



The Valley Metro Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) was created in 1985 with the passage of Proposition 300, a county-wide, 20-year half-cent sales tax for freeways, with a small portion going towards public transit and the RPTA. As a political subdivision of the state of Arizona, the RPTA core mandate is to plan, develop and operate a regional transit system in Maricopa County.

Defining Valley Metro:

In 1993, the name Valley Metro was adopted as the identity for the regional transit system in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Under the Valley Metro brand, local governments joined to fund the Valleywide transit system that citizens see on the streets today. Elected officials from local governments comprise the Valley Metro Regional Public Transportation Authority Board of Directors.

Valley Metro RPTA Board

The RPTA is overseen by a board of elected officials comprised of mayors, council members and a Maricopa County supervisor. These agencies can join the RPTA by resolution of their governing bodies. As a requirement of membership on the Valley Metro Board of Directors, each municipality must spend a defined percentage of its Local Transportation Assistance Funds (LTAF) from the Arizona Lottery on public transportation. Membership is open to all municipalities in Maricopa County and to the county government.

Proposition 400 Passes: A New Era for the RPTA

Though the RPTA's core mandate has not changed since its inception in 1985, the agency's mission was reaffirmed with the passage of Proposition 400 in 2004. With more than \$4.2 billion (2006 dollars) in funding coming to the RPTA from the half-cent sales tax, the Arizona legislature has mandated the agency execute the transit elements of the 20-year Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Agency Mission Statement

The Valley Metro Board of Directors approved a solid direction for the agency in 2007. The mission, vision and goals provide a path for successful implementation of the projects and services set forth in the RTP.

At Valley Metro, we develop and deliver an integrated regional transit system with excellence, in collaboration with member agencies and through public and private partnerships. In doing so, we improve the quality of life and the environment, and support economic development.

VALLEY METRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Valley Metro RPTA Executive Director
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OPERATIONS STATISTICS — JULY 1, 2008 TO JUNE 30, 2009

DEMOGRAPHICS

Maricopa County Population ⁽¹⁾	3,954,598
Maricopa County Area ⁽²⁾	9,224 sq. miles
People living within ¼ mile of a bus route ⁽²⁾	1,720,122
Bus service area (¼ mile) ⁽²⁾	266 sq. miles
Percent of population living within ¼ mile of a bus route ⁽²⁾	56%

SERVICE CHARACTERISTICS⁽³⁾

A majority of the bus service is operated by Phoenix, Tempe and the RPTA.

Number of bus routes	64 local 24 express and 4 RAPID 1 LINK 18 Circulators 2 Rural Routes
Number of Dial-a-Ride systems	9
Annual revenue miles of service	Bus 34,242,308 Vanpool 6,208,650
Annual revenue hours of service	Dial-a-Ride 524,842
Number of vehicles	Bus 985 Vanpool 422 Dial-a-Ride 237 Light Rail 50
Average age of vehicles	Bus 6.02 years Vanpool 3.19 years Dial-a-Ride 2.36 years Light Rail 0.5 years
Wheelchair accessible vehicles	Bus 985 (100%) Vanpool 2 (<1.0%) Dial-a-Ride 237 (100%) Light Rail 50 (100%)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION⁽³⁾

Annual Operating Revenues

Bus fares	\$ 43,931,147
Rail fares ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 3,371,103
Dial-a-Ride fares	\$ 1,304,778
Vanpool fares	\$ 3,729,293
Federal, state and local funds	\$ 196,359,844
TOTAL \$	248,696,165

Annual Operating Expense

Bus service	\$ 196,568,442
Rail service ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 15,886,434
Dial-a-Ride service	\$ 31,857,041
Vanpool service	\$ 4,384,248
TOTAL \$	248,696,165

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS⁽⁵⁾

Passenger Boardings

Bus	65,551,812 (1.91 per mile)
Rail	5,580,857
Dial-a-Ride	874,132 (.12 per mile)
Vanpool	1,896,888
Bikes-on-bus	1,409,372

ANNUAL RIDERSHIP DATA

FINANCIAL DATA⁽⁶⁾

Percent of operating cost covered by passenger fees	Bus 22%
	Dial-a-Ride 4%
	Vanpool 85%
Operating cost per passenger	Bus \$ 3.00
	Rail \$ 2.85
	Dial-a-Ride \$ 36.44
	Vanpool \$ 2.31
Operating cost per mile	Bus \$ 5.74
	Rail \$ 11.66
	Dial-a-Ride \$ 60.70
Operating cost per hour	Bus \$.67
	Rail \$.60
Operating revenue per passenger	Dial-a-Ride \$ 1.49
	Vanpool \$ 1.97

CAPITAL FACILITIES

Transit centers	16
Publicly-owned park-and-rides	20
Joint use park-and-rides	30
Bus stops with sign only	3,078
With bench and/or shelter	4,402
Publicly and privately owned maintenance facilities	6
TOTAL	7,551

TRAVEL DEMAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Affected by Maricopa County Trip Reduction Program

Employers	1,182
Employees	561,625
Schools	126
Students	100,575

Alternative Modes by Commuters (one day/week or more)

Carpool	18%
Telework	18%
Compressed work week	14%

Training

Employers trained	211
Employer contacts	9,531
Employees reached	4,102

PROGRAMMED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES⁽⁷⁾

Fleet	Amount	Facilities	Amount
Fixed	\$ 34,977,722	Passenger Facilities	\$ 5,159,562
Shuttle	\$ 1,072,475	Other ⁽⁸⁾	\$ 15,040,606
DAR	\$ 3,786,000	LRT	\$ -
Vanpool	\$ 2,148,509		
TOTAL	\$ 41,984,706	TOTAL	\$ 20,200,168

(1) Maricopa Association of Governments 2005 Special Census Survey

(2) 2000 United States Census

(3) Information based on fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, which applies to both service characteristics and financial information

(4) Rail operated for six months in FY 2009.

(5) Ridership expenses and revenue per passenger are based on total passenger boardings that include transfers

(6) Financial data for bus included fixed route, shuttle and Express/RAPID service.

(7) Programmed capital expenditures according to the MAG 2009 Transportation Improvement Program

(8) Includes bus bays and maintenance facilities



The Regional Transportation Partners logo is used to denote RTP projects.