

2.5.3 Intercity Bus and Rail Transportation

Intercity public bus transportation is supplemented by two bus operations within the Eastern Regional Framework Study Area.

Intercity Bus Transportation

Two agencies operate intercity bus services within the study area.

For regional service between the White Mountain and the Phoenix Metro areas, White Mountain Passenger Lines, Inc. operates a private shuttle. Trips commence at Show Low and end at the White Mountain Line Depot at the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport via Payson. The reverse trips mirrors the initial routing, except there is no stop at the Phoenix-Fast Track Airport Shuttle. Prices for the service vary depending on the start and end-points of the rider's trip. One-way fares range from \$12.00 for service between Show Low and Snowflake to \$50.00 for trips between Show Low and Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. Advance payment is required for reservations with the remaining seats assigned on a first come, first service basis.

For more extensive service, Greyhound Lines offers service to over 3,100 locations in the United States. Focusing on the Eastern Regional Study Area, Greyhound makes daily stops at several locations: Benson, Holbrook, Nogales (via Citizens Auto Stage Company), Willcox and Winslow.

Holbrook Station and Winslow Station are stops within the northern section of the region where westbound trips stop at Flagstaff. From this point riders may continue westbound travel toward Las Vegas passing through Kingman or proceed southbound to Phoenix. Eastbound travel from these stations proceeds toward Albuquerque.

There are two Greyhound stops in Cochise County – Benson Station and Willcox Station. The main westbound transfer point from these stops is located in Tucson. Riders may transfer to the Citizens Auto Stage Company line for trips to the Nogales Station or continue on to Phoenix. From these stations, riders may travel east toward El Paso by way of Las Cruces.

Intercity Rail Transportation

Amtrak is the sole provider of intercity passenger rail service within the study area. The publicly-funded service has two routes that travel through eastern Arizona.

One route travels through Benson in the southeastern sector of the state. The Sunset Limited passes through the southern states from New Orleans to Los Angeles via San Antonio. The Benson Station is also listed as a stop along the Texas Eagle line; however, riders from the Texas Eagle transfer to the Sunset Limited in San Antonio for service to Los Angeles. Amtrak stops at the Benson Station once a day, three times per week in each direction.

The Southwest Chief line provides service to Winslow on its Chicago-Albuquerque-Los Angeles route. One train, daily is available in each direction.

Table 2-22 – Intercity Transit Services

Operator	Intercity Routes (in study area)	Days of Operation	Service Frequency or Trips per Day
Intercity Bus Transportation			
Greyhound	Benson Station	Mon-Sat (Westbound)	8:00 am, 9:45 pm
		Sun (Westbound)	8:00 am, 8:45 pm
		Mon-Sat (Eastbound)	11:00 am, 9:45 pm
		Sun (Eastbound)	11:00 am, 8:45 pm
	Holbrook Station	Daily (Westbound)	6:40 am, 11:40 am, 9:45 pm
		Mon-Sat (Eastbound)	5:25 am, 3:30 pm, 11:10 pm
		Sun (Eastbound)	5:25 am, 2:30 pm, 10:10 pm
		Nogales Station	Mon-Sat (Northbound)
	Sun (Northbound)		8:05 am, 11:05 am, 3:35 pm, 5:45 pm
		Mon-Sat (Southbound)	12:10 am, 8:55 am, 4:10 pm, 8:20 pm
		Sun (Southbound)	12:10 am, 5:10 am, 12:25 pm, 2:45 pm, 9:10 pm
	Willcox Station	Mon-Sat (Westbound)	7:15 am, 9:00 pm
		Sun (Westbound)	7:15 am, 8:00 pm
		Mon-Sat (Eastbound)	12:35 pm, 10:30 pm
		Sun (Eastbound)	12:35 pm, 9:30 pm
	Winslow Station	Daily (Westbound)	7:25 am, 12:25 pm, 10:30 pm
		Mon-Sat (Eastbound)	2:45 pm, 10:25 pm
		Sun (Eastbound)	1:45 pm, 9:25 pm
White Mountain Passenger Lines, Inc.		Show Low to Phoenix Sky Harbor	Mon-Sat 8:00 am
	Phoenix Sky Harbor to Show Low	Mon-Sat 1:00 pm	
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Amtrak	Sunset Limited (New Orleans- San	TuThSat (Westbound)	10:26 pm
		MonThSat (Eastbound)	3:20 am
Amtrak	Southwest Chief (Chicago- Albuquerque- Los Angeles): Winslow Station	Daily	8:50 pm (WB)

SOURCES: www.amtrak.com 2008, www.greyhound.com 2008, www.wmlines.com 2008