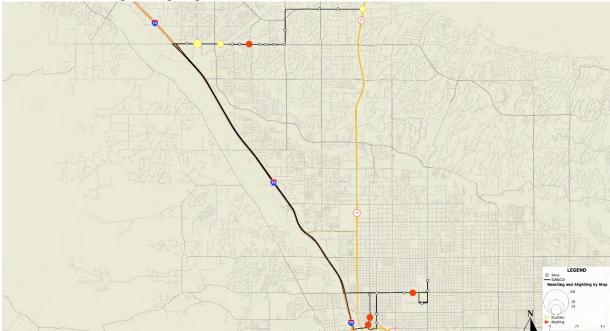
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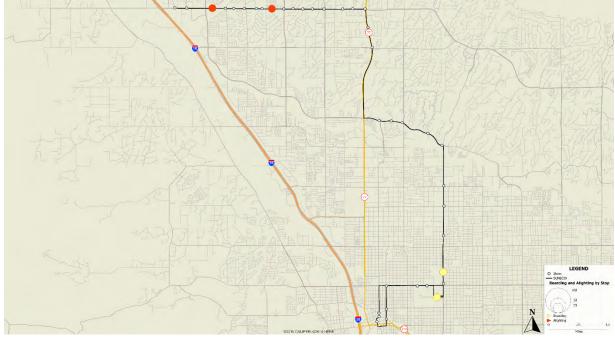
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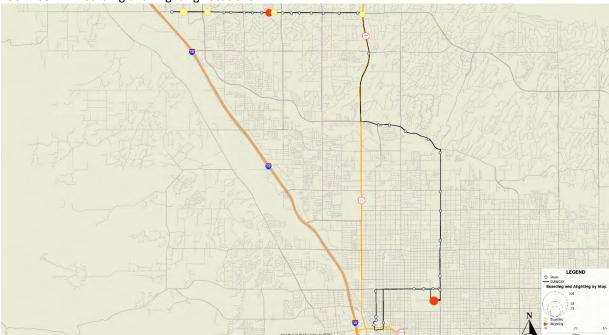




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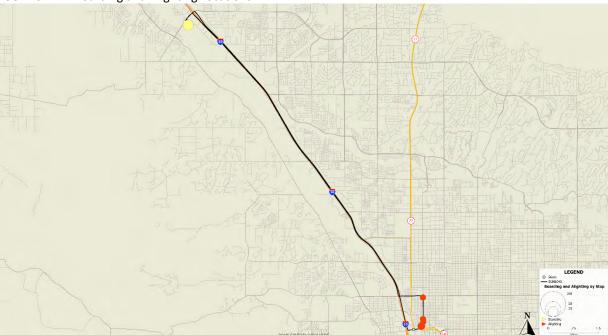
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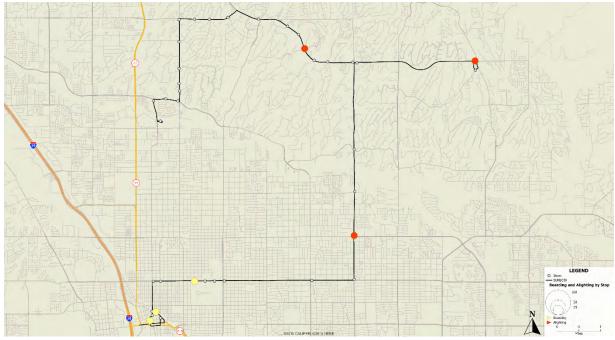
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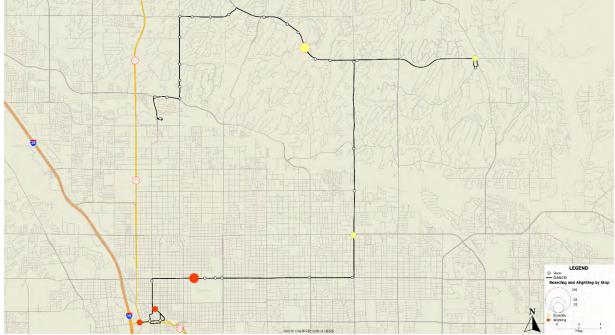
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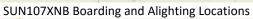


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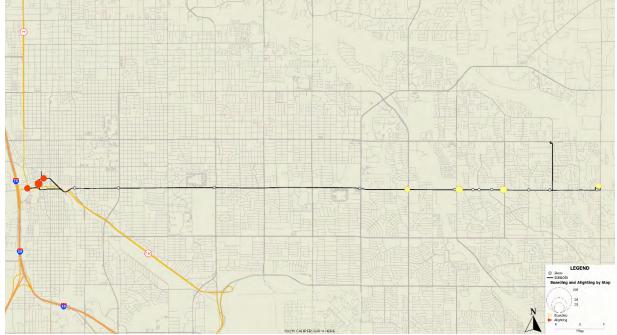




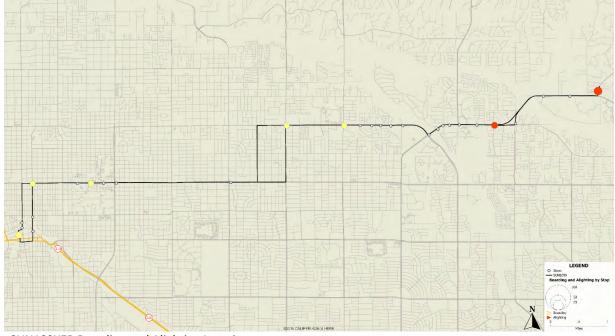
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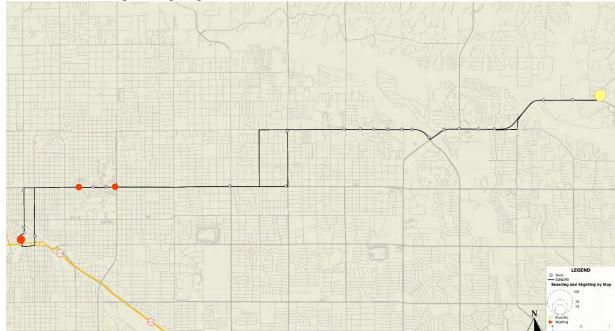
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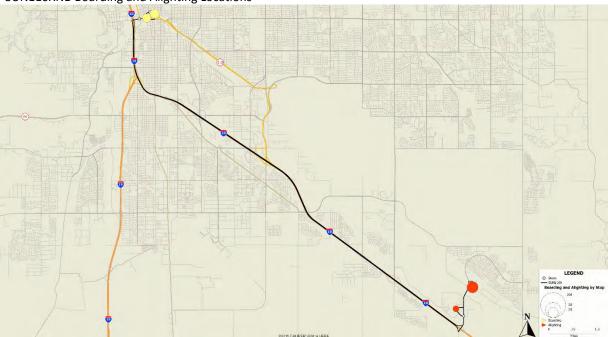
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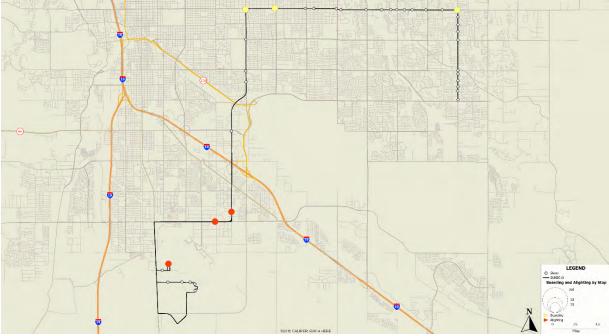
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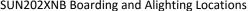


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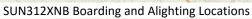






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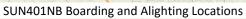






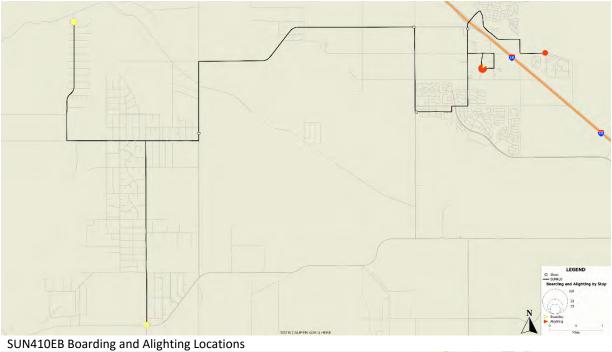
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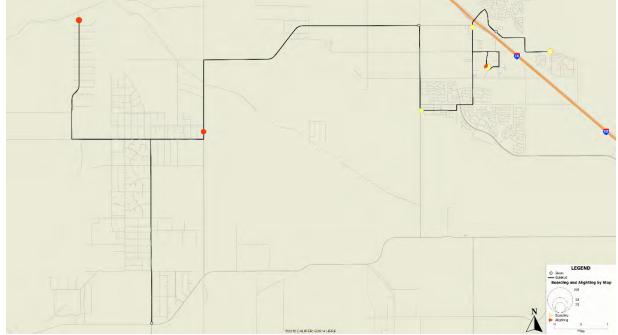






