



## **Draft State Management Plan**

**Public Commenting Period**  
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## Draft State Management Plan, Public Comments

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) released the draft State Management Plan for public review and comment November 5 - 30, 2024.

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Updates to the 2024 edition of the State Management Plan include:

- Updates in accordance with new programs
- New section on the use of emergency funding
- New information regarding the use of Consolidated Planning Grants for Transit Planning funding

### 1.1. Title VI Accommodations

The public outreach effort was conducted in compliance with the Title VI Environmental Justice guidelines approved for the project in the ADOT Public Involvement Plan, on record with ADOT Communications.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENTING PERIOD

ADOT held a public commenting period on the draft plan November 5-30, 2024. A total of two (2) questions and comments were received from the public during the commenting period. All questions and comments received, as well as the responses, were recorded and included in Appendix C – Public Comments.

Public comments were accepted through an online survey, email, phone and mail.

### 2.1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NOTIFICATIONS

#### 2.1.1. Project Website

ADOT hosts a study website which was updated prior to the public commenting period. The website provided an overview of the draft plan and details on how to ask questions or make comments. The webpage is <https://azdot.gov/notice-public-comment-2024-state-management-plan-draft>.

#### 2.1.2. GovDelivery

Information on the public comment period was distributed by ADOT Community Relations Staff on Nov. 5, 2024, via a GovDelivery notice. The GovDelivery notice was sent to approximately 18,200 email subscribers of Five Year Program, Long Range Transportation Plan Update, and Research Center subscription lists.

A copy of the GovDelivery can be found in *Appendix A*.

A copy of the GovDelivery delivery report can be found in *Appendix B*

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This section summarizes the comments received during the public-comment period from November 5-30, 2024. Comments could be submitted through the online comment form, mail, telephone and email. A total of two (2) comments and questions were received through the following methods:

- Online comment form: 2
- Project information telephone line: 0
- Email: 0
- Mail: 0

The public comments and questions and responses are included in *Appendix C*.


#### **3.1. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Comments and questions received during the public comment period included the following topics:

- Concerns regarding buses and the homeless population
- Question about funding for transit systems in smaller counties

Appendix A





## ADOT releases draft plan for managing federal public transit programs

*Public input welcomed on draft plan*

ADOT has released the draft of the [State Management Plan](#) for federal public transit programs for public review and comment.

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The public can provide comments on the draft plan through Nov. 30 in any of the following ways:

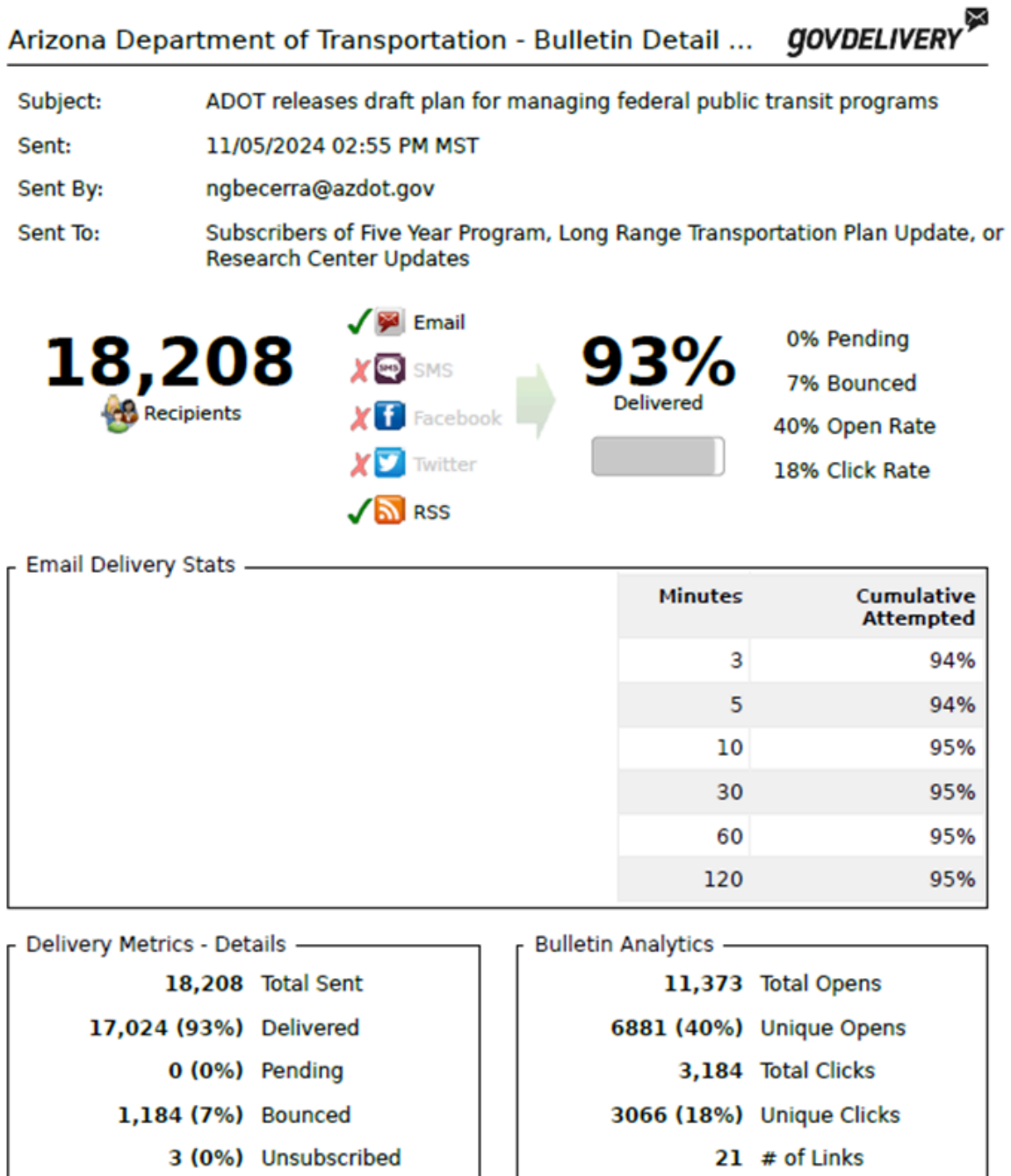
- Comment form: [linked here](#)
- Email: [TransitGroup@azdot.gov](mailto:TransitGroup@azdot.gov)
- Phone: 480.482.8390
- Mail: Nancy Becerra, ADOT Communications, 1655 W. Jackson St., MD 126F, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Following the public comment period, ADOT will review and address public comments and submit the final plan to FTA for its review and approval. The Arizona Draft State Management Plan is available for the public's review on the Transit Programs and Grants webpage at <https://azdot.gov/planning/transit-programs-and-grants>.

