

Sun Tran Facts

- Sun Tran was established in 1975. A contest was held and the winning name was selected from entries submitted by members of the community.
- Currently Sun Tran has more than 185 buses in its fleet.
- Each bus is 40 feet long, 10 feet high and just under 9 feet wide.
- A bus weighs 35,000 pounds and seats up to 40 passengers.
- Sun Tran was named America's Best Transit System for 2005 and 1988, as well as Arizona's Best Transit System for 2012 and 2004. Sun Tran Marketing took home the 2022 Tucson American Advertising Award for best Integrated Advertising Campaign.
- Sun Tran buses travel more than 28,000 miles each day.
- Sun Tran has more than 2,200 bus stops.
- Sun Tran has more than 600 employees.
- Every bus is equipped with a bike rack that can carry up to three bicycles.
- Sun Tran ranked 27 out of 73 transit systems where the population is greater than 250,000.
- Over 99,000 jobs are accessible within a 30 minute transit commute on average for households.
- Over 209,200 jobs are located within a 1/2 mile of transit.

Decreasing Traffic Congestion & Air Pollution

- If all Americans who currently ride the bus decided to drive, their cars would circle the globe with a line of traffic 23,000 miles long.
- Each Tucsonan traveling during peak hours wastes, on average, 42 hours a year – more than five full working days – in congestion.
- Approximately 60 percent of Pima County's air pollution is caused by motor vehicle usage.
- 100 percent of Sun Tran's fleet utilizes cleaner-burning fuels such as bio-diesel and compressed natural gas.
- Each year, public transportation use saves the U.S. the equivalent of 4.2 billion gallons of gasoline.
- In 2008, more than 10 billion trips were taken on public transportation, the highest in 50 years.
- Public transportation saves 37 million metric tons of carbon dioxide annually.

Saving You Money

- Individuals that use public transportation save more than \$9,000 every year.
- The average household spends 18 cents of every dollar on transportation, 94 percent of which is for buying, maintaining and operating cars.
- Traffic congestion costs Americans \$63.1 billion a year.
- The Federal Transit Administration reports that the 80 million Americans who live in transit-intensive metropolitan areas save an estimated \$20 billion in auto expenses each year.

Giving You Independence & Safety

- 83 percent of older Americans say that public transit provides easy access to the things they need in everyday life.
- Public transportation is a vital link for the more than 51 million Americans with disabilities.
- 37 million individuals living at or below the poverty line often rely on public transportation because they are unable to afford their own vehicle.
- 10 million Americans use public transportation to get to work every day, with even more using transit on a less frequent basis.
- 100 percent of Sun Tran's buses are equipped with ramps.
- Riding the bus is 170 times safer than traveling by car.

Sources: [Transit Fact Book](#), American Public Transit Association.
Pima County Department of Environmental Quality.
AllTransit Metrics, the Center for Neighborhood Technology.