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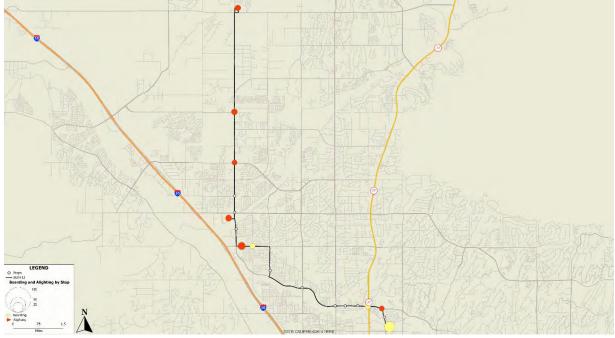
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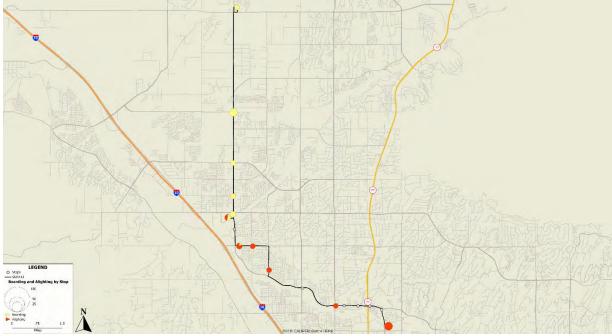
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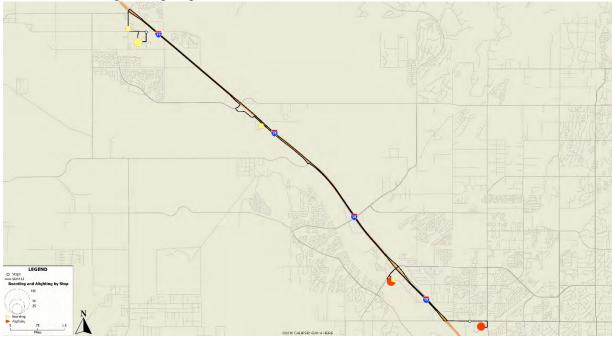
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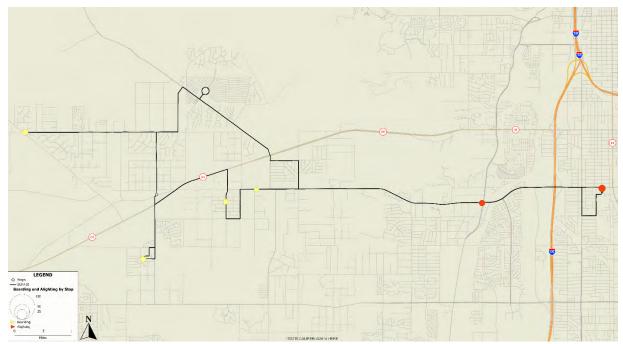
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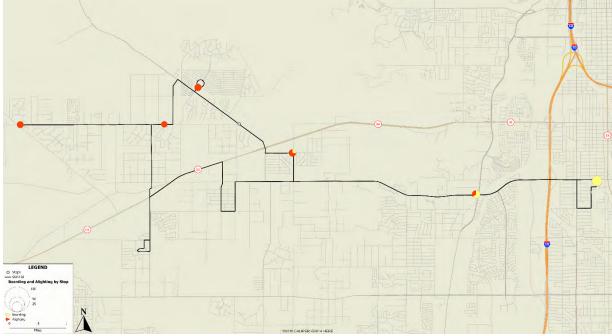
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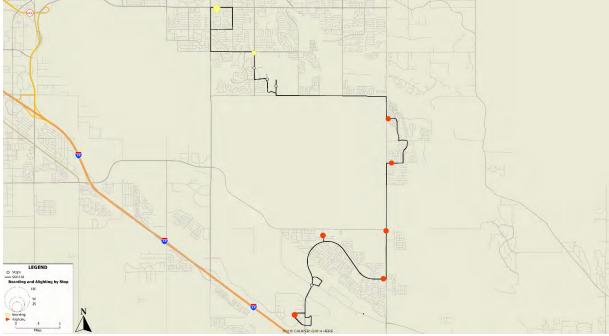
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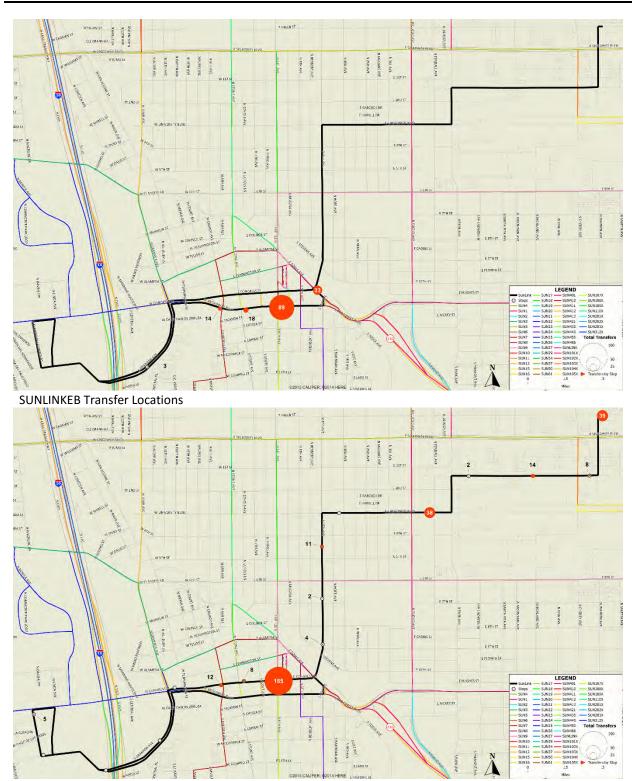
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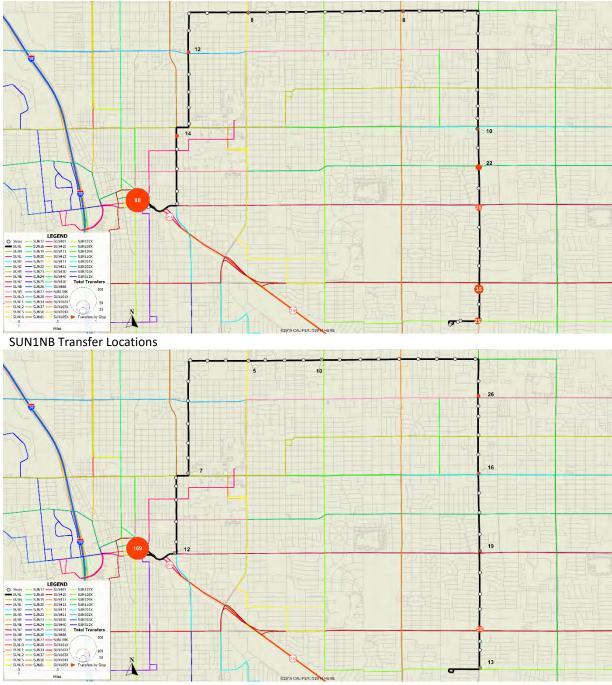
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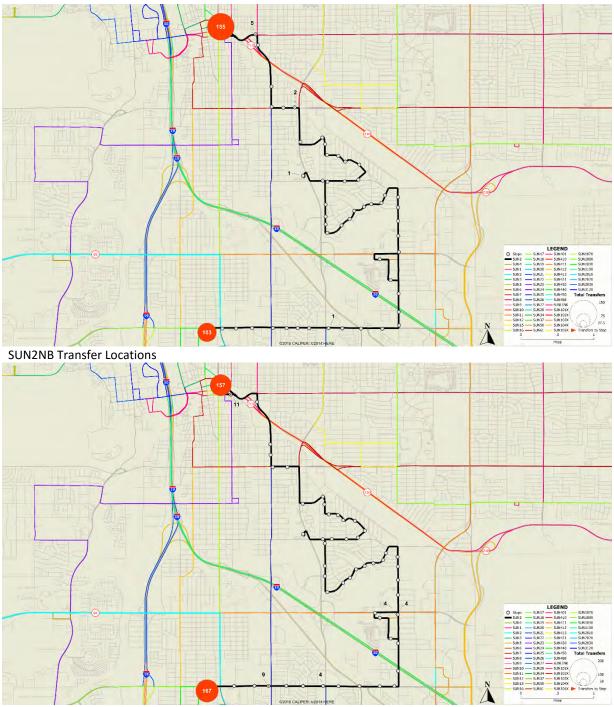
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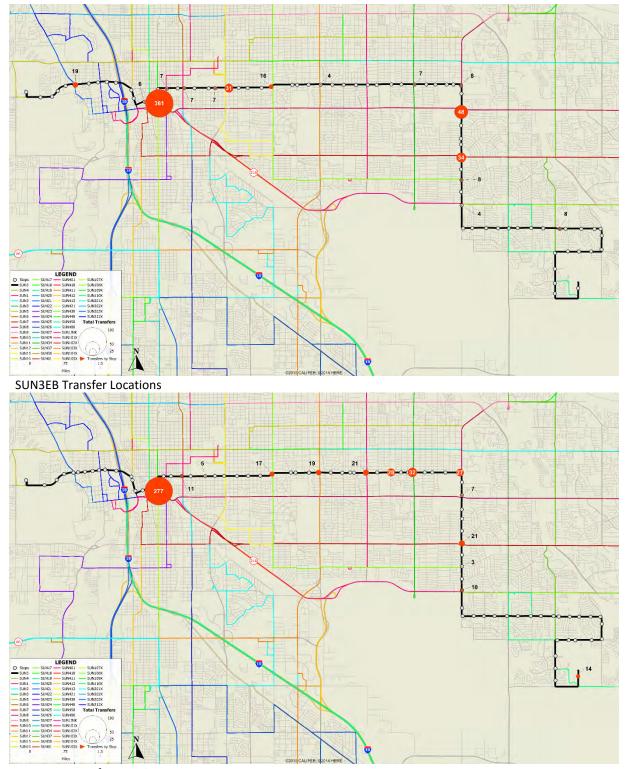
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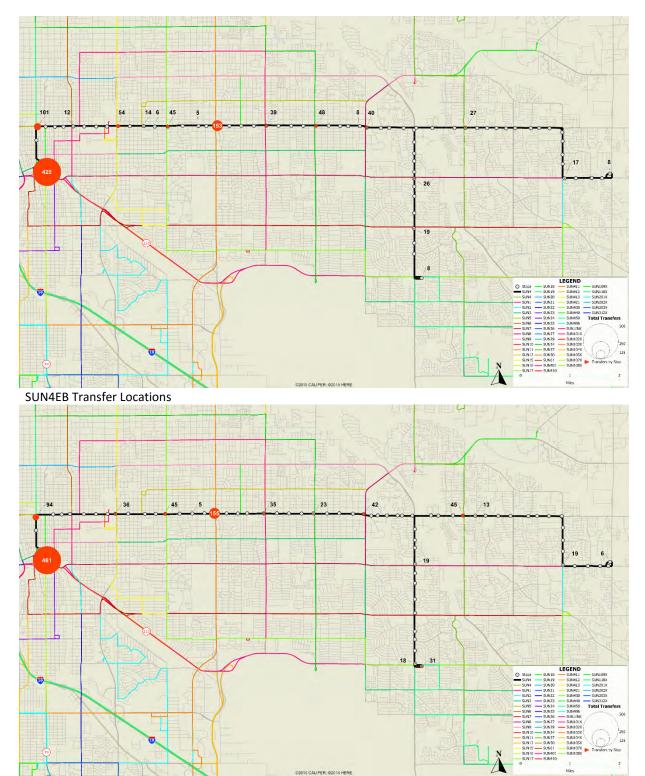
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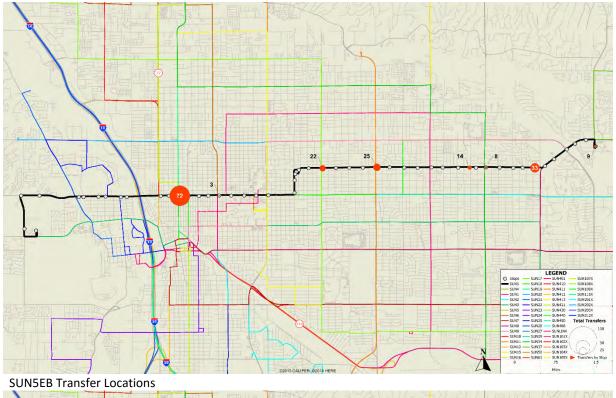
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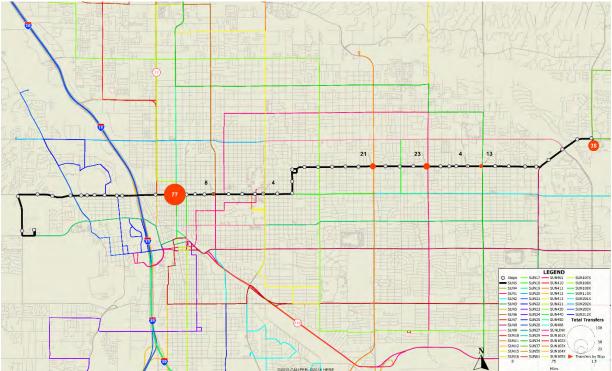


