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Citizen Petition Regarding Public Transit Department to be entered on July 2, 2025 meeting

Good morning,

Below is the text that I will read into the record regarding a citizen petition for the Public Transit Department that I wish the Phoenix City Council can hear it.

Citizen Petition Return of Late Night Service for the City of Phoenix  
Ismael G. Morales

Please enter your questions, comments, or requests in the box below::

Per Chapter IV, Section 22 of the Phoenix City Charter, I, Ismael G. Morales, am presenting a citizen petition regarding return of Late Night Bus Service on City of Phoenix Bus Routes.

Whereas, during the Policy Session on April 23, 2020, on the vote of 9-0, the Phoenix City Council adopted a staff report from the Public Transit Department to curtail bus service past 11pm in the City of Phoenix, citing reduced ridership during COVID-19 emergency.

Whereas, ridership has grown, from Fiscal Year 2023 to Fiscal Year 2024, there was a 5.5% increase in boardings in the city of Phoenix, coming from Valley Metro numbers. To start, one can justify late night service in key routes, such as Routes 3, 7, 8, 10, 16, 17, 19, 27, 29, 35, 41, and 50 to name a few routes that service the city core. The light rail can have some late night service as well, but it does have some late

night service already in it.

Whereas, currently, service ends at 11pm for the entire city, Monday through Sunday.

Whereas, service before 2020 would end at 2am on Fridays and Saturdays.

Whereas, we are now the 5th largest city in the United States. Thus, a return of partial late night service can enhance nightlife opportunities to enjoy our Downtown, and other cultural areas of the city. This can come with benefits with those that work late nights as well.

Whereas, there have been numerous studies that have shown that having late night public transit services can reduce drunk driving accidents, or instances of DUI violations.

Therefore, I petition to the Phoenix City Council to do the following:

1. Have the Public Transit Department draft a report on whether late night public transit can return on certain routes, on Friday and Saturday Night, including budget impacts, and conversations with bargaining units that can be affected.
2. Hold public hearings regarding return of late night public transit services in the City of Phoenix, as how the City Council sees fit.
3. Draft an ordinance or report on returning partial late night services on Fridays and Saturdays on routes that the Public Transit Department or City Council sees fit.

I do look for this petition being heard at the next City Council Meeting, which I know will occur after summer break.

Thank you very much for hearing this petition.

Thanks again.