



Valley Metro RPTA Strategic Plan

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2007-04

A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Valley Metro Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) conveying its will and direction to create a single, seamless, integrated, regional transit system in Maricopa County, Arizona.

WHEREAS, Valley Metro RPTA was created by approval of the citizens of Maricopa County in a 1985 public referendum to plan, develop and operate a regional transit system in Maricopa County; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Maricopa County approved Proposition 400 and the Regional Transportation Plan in November 2004 to provide for funding a well balanced, multimodal regional transportation system; and

WHEREAS, Valley Metro RPTA has created an effective framework for measuring and reporting transit performance, is prepared for Regional Transportation Plan mandated audits, and possesses the leadership, quality staff, experience, and capabilities to effectively create a single unified regional multimodal transit system within its organization; and

WHEREAS, in October 2005 the Board of Directors requested staff to hire and retain a professional consultant to prepare, document, and recommend a 20-Year Strategic and Organization Plan for transit in Maricopa County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has approved a new mission statement, a vision statement and six goals that provide the foundation for the 20-Year Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the agency's strategic plan will transform the agency into one which is most responsive to all member agencies and citizens throughout the County and provide a common approach to regional transit planning and operations; and

WHEREAS, regionalization of the transit system has been identified as the most important long term operational solution and legacy project for the Board of Directors and Valley Metro RPTA; and

WHEREAS, the RPTA is required to operate a regional bus system as part of the regional transit system; and

WHEREAS, regionalization of the transit system over time will result in improvement of services for current and future users of the system by providing a single regional approach to the management, service quality and performance criteria of the system while preserving local investment in local routes; and

WHEREAS, regionalization of the transit system may provide for economies of scale in the delivery of products and services, and ultimately consolidate employees, standardize business practices and functionality under a single Valley Metro umbrella; leading to better serve Valley Metro customers; and

WHEREAS, with the full confidence of the Board of Directors it is their express direction to create and operate a regional transit system within Valley Metro RPTA;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors does hereby direct the Executive Director to work with Valley Metro member agencies toward the development of a single regional transit agency, which over time integrates fixed route, paratransit and rail operations within Valley Metro RPTA.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE VALLEY METRO REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS THIS 29TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2007.**

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