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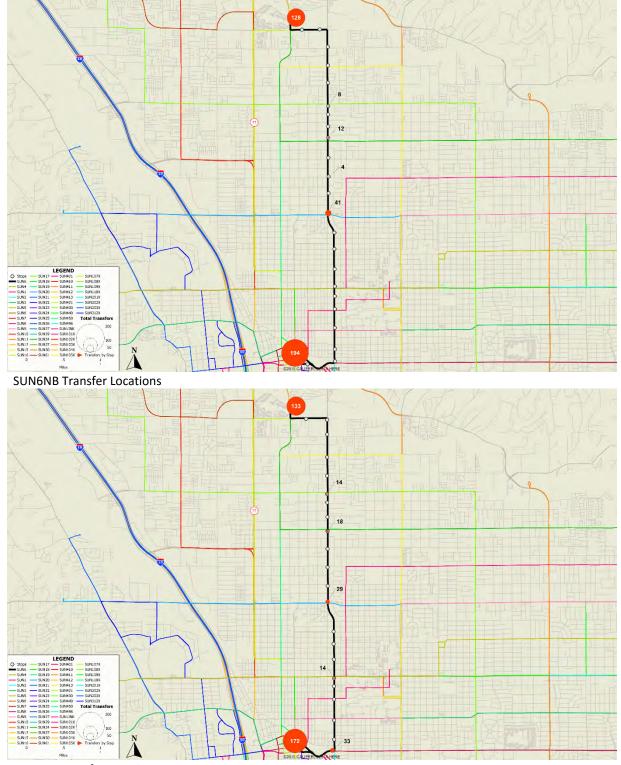


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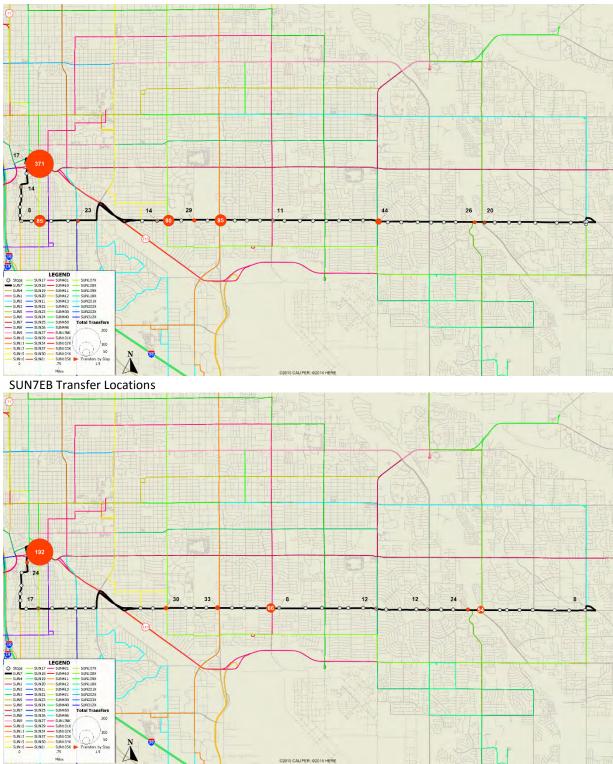




