

WMAT DOT NEWS

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE
DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings! My name is LaReesa Sanchez. I am the Director for the Division of Transportation. I am excited to reintroduce our monthly newsletter, to keep our community informed and up to date with our Transportation Department. I was appointed by the Tribal Council on January 29, 2023. It has been an amazing year working with such a great team to help accomplish our projects that were started by former Transportation Director, Tara Chief.

I am proud to announce that we still have our five programs: Transportation Planning, Fort Apache Connection, Road Maintenance, Airport Facilities, and Transportation Safety. I have been with the Division of Transportation since December of 2016 as an Administrative Assistant.

My goal is to accomplish all current projects and begin new projects. Also, to expand our team to provide more job opportunities and provide the best services we can for the White Mountain Apache Tribe. I'd also like to acknowledge my amazing team listed in the following page and in the upcoming newsletters and thank them for their excellent work.

MEET THE WMAT DOT OFFICE STAFF



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FORT APACHE CONNECTION



INFORMATION & SERVICES

- The FAC Transit currently operates three bus routes;
 - Route 1,
 - Route 2 and,
 - Route 3
- The FAC Transit has a seasonal connector route with San Carlos Apache Tribe to meet at Seneca.
- The FAC Transit will pick up and drop off passengers at designated bus stop locations from Monday to Friday.
- The FAC Transit will deviate off the three routes, UP TO 3/4 of a mile Monday to Friday. Must call ahead of scheduled time.
- You can connect with the Four Seasons Connection at Hon-Dah Store. All transit buses are wheelchair accessible and operated in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS** are allowed on the transit bus. If you are intoxicated you will be denied a ride.

FORT APACHE CONNECTION



HOURS & HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- Transit Service Hours:
 - Monday to Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Transit does not run on the following holidays:
 - New Year's Day
 - Memorial Day
 - Independence Day
 - Labor Day
 - Veteran's Day
 - Thanksgiving
 - Christmas
 - Any days the White Mountain Apache Tribe deems a Tribal Holiday

