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RE: Senate Bill 1356, House Bill 2598, & Prop 400 Extension

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of AARP Arizona's nearly 900,000 members, we are reaching out to express our support of S.B. 1356/H.B. 2598 to extend the existing regional transportation sales tax in Maricopa County, typically referred to as the Prop. 400 extension.

We strongly believe that all Arizonans should have access to transportation choices to connect with their community and the services they need. As Arizona residents age and are less likely to be able to drive, it is essential that their communities provide alternative modes of transportation. Across the country, including in Arizona, AARP has supported initiatives to expand public transportation to make communities more accessible for individuals of all ages.

As you are likely aware, Maricopa County is the fastest growing county in the United States; therefore, it is crucial that the transportation system include a robust network of public transit related services to accommodate this growth in order to make the region more accessible for all residents. Accordingly, it is vital that updates to the transportation plan address gaps in the current system to ensure that it is both seamlessly integrated and easy-to-understand. Arizona's transportation plan should both enhance existing transportation options, while also planning ahead by funding new innovations in transportation.

As such, AARP Arizona supports S.B. 1356/H.B. 2598 and encourages your support of this legislation, as well. If you have any questions, please reach out to AARP Arizona's Director of Advocacy, Brendon Blake, at 602-245-8801 or bblake@aarp.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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