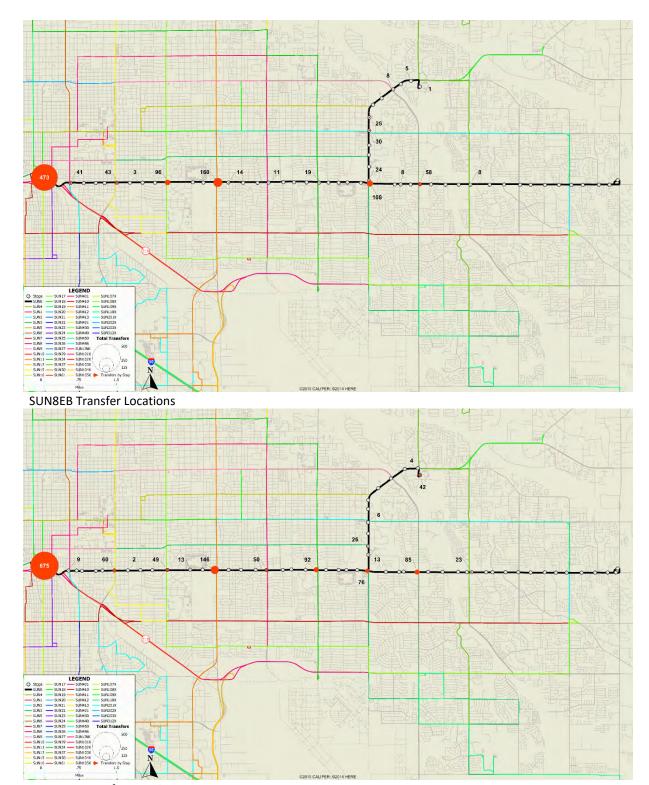
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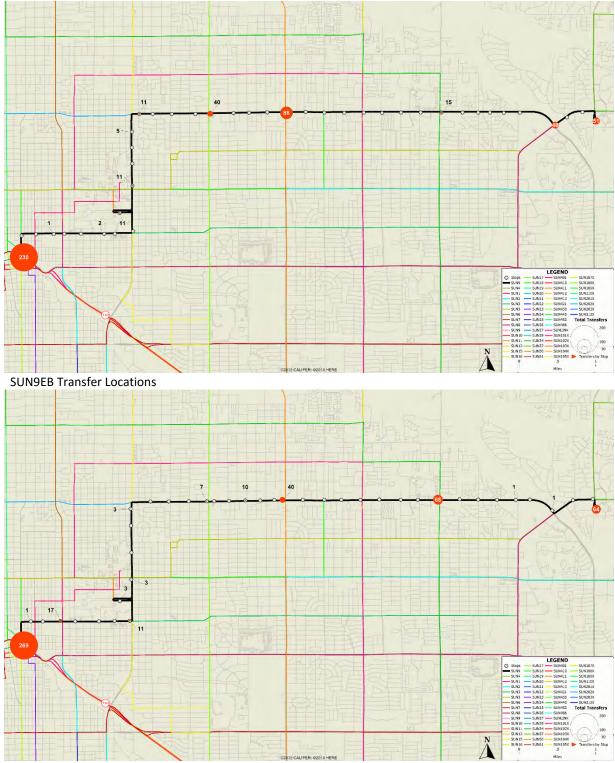
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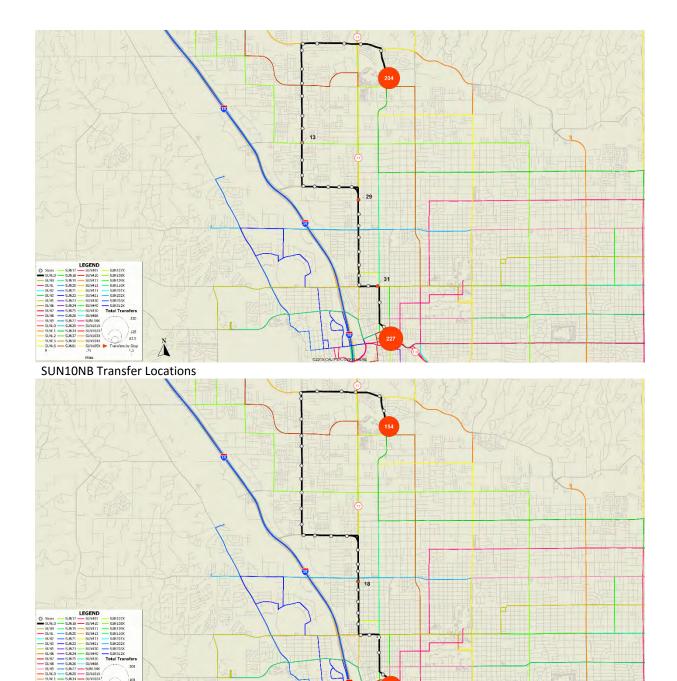
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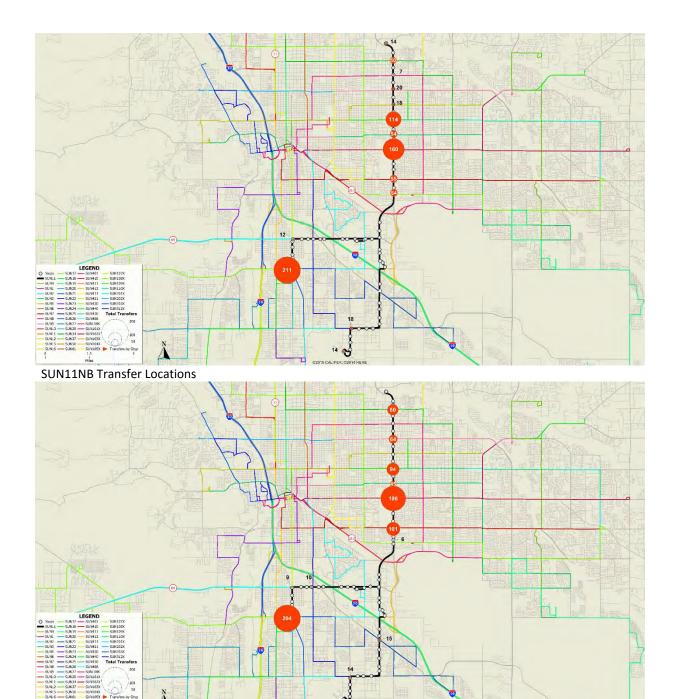
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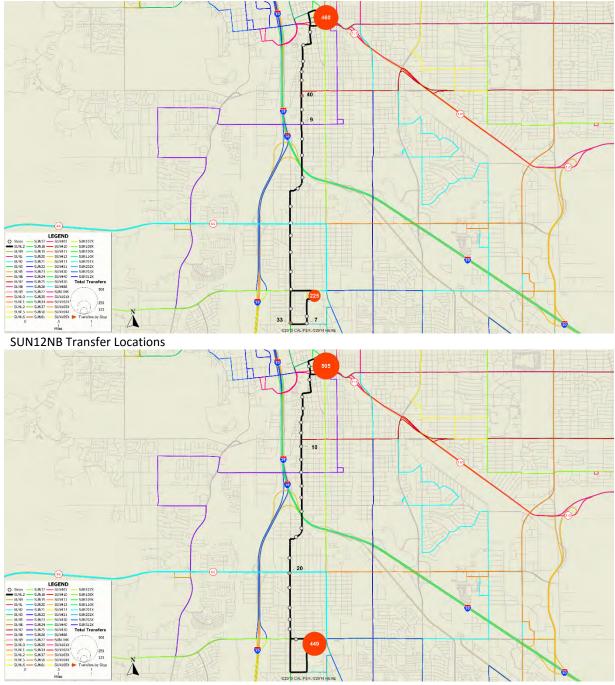
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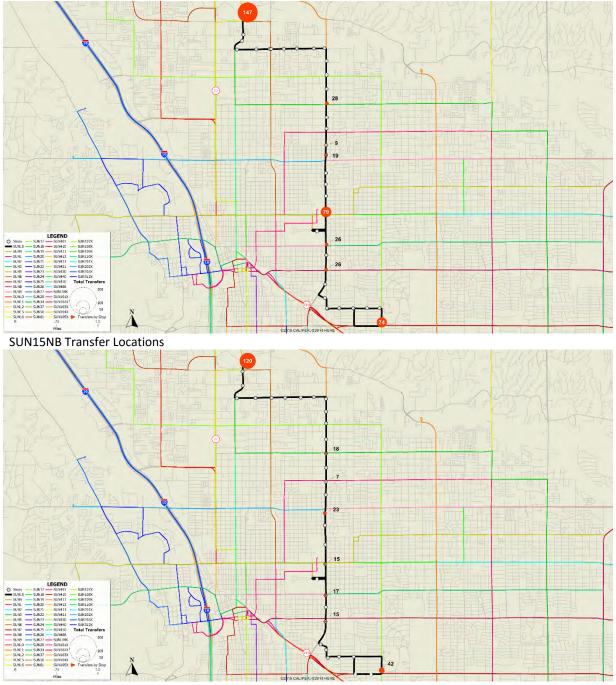
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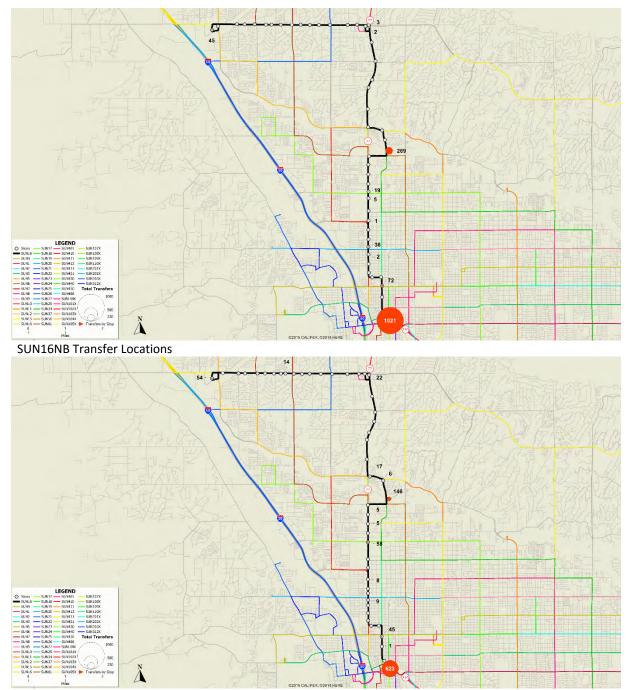
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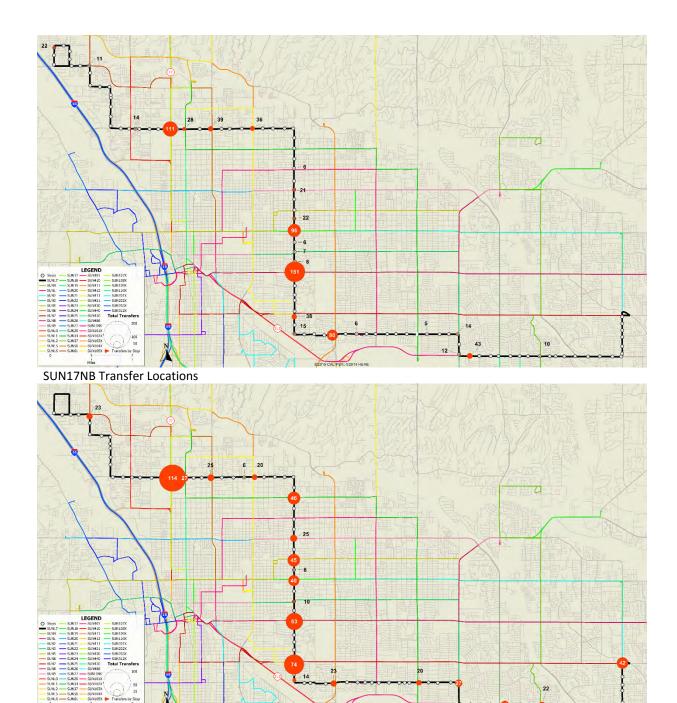
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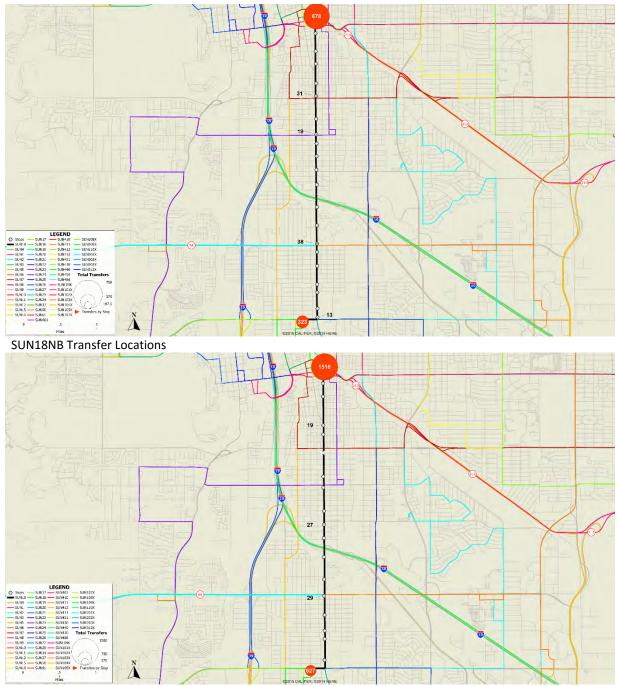
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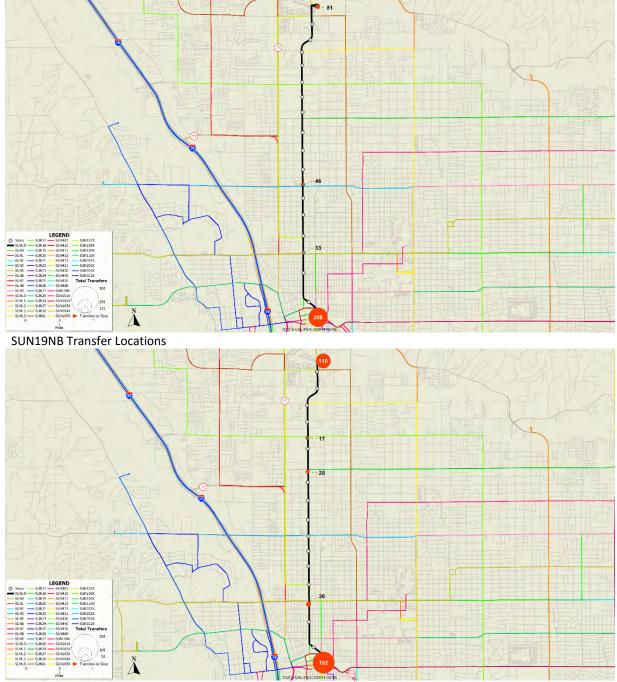
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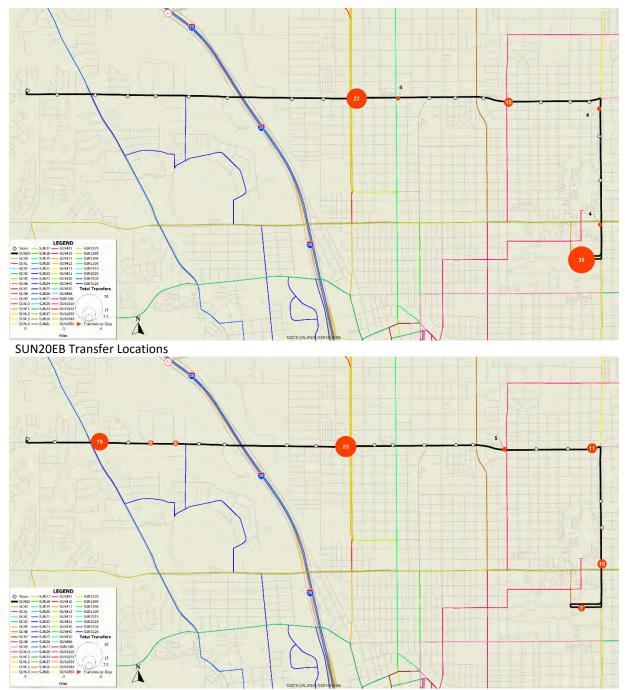
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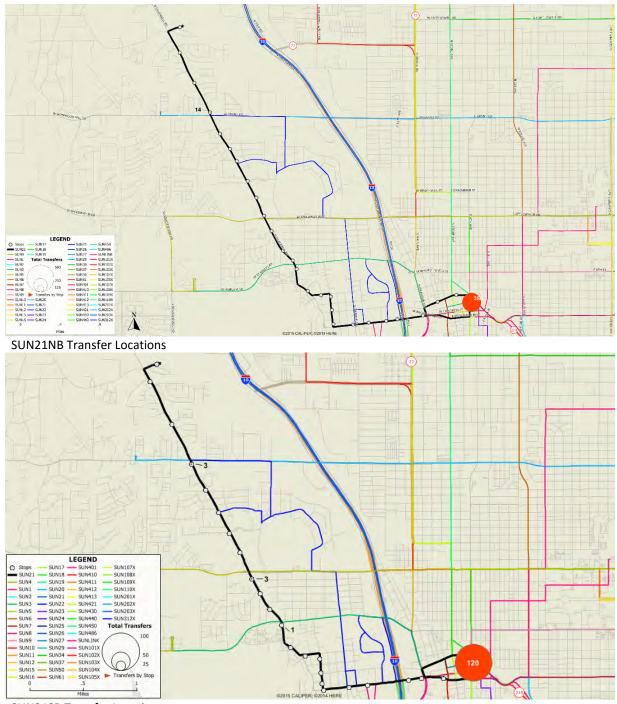
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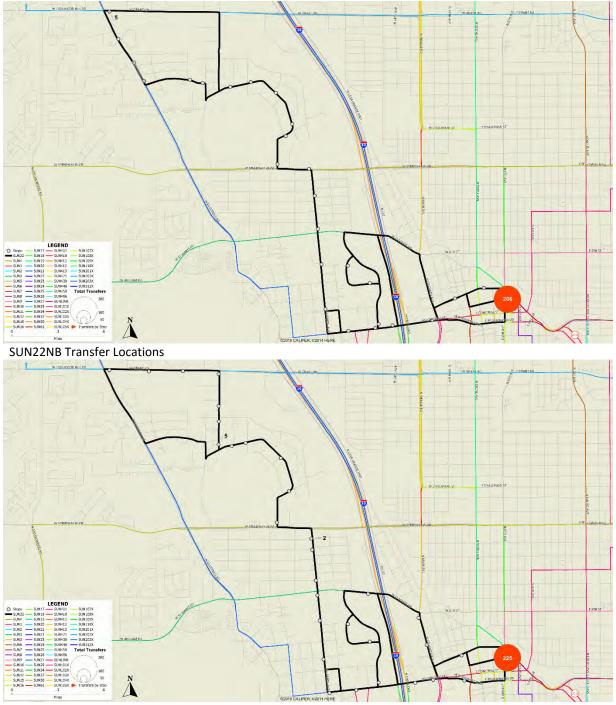
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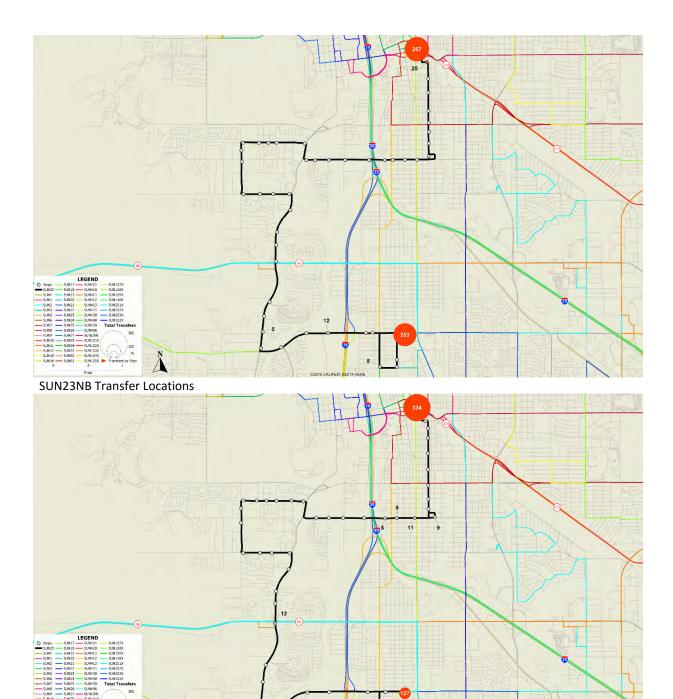
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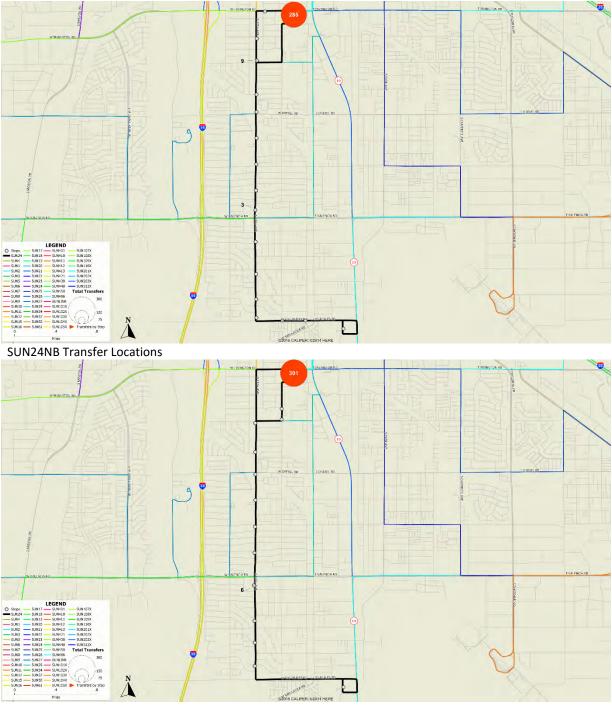
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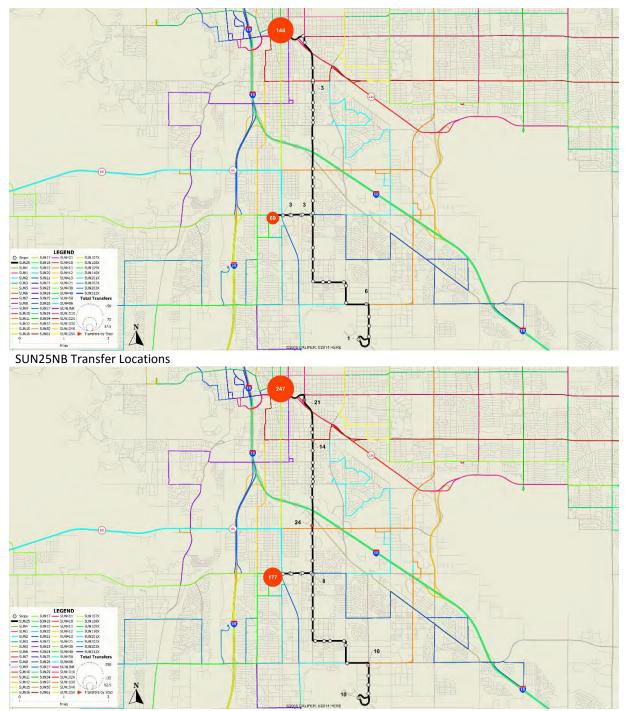
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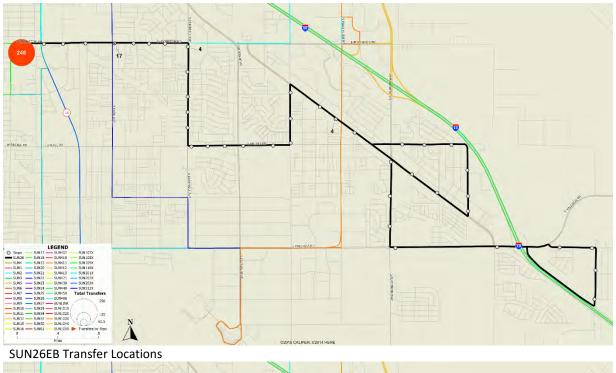
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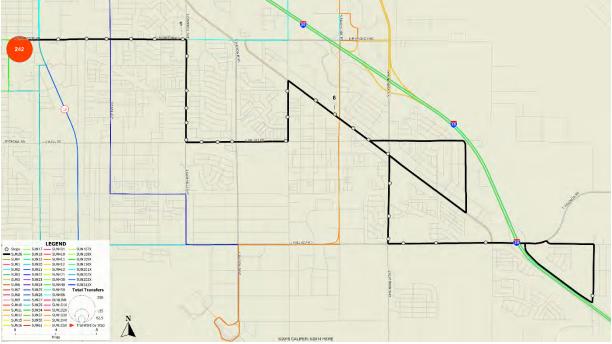