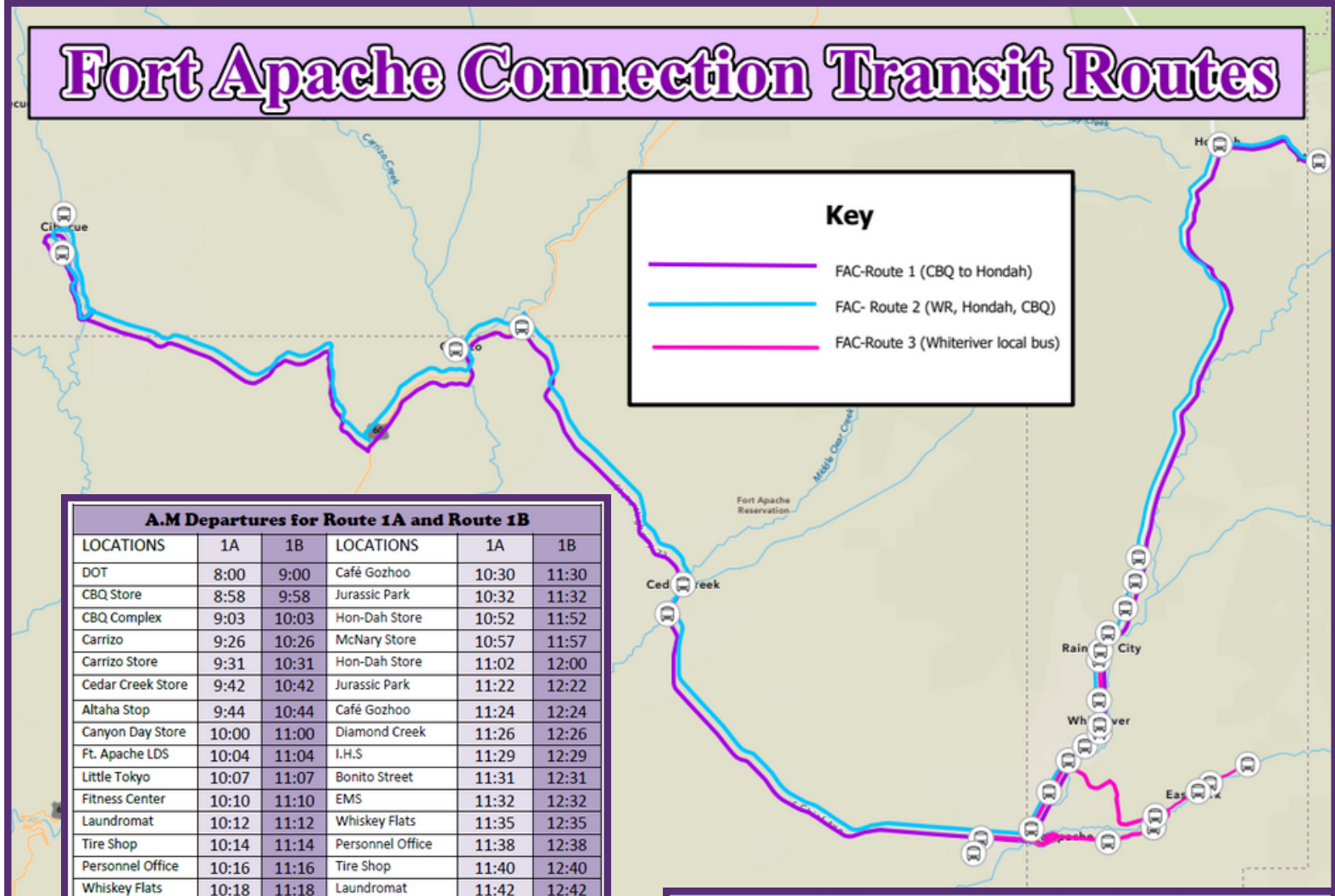
ANNOUNCEMENT

Times listed on the schedule are arrival times and vary due to connecting with other transit buses, traffic, weather conditions and bus stops.

AM times are shown in LIGHT face type. PM times are shown in **BOLD** face type.

FORT APACHE CONNECTION

Fort Apache Connection Transit Routes



Key

- FAC-Route 1 (CBQ to Hondah)
- FAC-Route 2 (WR, Hondah, CBQ)
- FAC-Route 3 (Whiteriver local bus)

A.M Departures for Route 1A and Route 1B					
LOCATIONS	1A	1B	LOCATIONS	1A	1B
DOT	8:00	9:00	Café Gozhoo	10:30	11:30
CBQ Store	8:58	9:58	Jurassic Park	10:32	11:32
CBQ Complex	9:03	10:03	Hon-Dah Store	10:52	11:52
Carrizo	9:26	10:26	McNary Store	10:57	11:57
Carrizo Store	9:31	10:31	Hon-Dah Store	11:02	12:00
Cedar Creek Store	9:42	10:42	Jurassic Park	11:22	12:22
Altaha Stop	9:44	10:44	Café Gozhoo	11:24	12:24
Canyon Day Store	10:00	11:00	Diamond Creek	11:26	12:26
Ft. Apache LDS	10:04	11:04	I.H.S	11:29	12:29
Little Tokyo	10:07	11:07	Bonito Street	11:31	12:31
Fitness Center	10:10	11:10	EMS	11:32	12:32
Laundromat	10:12	11:12	Whiskey Flats	11:35	12:35
Tire Shop	10:14	11:14	Personnel Office	11:38	12:38
Personnel Office	10:16	11:16	Tire Shop	11:40	12:40
Whiskey Flats	10:18	11:18	Laundromat	11:42	12:42
EMS	10:21	11:21	Fitness Center	11:44	12:44
Bonito Street	10:23	11:23	Little Tokyo	11:47	12:47
I.H.S	10:25	11:25	Ft. Apache LDS	11:50	12:50
Diamond Creek	10:28	11:28	Canyon Day Store	11:54	12:54

P.M Departures for Route 1A and Route 1B					
LOCATIONS	1A	1B	LOCATIONS	1A	1B
Canyon Day Store	1:05	2:05	CBQ Complex	2:07	3:07
Altaha Stop	1:20	2:20	Carrizo	2:33	3:33
CedarCreek Store	1:22	2:22	Carrizo Store	2:37	3:37
Carrizo Store	1:33	2:33	Cedar Creek Store	2:48	3:48
Carrizo	1:38	2:38	Altaha Stop	2:50	3:50
CBQ Store	2:02	3:02	Canyon Day Store	3:06	4:06