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Appendix B



## Delivery and performance

*These figures represent all data since the bulletin was first sent to present time.*

	Progress	% Delivered	Recipients	# Delivered	Opened Unique	Bounced/Failed	Unsubscribes
<b>Email Bulletin</b>	Delivered	92.8%	16,371	15,187	6224 / 41.0%	1,184	3
<b>Digest</b>	n/a	n/a	1,837	1837	657 / 35.8%	0	0
<b>SMS Message</b>	Delivered	0.0%	0	0	n/a	0	n/a

Link URL	Unique Clicks	Total Clicks
<a href="https://azdot.gov/sites/default/files/2024-10/State-Manageme...">https://azdot.gov/sites/default/files/2024-10/State-Manageme...</a>	606	645
<a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1koumkWimHw7sftO1D0jAd...">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1koumkWimHw7sftO1D0jAd...</a>	424	456
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/azdot">https://www.facebook.com/azdot</a>	389	398
<a href="https://twitter.com/ArizonaDOT">https://twitter.com/ArizonaDOT</a>	387	396
<a href="https://www.flickr.com/ArizonaDOT">https://www.flickr.com/ArizonaDOT</a>	386	393
<a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/ArizonaDOT">https://www.youtube.com/user/ArizonaDOT</a>	385	392
<a href="https://subscriberhelp.govdelivery.com/">https://subscriberhelp.govdelivery.com/</a>	384	391
<a href="https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/AZDOT/bulletins/3...">https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/AZDOT/bulletins/3...</a>	38	44
<a href="https://azdot.gov/planning/transit-programs-and-grants">https://azdot.gov/planning/transit-programs-and-grants</a>	35	37
<a href="https://azdot.gov/planning/airport-development/airport-devel...">https://azdot.gov/planning/airport-development/airport-devel...</a>	16	16
<a href="https://azdot.gov/business/civil-rights/ada-derechos-civilesada">https://azdot.gov/business/civil-rights/ada-derechos-civilesada</a>	7	15
<a href="https://az511.gov/about/mobileapp">https://az511.gov/about/mobileapp</a>	10	11
<a href="https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/AZDOT/subscriber/n...">https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/AZDOT/subscriber/n...</a>	8	8
<a href="https://subscriberhelp.granicus.com/">https://subscriberhelp.granicus.com/</a>	7	7
<a href="https://www.azdot.gov/">https://www.azdot.gov/</a>	5	6
<a href="https://www.azdot.gov/media/blog">https://www.azdot.gov/media/blog</a>	4	5
<a href="https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/AZDOT/subscriber/o...">https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/AZDOT/subscriber/o...</a>	3	3
<a href="https://www.azdot.gov/adotalerts/">https://www.azdot.gov/adotalerts/</a>	0	0
<a href="https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/AZDOT/bulletins/3...">https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/AZDOT/bulletins/3...</a>	0	0



Appendix C

**Draft State Management Plan- Public Inquiries and Responses Log**

Date	Comment/Question	Response	Zip Code
11/5/2024	How will money be distributed to smaller counties like Yavapai county? Will there be any for our transit system?	<p>Thank you for completing the draft State Management Plan comment form. Your comments are important to us and have been shared with the appropriate members of our team.</p> <p>Transit funding is distributed by application as outlined in the State Management Plan. Currently ADOT funds two rural public transit systems in Yavapai County: City of Cottonwood and Yavapai Regional Transit. YavaLine Regional Transit is an urban public transit program and not eligible to receive funding from ADOT. YavaLine is proportioned funding annually by the Federal Transit Administration.</p>	86301
11/5/2024	Please get smaller buses and remove the homeless from the bus stops. Switch the benches for chairs separated by a hand rail.	<p>Thank you for completing the draft State Management Plan comment form. Your comments are important to us and will be shared with the appropriate members of our team. We will share more information on the State Management Plan as it becomes available.</p>	85260