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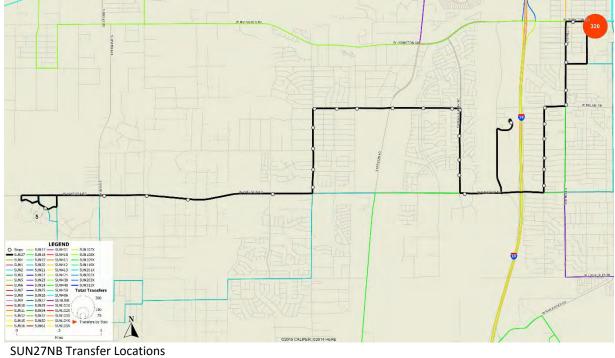


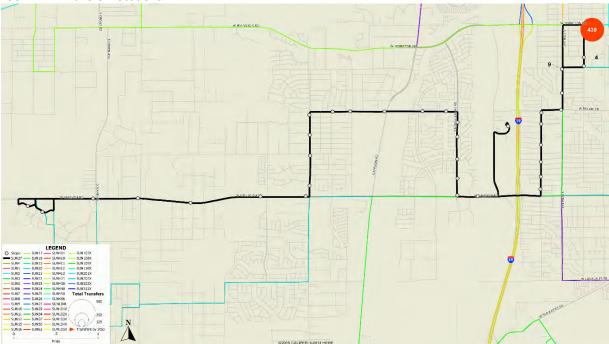
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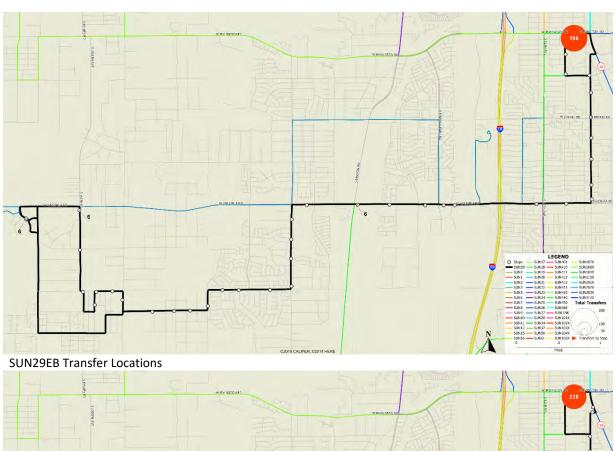