A.M Departures for Route 2A and Route 2B								
LOCATIONS	2A	2B	LOCATIONS	2A	2B	LOCATIONS	2A	2B
DOT	8:00	9:00	Hon-Dah Store	9:02	10:02	Carrizo Store	10:17	11:17
Canyon Day Store	8:04	9:04	Jurassic Park	9:19	10:19	Carrizo	10:22	11:22
Ft. Apache LDS	8:07	9:07	Café Gozhoo	9:21	10:21	CBQ Store	10:51	11:51
Little Tokyo	8:10	9:10	Diamond Creek	9:23	10:23	CBQ Complex	10:55	11:55
Fitness Center	8:13	9:13	I.H.S	9:26	10:26	Carrizo	11:26	12:26
Laundromat	8:15	9:15	Bonito Street	9:29	10:29	Carrizo Store	11:31	12:31
Tire Shop	8:17	9:17	EMS	9:30	10:30	Cedar Creek Store	11:42	12:42
Personnel Office	8:19	9:19	Whiskey Flats	9:32	10:32	Altaha Stop	11:44	12:44
Whiskey Flats	8:21	9:21	Personnel Office	9:35	10:35	Canyon Day Store	12:01	1:01
EMS	8:23	9:23	Tire Shop	9:36	10:36			
Bonito Street	8:24	9:24	Laundromat	9:38	10:38			
I.H.S	8:26	9:26	Fitness Center	9:40	10:40			
Diamond Creek	8:29	9:29	Little Tokyo	9:43	10:43			
Café Gozhoo	8:32	9:32	Ft. Apache LDS	9:45	10:45			
Jurassic Park	8:34	9:34	Canyon Day Store	9:48	10:48			
Hon-Dah Store	8:51	9:51	Altaha Stop	10:04	11:04			
McNary Store	8:56	9:56	Cedar Creek Store	10:06	11:06			

P.M Departures for Route 2A and Route 2B								
LOCATIONS	2A	2B	LOCATIONS	2A	2B	LOCATIONS	2A	2B
Canyon Day Store	1:05	2:05	Diamond Creek	1:34	2:33	EMS	2:40	3:40
Ft. Apache LDS	1:08	2:08	Café Gozhoo	1:37	2:37	Whiskey Flats	2:43	3:43
Little Tokyo	1:13	2:13	Jurassic Park	1:40	2:40	Personnel Office	2:45	3:45
Fitness Center	1:16	2:16	Hon-Dah Store	1:58	2:58	Tire Shop	2:47	3:47
Laundromat	1:18	2:16	McNary Store	2:03	3:03	Laundromat	2:49	3:49
Tire Shop	1:21	2:21	Hon-Dah Store	2:08	3:08	Fitness Center	2:51	3:51
Personnel Office	1:23	2:23	Jurassic Park	2:26	3:26	Little Tokyo	2:54	3:54
Whiskey Flats	1:25	2:25	Café Gozhoo	2:29	3:29	Ft. Apache LDS	2:57	3:57
EMS	1:28	2:28	Diamond Creek	2:32	3:32	Canyon Day Store	3:01	4:01
Bonito Street	1:30	2:30	I.H.S	2:36	3:36			
I.H.S	1:32	2:32	Bonito Street	2:39	3:39			

A.M Departures for Route 3(R3)					P.M Departures	
LOCATIONS	R3	R3	R3	R3	R3	R3
DOT	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	1:00	2:00
Seven Mile Store	8:05	9:05	10:05	11:05	1:05	2:05
East Fork Bus Stop	8:09	9:09	10:09	11:09	1:09	2:09
EF Bus Turn Around	8:13	9:13	10:13	11:13	1:13	2:13
McNeil Lane	8:16	9:16	10:16	11:16	1:16	2:16
Dove Street	8:19	9:19	10:19	11:19	1:19	2:19
EF Trading Post	8:24	9:24	10:24	11:24	1:24	2:24
Fitness Center	8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	1:30	2:30
Personnel Office	8:34	9:34	10:34	11:34	1:34	2:34
I.H.S	8:39	9:39	10:39	11:39	1:39	2:39
Personnel Office	8:44	9:44	10:44	11:44	1:44	2:44
Fitness Center	8:48	9:48	10:48	11:48	1:48	2:48
CD West Street	8:55	9:55	10:55	11:55	1:55	2:55
Canyon Day Store	8:57	9:57	10:57	11:57	1:57	2:57

WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

SNOW AND ICE MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE ROADWAYS DURING OR AFTER WINTER STORMS.

THE DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SNOW PLOWS WILL BEGIN THE PROCESS OF SNOW REMOVAL WHEN 4" - 6" OF SNOW ACCUMULATES ON THE ROADWAYS.



COMMUNITY TIPS:

- SLOW DOWN
- BE PATIENT
- ONLY DRIVE WHEN NECESSARY
- ALLOW MORE TRAVEL TIME DURING OR FOLLOWING A SNOWSTORM
- DRIVE AT LEAST 50 FEET BEHIND SNOWPLOWS AND CINDER TRUCKS

FRIENDLY REMINDER:

- KEEP ROADWAYS CLEAR FOR SNOW PLOW TO REMOVE SNOW.
- NO TRASH BINS, BASKETBALL GOALS, VEHICLES, ETC (WMAT DOT IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGES)

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO HELP EVERYONE STAY SAFE DURING AND AFTER SNOW STORMS.



