

ROUTE 685 FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Ajo • Gila Bend • Buckeye • Avondale • Phoenix
Celebrating 5 Years of Transit Service
March 22 - 26, 2010

Join Us For Refreshments, Prizes, Entertainment and Free Rides All Week.

★ **Monday, 3/22 - Ajo**

In the Ajo Plaza, 1 - 3 p.m.
Featuring local band, *Priminition*

★ **Tuesday, 3/23 - Gila Bend**

Gila Bend Community Center Park, 1 - 3 p.m.
202 N. Euclid Ave., Gila Bend

★ **Wednesday, 3/24 - Buckeye**

Buckeye Community Center, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
201 E. Centre Ave., Buckeye
Featuring special guests and a tree planting ceremony

★ **Thursday, 3/25 - Avondale**

Estrella Mountain Community College, 1 - 3 p.m.
3000 N. Dysart Rd., Avondale

★ **Friday, 3/26 - Phoenix**

Maricopa Workforce Connections, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
1840 N. 95th Ave., Ste. 160, Phoenix

**For route and schedule information,
visit ValleyMetro.org or call 602.253.5000.**



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Route Facts

- Route 685 began operating on March 28, 2005 between Ajo and Phoenix with limited service.
- Today, it offers five weekday round-trips and two Saturday round-trips between Ajo and Phoenix.
- This is the longest Valley Metro bus route at 65-miles one way.
- Over 14,000 passengers traveled on the route in 2009.
- A flex-stop option allows passengers to choose their own pick-up and drop-off location up to 3/4 mile from the regular route, as time permits.
- Service is provided as an interagency partnership between the AZ Dept. of Transportation, Valley Metro RPTA, Maricopa County and Pima Assoc. of Governments.
- Funding is provided through the Federal Transit Administration (Sections 5311 & 5316), Proposition 400, AZ Dept. of Transportation and Pima Assoc. of Governments.
- Passengers depend on the route as a lifeline from rural Arizona communities to urban services.
- Popular destinations along the route include the Ajo Plaza, Gila Bend Comm. Center, Buckeye Comm. Center, Estrella Mountain Comm. College, Avondale Walmart, Palm Valley Medical Plaza, Banner Estrella Medical Center, West Valley Career Center and Desert Sky Mall.