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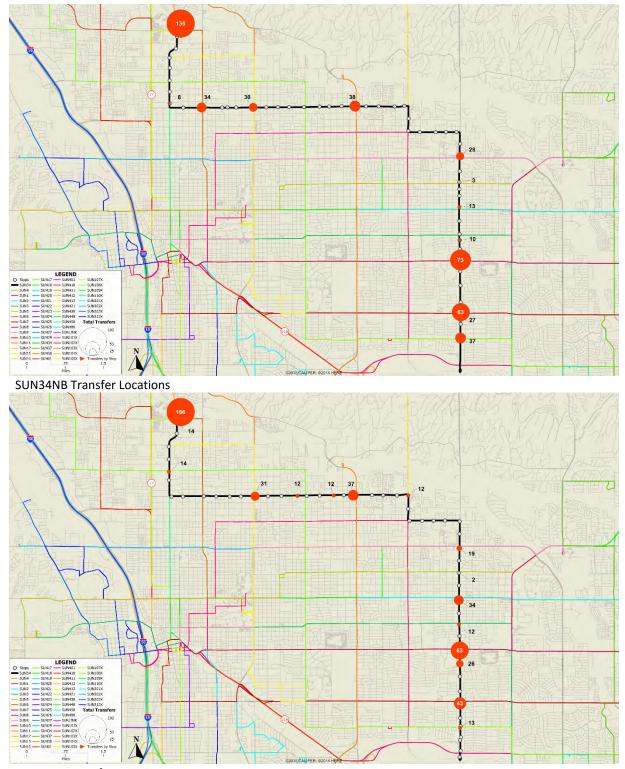
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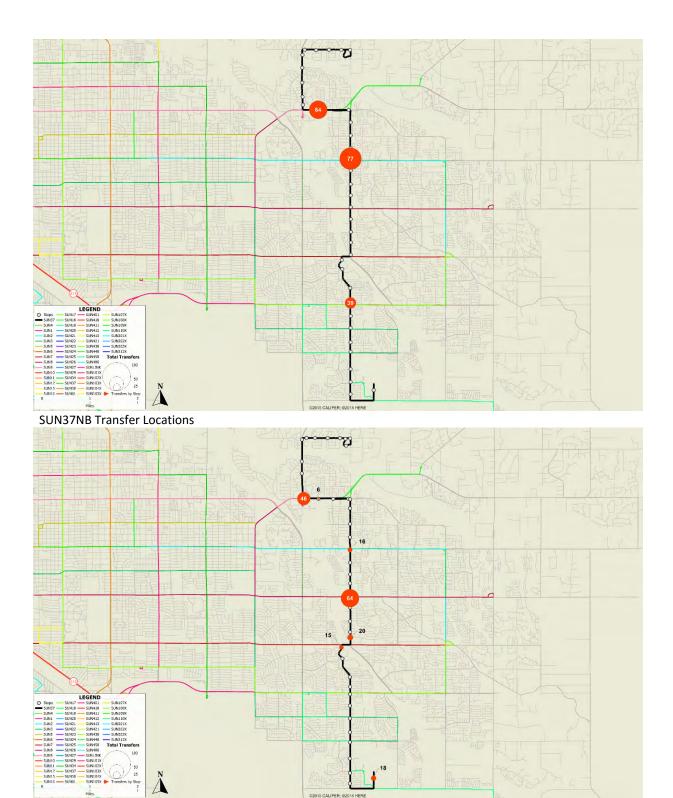
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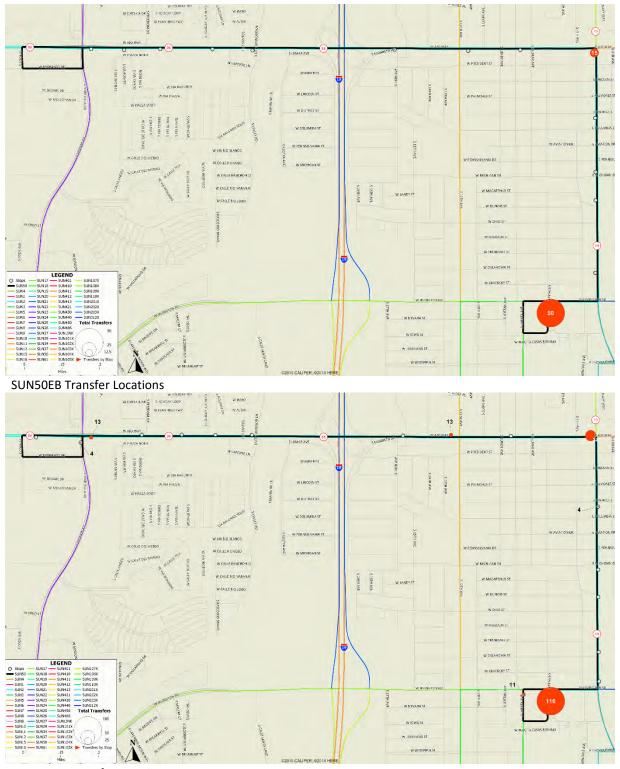
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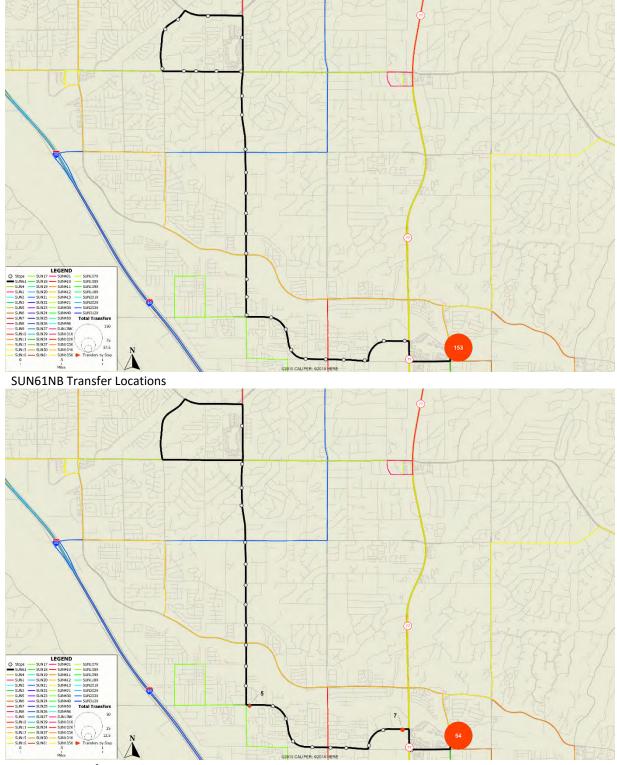
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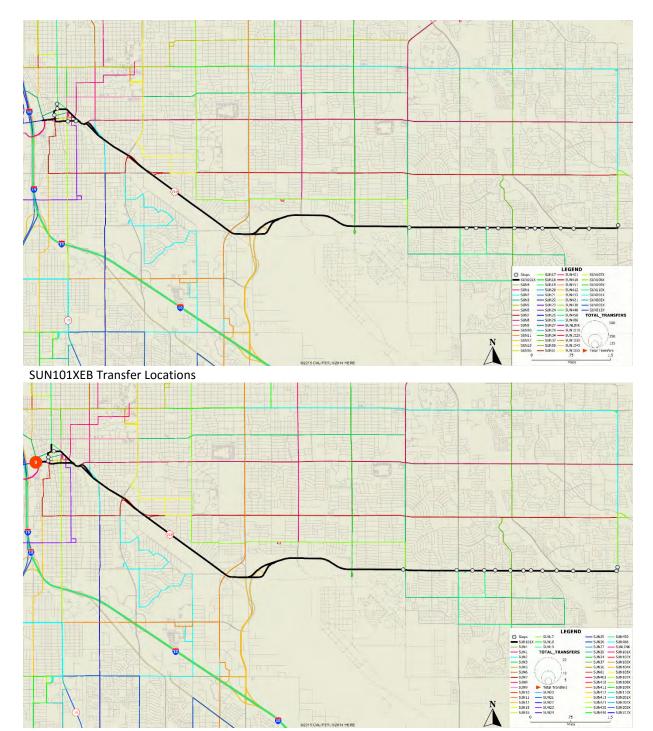
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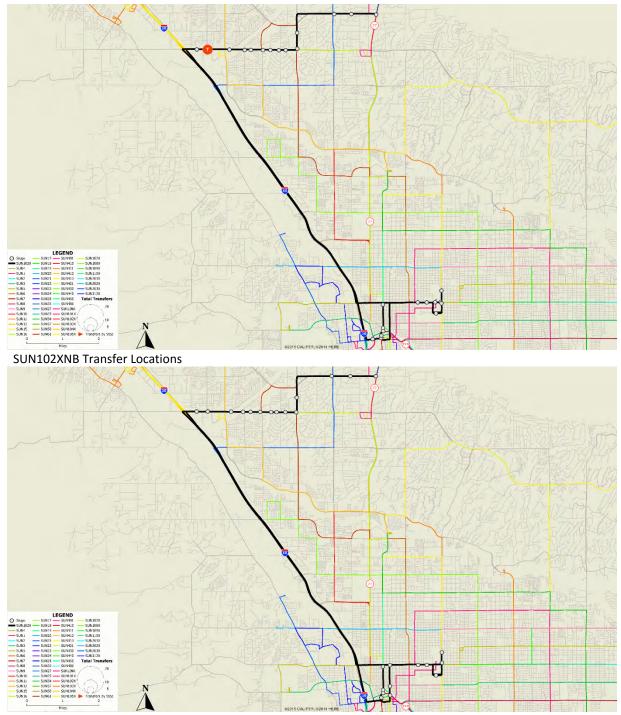
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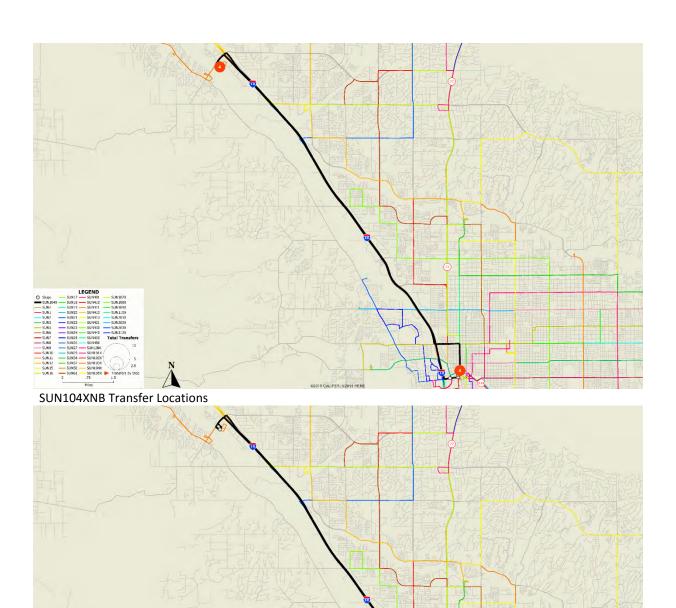
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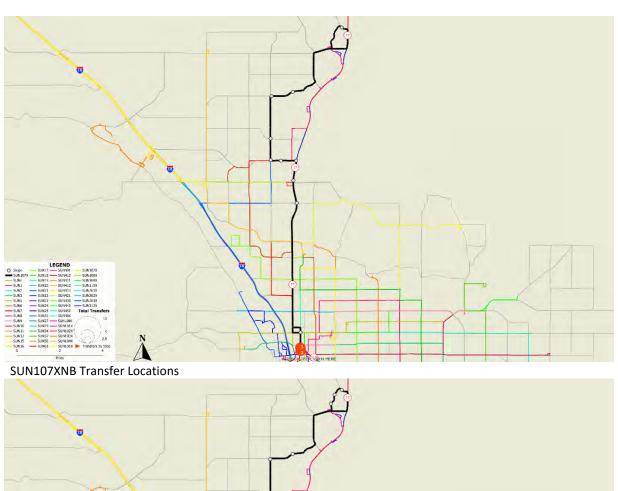
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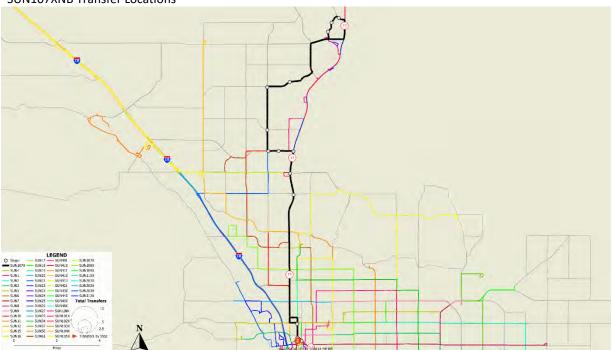


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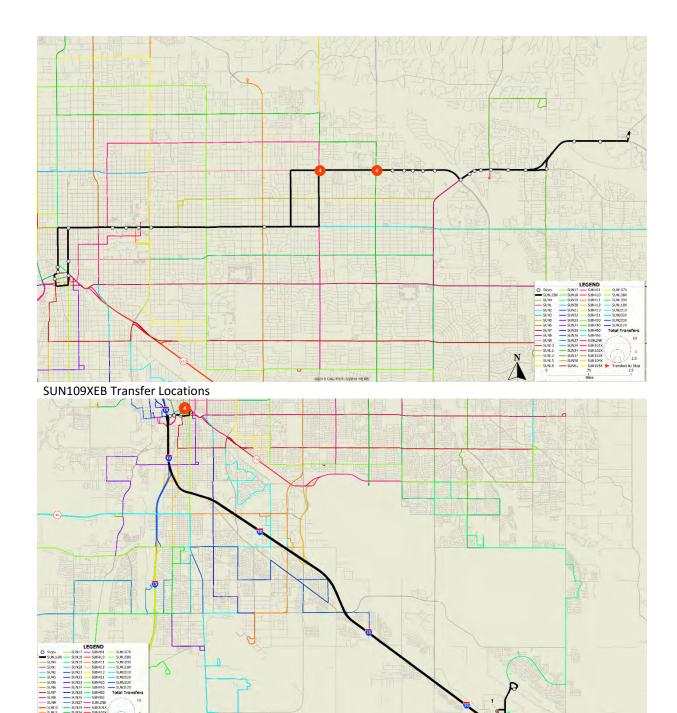


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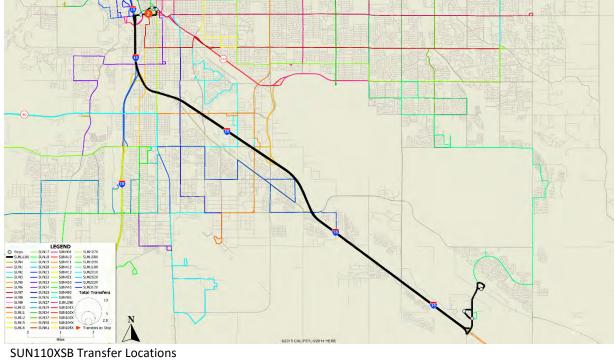