PROJECTS

CANYON DAY SOLAR LIGHTING

- Estimated Completion Date: March 2024
- Location: Canyon Day
 - Marigold Ave.
 - S West Street
 - S. 7th Street
 - S. East Street
 - Hastings Street
- Total # of miles: 2.5 miles
- Total Cost: \$1.5 million



LIGHT OF THE SUN - JAMIE BILLY

- Completed: October 2023
- Location: East Fork
- Including installation of FAC Transit Bus Stop
- Lights and poles donated by Light of the Sun Indigenous Women's Alliance

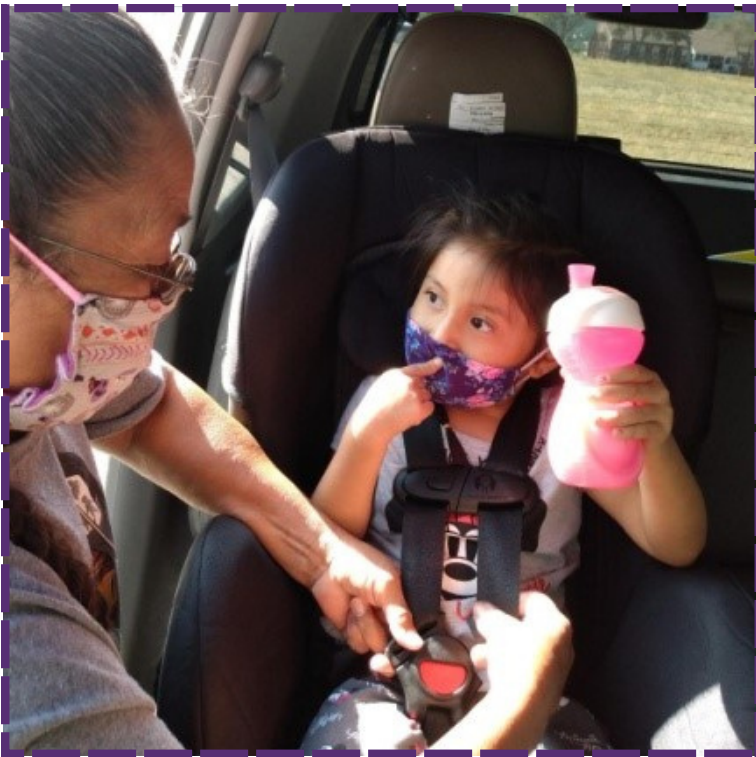


CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

LOCK IN THE FUTURE

Buckle Up: Every Age, Every Trip

The best way to protect children in the car is to put them in the right seat at the right time - and use it the right way.



It is crucial to our survival to have our future generations in a properly installed car seat.

Our car seat technicians are available for presentations as well as one-on-one appointments

Call a WMAT DOT Technician at
928.338.5155

Schedule an appointment today, it could save a life!

WMAT DOT FUNDING Q&A

HOW IS WMAT DOT FUNDED?

WMAT DOT receives its funding from the Highway Trust Fund. This funding is allocated to tribes, and then dispersed through the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, Office of Tribal Transportation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Funds are allocated among Tribes using a formula based on tribal population, road mileage and average tribal shares of the former Tribal Transportation Allocation Methodology (TTAM) formula

HOW CAN WMAT DOT USE THESE FUNDS?

All Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) funds provided to Tribes can be expended only on eligible projects and activities identified in the federal regulations and included in an FHWA approved Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Funds can be used for the following:

- Transportation planning, research, maintenance, engineering, rehabilitation, restoration, construction, and reconstruction of tribal transportation facilities
- Operation and maintenance of transit programs and facilities that are located on, or provide access to, tribal land, or are administered by a tribal government
- Any transportation project eligible for assistance under this title that is located within, or that provides access to, tribal land, or is associated with a tribal government

WMAT DOT prepares the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), a 5-year plan for improvements on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. Each project on the TIP is supported by tribal resolution. WMAT DOT submits the TIP to the BIA Division of Transportation (BIADOT) for review and approval. BIADOT reviews, approves, and forwards the TIP to FHWA Federal Lands Highway Office (FLHO) for approval. WMAT DOT can allocate TTP funds for its projects once the TIP is approved by FHWA.

WHAT IS THE TTP?

The Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) is the largest program in the Office of Federal Lands Highway. Established in 23 U.S.C. 202 to address the transportation needs of Tribal governments throughout the United States, the program will receive \$505 million in FY 2020, as established in Public Law 114-94, Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (the FAST Act). The purpose of the TTP is to provide safe and adequate transportation and public road access to and within Indian reservations, Indian lands, and Alaska Native Village communities. A prime objective of the TTP is to contribute to the economic development, self-determination, and employment of Indians and Native Americans. The Tribal Transportation Program is funded by contract authority from the Highway Trust Fund and is subject to the overall Federal-aid obligation limitation.



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