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WeRIDE Surprise extends free ride period; Kids 13+ can ride for the summer!

Surprise, AZ (May 25, 2023) – Summertime is the perfect time to try the new WeRIDE Surprise microtransit program. The rideshare program is still growing its ridership, and the City wants to provide even more residents and visitors the opportunity to take advantage of the program by extending free rides for all riders through August 31!

This summer, younger riders can also enjoy using WeRIDE to get around places like the movie theater or shopping and entertainment venues like Prasada. Starting May 30 and running through September 1, the minimum age to ride will temporarily drop to 13 years or older, allowing students and teens to take advantage of this transit program.

WeRIDE Surprise provides on-demand shared rides to our community within [a set service zone](#) and operates like popular, private, on-demand services. Trips can be booked through the WeRIDE app, available in the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play](#), as well as by phone at 623.777.4330 or at surpriseaz.gov/WeRIDE.

Unlike traditional public transit stops, WeRIDE uses virtual pick-up and drop-off locations that have been selected so riders in the service zone will only need to walk about 5-10 minutes or less to reach them. Virtual stops are located around neighborhoods at community mailboxes or parks, as well as shopping centers, medical facilities, recreational locations and community spaces. The service pairs multiple passengers heading in the same direction in a single vehicle that fits up to five passengers.

Starting September 1, the regular adult fare will be \$2 per ride. Seniors over 60, students with a school ID, veterans and persons with a disability pay a reduced fare of \$1 per ride. Children five-years-old and under ride free with a fare-paying passenger 16-years-old or older. Fares can be paid using the app with a credit/debit card or paid to the driver with exact cash, as no change can be given by the drivers.

This service is open to anyone needing to take a trip within the identified ride zone and is offered in addition to [Paratransit and RideChoice services](#) already available through Valley Metro for qualified seniors and persons with a disability.