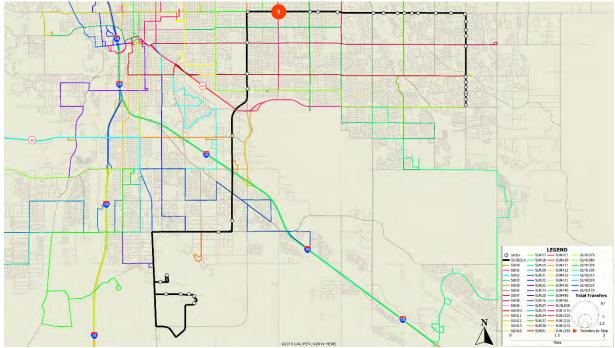
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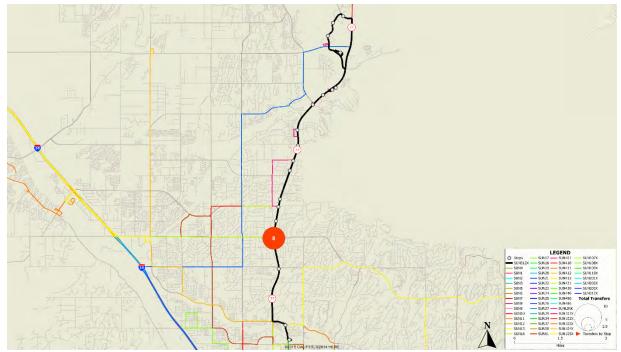
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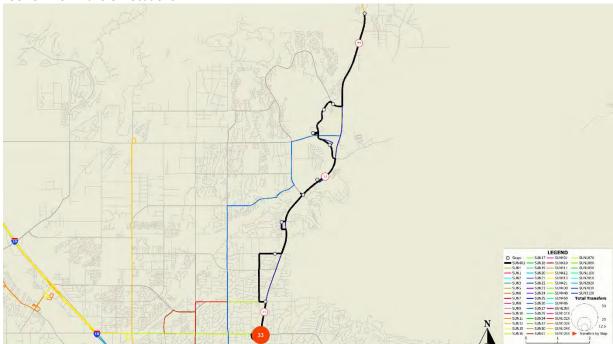




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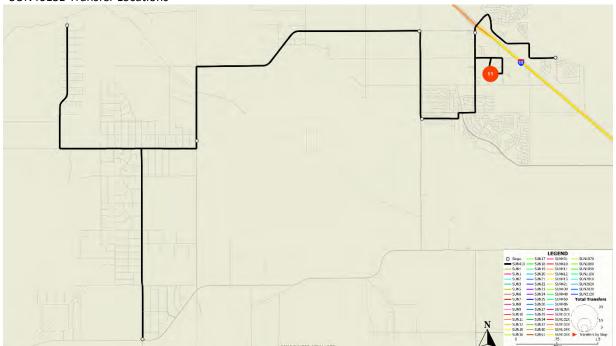


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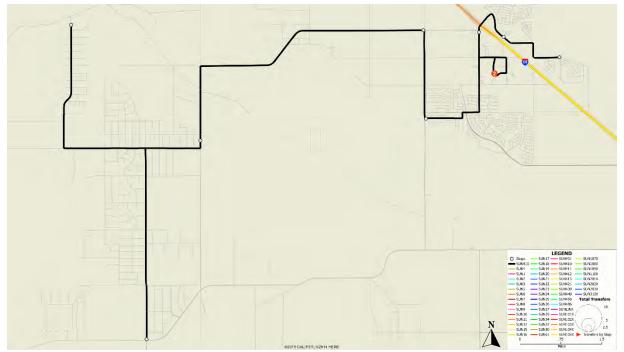


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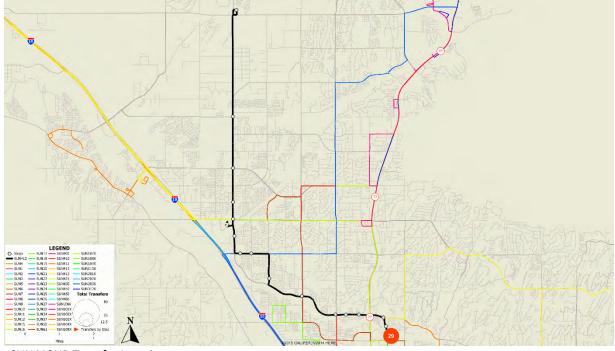
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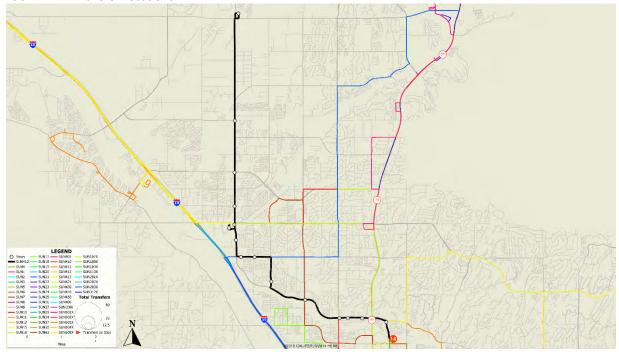
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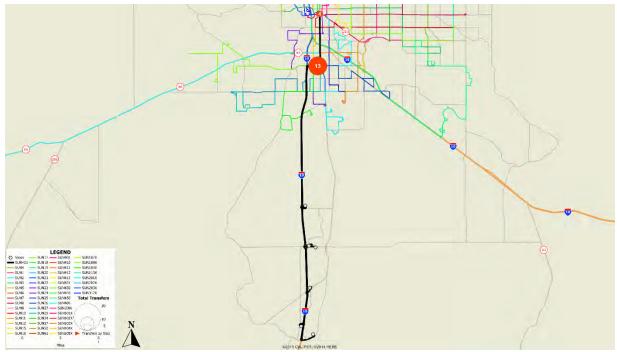
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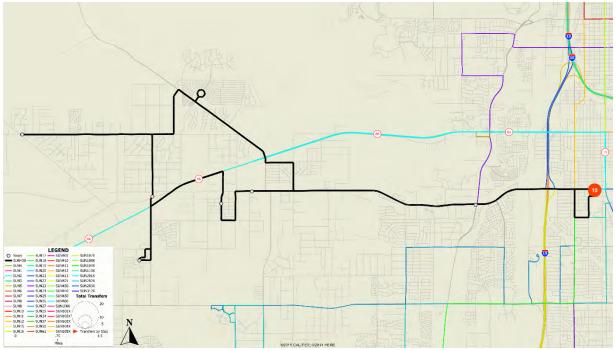
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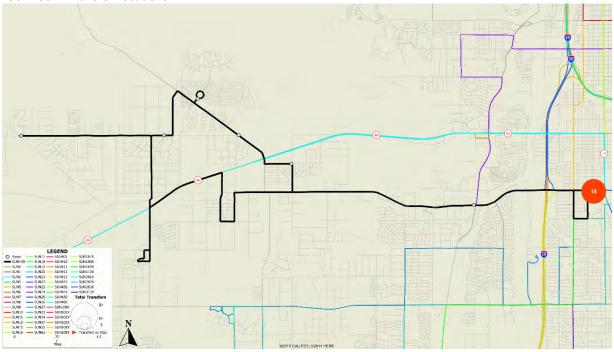
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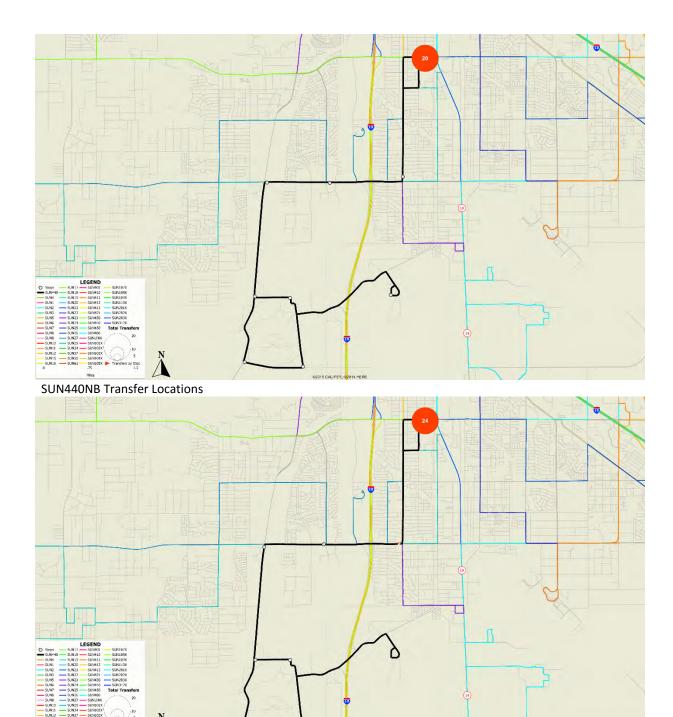
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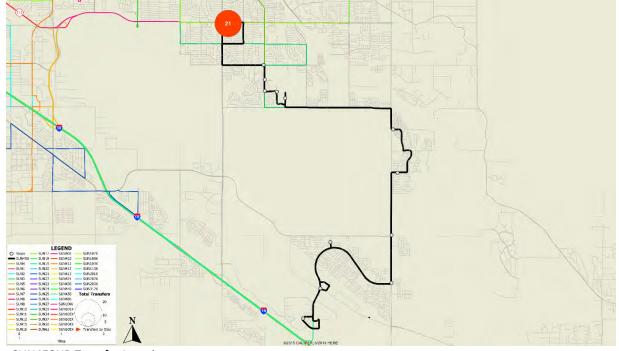
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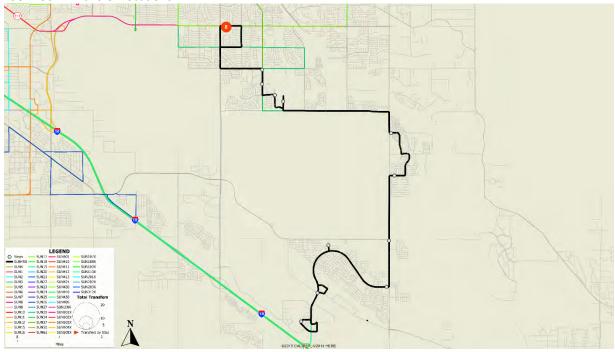
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SUN450NB Transfer Locations



SUN450SB Transfer Locations

Decomposition analysis measures the overall representativeness of the survey records relative to linked and unlinked trips on an individual route basis. Self-enumeration surveys have historically suffered from substantial errors in route level boarding levels when linked trips were determined by simply dividing the boarding factor by one plus the number of transfers. For example, in systems with both local bus and urban rail routes, the survey typically displayed significant differences in how many local bus riders indicated that they had transferred to/from urban rail compared to the same statistic measured from those who were interviewed on an urban rail route. Difficult decisions had to be made regarding what was the actual value of such transfers.

The advent of the personal interview, coupled with tablet technology, and more effective management of surveyors has eliminated this problem. The decomposition analysis examines each record and the recorded sequence of routes and tabulates boardings for each route using this information. After all records have been examined, total boardings by route are summarized and compared with the observed level of boardings. The result of this analysis will help to determine the level of correlation between observed and estimated boardings by route.

The decomposition analysis below and on the following page shows the summed link factors for the routes for which the survey was conducted along with the summed linked weight factors for those same routes that was captured in transfer information for both previous transfers and transfers that would occur after the rider alighted the route they were being surveyed on. The table below and on the following page shows that the overall results for the onboard survey do a very good job of representing the system as a whole. The services that deviate the farthest from the summed linked factors compared to the APC/Farebox data counts are the services that are expected to deviate the most as they contain low volume ridership routes (Sun Shuttle and Sun Tran Express Buses (XB). The higher volume Sun Link and Sun Tran Local Buses (LB) once summed are extremely close to the overall ridership as seen in the table below:

	ROUTE	FROM	то	TOTAL			
	SURVEYED	TRANSFERS	TRANSFERS	LINKED	RIDERSHIP	ABS_DIFF	PCT_DIFF
SUN LINK	3046	105	134	3285	3290	-5	-0.1%
SUN SHUTTLE	401	109	130	639	534	105	19.6%
SUN TRAN LB	43834	6916	6730	57480	57645	-165	-0.3%
SUN TRAN XB	742	37	51	829	775	54	7.0%

This is an excellent outcome for this type of analysis. The table showing the decomposition analysis for each route is on the following page.

			Linked	Trips				
						APC/FARE		
		ROUTE	FROM	то	TOTAL	BOX	ABSOLUTE	PERCENT
ROUTE	Transit Mode	SURVEYED	TRANSFERS	TRANSFERS	LINKED	RIDERSHIP	DIFF	DIFF
SUNLINK	SUN LINK	3046	105	134	3285	3290	-5	-0.1%
GRNDAR	SUN SHUTTLE	9	0	0	10	10	0	-2.5%
ORODAR	SUN SHUTTLE	49	5	0	54	49	5	10.8%
SUN401	SUN SHUTTLE	29	7	3	40	51	-11	-21.5%
SUN410	SUN SHUTTLE	19	0	3	22	27	-4	-16.3%
SUN411	SUN SHUTTLE	12	9	11	32	13	18	136.5%
SUN412	SUN SHUTTLE	39	30	47	117	58	59	101.6%
SUN413	SUN SHUTTLE	27	8	29	64	49	15	30.7%
SUN421	SUN SHUTTLE	61	16	2	79	78	1	0.8%
SUN430	SUN SHUTTLE	42	12	21	75	55	20	36.4%
SUN440	SUN SHUTTLE	84	7	7	97	105	-8	-7.3%
SUN450	SUN SHUTTLE	28	14	7	50	40	10	24.4%
SUN1	SUN TRAN LB	1363	159	163	1686	1640	46	2.8%
SUN10	SUN TRAN LB	823	189	98	1110	1186	-76	-6.4%
SUN11	SUN TRAN LB	3262	450	376	4089	4020	69	1.7%
SUN12	SUN TRAN LB	1176	237	214	1627	1950	-323	-16.5%
SUN15	SUN TRAN LB	956	158	136	1250	1271	-20	-1.6%
SUN16	SUN TRAN LB	3396	641	570	4606	4504	102	2.3%
SUN17	SUN TRAN LB	2523	244	263	3031	3168	-138	-4.3%
SUN18	SUN TRAN LB	2883	593	523	3998	4326	-328	-7.6%
SUN19	SUN TRAN LB	1095	170	144	1409	1486	-77	-5.2%
SUN2	SUN TRAN LB	808	134	89	1031	1101	-69	-6.3%
SUN20	SUN TRAN LB	287	30	60	377	368	9	2.5%
SUN21	SUN TRAN LB	337	86	83	506	565	-59	-10.5%
SUN22	SUN TRAN LB	387	63	63	514	589	-76	-12.8%
SUN23	SUN TRAN LB	859	175	199	1234	1369	-135	-9.9%
SUN24	SUN TRAN LB	405	77	114	595	645	-50	-7.7%
SUN25	SUN TRAN LB	1303	284	236	1823	1658	166	10.0%
SUN26	SUN TRAN LB	687	109	136	933	918	15	1.6%
SUN27	SUN TRAN LB	862	176	248	1286	1188	97	8.2%
SUN29	SUN TRAN LB	1208	160	219	1586	1417	169	12.0%
SUN3	SUN TRAN LB	2590	466	352	3408	3095	313	10.1%
SUN34	SUN TRAN LB	1565	170	188	1923	2039	-116	-5.7%
SUN37	SUN TRAN LB	555	82	111	747	728	19	2.6%
SUN4	SUN TRAN LB	3808	411	491	4711	4776	-65	-1.4%
SUN5	SUN TRAN LB	787	62	124	972	950	22	2.3%
SUN50	SUN TRAN LB	260	44	49	352	382	-30	-7.8%
SUN6	SUN TRAN LB	1686	317	232	2235	2057	178	8.7%
SUN61	SUN TRAN LB	318	47	74	439	418	20	4.9%
SUN7	SUN TRAN LB	2103	262	334	2698	2709	-11	-0.4%
SUN8	SUN TRAN LB	3837	700	567	5104	4960	144	2.9%
SUN9	SUN TRAN LB	1706	223	272	2200	2161	40	1.8%
	SUN TRAN XB	82	0	0	82	87	-5	-5.5%
	SUN TRAN XB	65	0	0	65	69	-4	-5.3%
	SUN TRAN XB	57	0	3	60	57	3	5.5%
	SUN TRAN XB	51	6	4	61	57	5	8.2%
	SUN TRAN XB	60	5	10	75	60	14	23.9%
	SUN TRAN XB	59	0	0	59	64	-5	-7.9%
	SUN TRAN XB	54	0	13	68	54	13	24.6%
	SUN TRAN XB	52	3	4	59	56	3	6.1%
	SUN TRAN XB	67	0	0	67	71	-4	-5.8%
	SUN TRAN XB	33	4	0	37	36	1	2.6%
	SUN TRAN XB	76	3	0	79	76	3	3.9%
	SUN TRAN XB	56	1	11	67	56	11	20.2%
SUN312X	SUN TRAN XB	28	15	6	49	32	17	54.4%

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Service and Fare Equity Questionnaire Checklist
Considerations for a Service Equity Analysis
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### **APPENDIX K**

SERVICE AND FARE EQUITY ANALYSIS QUESTIONNAIRE CHECKLIST (REQUIREMENT FOR TRANSIT PROVIDERS THAT OPERATE 50 OR MORE FIXED ROUTE VEHICLES IN PEAK SERVICE AND ARE LOCATED IN URBANIZED AREAS (UZA) OF 200,000 OR MORE PEOPLE, OR THAT OTHERWISE MEET THE THRESHOLD DEFINED IN CHAPTER IV)

#### **Background**

Transit providers that operate 50 or more fixed route vehicles in peak service and are located in urbanized areas (UZA) of 200,000 or more people, or that otherwise meet the threshold defined in Chapter IV, must conduct a Title VI equity analysis whenever they plan a fare change and/or a major service change. Equity analyses are required regardless of whether proposed changes would cause positive or negative impacts to riders. In other words, transit providers must conduct an equity analysis for all fare changes and for major service reductions and major service expansions. Financial exigencies and other special circumstances (e.g., economic hardships, size of transit provider's service area or staff) do not exempt transit providers from the requirement to conduct equity analyses.

*The checklist below is provided for the purposes of guidance only.* 

### Service and Fare Equity Questionnaire Checklist

### (1) Considerations for Service Equity Analysis

<b>A.</b>	Major	Service	Change I	Policy
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We have briefly and clearly stated our Major Service Change Policy.
We have briefly and clearly explained how this particular service change meets or exceeds our Major Service Change Policy.
Our Major Service Change Policy is presented as a numerical standard, applies to both service reductions and service increases, and is not set so high as to never require an analysis.
We have included a description of the public engagement process for setting the major service change policy.
We have included a copy of board meeting minutes or a resolution demonstrating the board's or governing entity or official(s)'s consideration, awareness, and approval of the major service change policy.

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B. Adverse E	Effects
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We have defined and analyzed adverse effects related to major service changes, paying
attention to the fact that elimination of a route will likely have a greater adverse effect
that a reduced frequency (headway change) in service. We have analyzed service
between the existing and proposed service, and have considered the degree of the adverse effects when planning service changes.

# C. Disparate Impact Policy

We have briefly and clearly stated our policy to determine when a "disparate impact" occurs in the context of major service changes, including both service reductions and/or expansions. In particular, our agency has established a threshold for determining whether adverse effects are borne disproportionately by minority populations.
Our agency applies the disparate impact policy uniformly to all major service changes, regardless of mode.
Our policy describes how we engaged the public in developing our policy for measuring disparate impacts.
We have included a copy of board meeting minutes or a resolution demonstrating the board's or governing entity or official(s)'s consideration, awareness, and approval of the disparate impact policy.

## D. Disproportionate Burden Policy

We have briefly and clearly stated our policy to determine when a disproportionate burden occurs in the context of major service changes. In particular, our agency has established a threshold for determining whether adverse effects are borne disproportionately by low-income populations.
Our agency applies the disparate impact policy uniformly to all major service changes, regardless of mode
Our policy describes how we engaged the public in developing the disproportionate burden policy.

☐ We have included a copy of board meeting minutes or a resolution demonstrating the board's or governing entity or official(s)'s consideration, awareness, and approval of the disproportionate burden policy.

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# E. Analysis Framework

		We have described the dataset(s) used in the analysis and provided the reason for the dataset(s) selected, as well as the techniques and/or technologies used to collect the data.
		If using general population for the comparison population, we have described the geographic level (e.g., Census block, Census block group, TAZ, etc.) at which we have measured minority and low-income concentrations.
		If using ridership as the comparison population, we have described how we determined the minority and low-income ridership of affected routes and the system as a whole.
F.	Ass	sessing Impacts
		We have shown how the proposed major service changes would impact minority and low-income populations at the geographic level by including the following:
		<ul> <li>Overlay maps showing proposed service changes as well as demographic data in order to study the affected population</li> </ul>
		O <b>Tables</b> showing impacts associated with each type of route or service change (e.g., routing, frequency, span of service, addition or elimination of routes).
		We have used our adverse effects definition and our disparate impact policy and compared the proportion of minorities adversely affected to the proportion of non-minorities adversely affected.
		We have provided a step-by-step description of the analytical methodology we followed to determine whether the proposed change(s) would have a disparate impact on minority populations.
		We have identified whether minority populations will experience disparate impacts.
		If we have determined that a disparate impact exists, we have considered modifying our proposal to remove these impacts. If we modified our proposal, we have analyzed the modified proposal to determine whether minority populations will experience disparate impacts.
		If we have determined that a disparate impact exists and we will make the service changes despite these impacts, we have also:
		<ul> <li>Clearly demonstrated that we have a substantial legitimate justification for the proposed service changes; and</li> </ul>

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<ul> <li>Clearly demonstrated that we analyzed alternatives to determine whether the proposed service changes are the least discriminatory alternative.</li> </ul>			
We have used our adverse effects definition and our disproportionate burden policy and compared the proportion of low-income persons adversely affected to the proportion of non-low-income persons adversely affected.			
We have provided a step-by-step description of the analytical methodology we followed to determine whether the proposed change(s) would have a disproportionate burden on low-income populations.			
We have identified whether low-income populations will experience disproportionate burdens.			
If we have determined that a disproportionate burden exists, we have also taken steps to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts where practicable. We have also described alternatives available to low-income passengers affected by the service changes.			
Note: Alternatives could include the availability of other lines or services, potentially involving transfers and/or other modes, which connect affected riders with destinations that they commonly access. Depending on the nature of impacts, service-related mitigation could include strategies such as alignment or frequency changes to nearby lines or services to offer more convenient access to affected areas.			
If we are proposing a service improvement, we have analyzed accrual of benefits for minority populations as compared to non-minority populations, and low-income populations as compared to non-low-income populations, using the comparison population we selected (i.e., ridership or service area).			
If service is proposed to be increased and/or expanded, but minority and/or low-income populations are not expected to benefit from the expansion as much as non-minority and/or non-low-income populations, then we have explained how our agency plans to improve service to the minority and/or low-income populations.			
We have described any plans our agency has developed to restore service as additional funds become available.			