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A Quarterly Newsletter for Valley Metro Transit Riders and Friends

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Service Changes EFFECTIVE JULY 26, 2010

ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE. CHECK YOUR ROUTE BEFORE YOU TRAVEL.

ELIMINATED ROUTES

Route 29A - Avondale (Thomas), Route 32 - 32nd Street with portions now covered by Routes 10 and 16; Route 536 - Northeast Mesa/Tempe/ASU, Route 572 - Surprise/Scottsdale Express, and Route 576 - Northwest Valley/Montebello Express; DART, DASH Downtown Loop, DEER RUN, FLASH to University.

METRO LIGHT RAIL

METRO Light Rail - Trains now arrive every 12 minutes from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; all other hours, every 20 minutes.

LOCAL ROUTES

LINK - Mesa Main Street Weekend service has been eliminated. Weekday schedule adjustments.

Grand Avenue Limited - All trips now travel to 129th Ave. and Thunderbird Rd. in El Mirage.

Route 1 - Washington/Jefferson Weekday frequency has changed to 45 minutes.

Route 3 - Van Buren The west end will no longer travel south on 67th Avenue to Buckeye. Instead, these trips will continue west on Van Buren to 75th Ave. Every other trip (west of 51st Ave.) will continue on into Avondale.

Route 3A - Avondale Avondale Service is now incorporated into Route 3 - Van Buren.

Route 10 - Roosevelt/Grant East end has been rerouted from 28th St. to 32nd St. to cover a portion of Route 32, which will travel from Roosevelt St. to Camelback Rd. on 32nd St. East end loop will travel on 28th St. instead of 24th St.

Route 13 - Buckeye The Mohave branch service has been eliminated.

Route 15 - 15th Avenue The portion east and south of Central Station has been eliminated. Service to Sky Harbor Airport has been eliminated. The south end of the route will end at Central Station.

Route 16 - 16th Street The north segment has been extended on 32nd St. to cover the north portion of Route 32 from SR-51 to 32nd St. and Union Hills Dr.

Route 29 - Thomas East end turnaround at 56th St. in Phoenix has been shortened and west end turnaround has been extended to 93rd Ave., due to the elimination of 29A.

Route 30 - University Weekday and Saturday schedule adjustments.

Route 39 - 40th Street Frequency has changed to 60 minutes, seven days a week.

If your route is not listed below, it has not changed.

NOTE: There will be no printed version of the July 2010 Transit Book, however, it is available **online**.

A Supplement containing updated schedules for the **local routes** listed below **will be printed and distributed valley-wide**. All other service changes are available online at ValleyMetro.org.

Route 40 - Apache/Main	Service to Sky Harbor Airport has been eliminated and route will end at Tempe Transportation Center. Service in Tempe before 5 a.m. and Sunday service after 10 p.m. has been eliminated.
Route 45 - Broadway	Weekday and Saturday schedule adjustments.
Route 48 - 48th Street	Schedule adjustments. Service before 5 a.m. has been eliminated. After 10 p.m., buses will not service the Arizona Mills Mall bus stop. Buses will stop at Priest Dr. and Baseline Rd. for passenger transfers.
Route 52 - Roeser	Frequency has changed to 60 minutes on weekends.
Route 56 - Priest Drive	Schedule adjustments. After 10 p.m., buses will not service the Arizona Mills Mall bus stop. Buses will stop at Priest Dr. and Baseline Rd. for passenger transfers.
Route 61 - Southern	Sunday service in Mesa has changed to 60 minutes. Weekday service before 5 a.m. and Sunday service in Tempe after 10 p.m. has been eliminated.
Route 62 - Hardy/Guadalupe	First weekday and Saturday southbound trips have been eliminated before 5 a.m. The last Saturday northbound trip at 12:32 a.m. has been eliminated.
Route 66 - Mill/Kyrene	South extension now serves Lone Butte Casino. Service north of McKellips Rd. has been eliminated.
Route 72 - Scottsdale/Rural	All trips have been extended to Thompson Peak Pkwy. Frequency has changed to 20 minutes. Some service in Chandler has been eliminated: weekdays before 5:45 a.m. and after 10 p.m.; Saturday before 8 a.m. and after 10 p.m.; Sunday before 8 a.m. and after 7 p.m.
Route 76 - Miller	South portion of route has been restructured and will now end at McKellips Rd.
Route 77 - Baseline	Schedule adjustments. Service in Tempe before 5 a.m. has been eliminated. After 10 p.m., buses will not service the Arizona Mills Mall bus stop. Buses will stop at Priest Dr. and Baseline Rd. for passenger transfers.
Route 81 - Hayden/McClintock	Service in Tempe before 5 a.m. has been eliminated. Every other weekday peak northbound trip will turn around at 90th St. and Shea Blvd. Frequency has been increased to 30 minutes all day in Chandler.
Route 96 - Dobson	Service in Chandler has changed: Weekday peak service has been reduced to 30 minutes; Weekday service after 10 p.m. has been eliminated; Saturday service before 8 a.m. and after 10 p.m. has been eliminated; Sunday service before 8 a.m. and after 7 p.m. has been eliminated; Weekend service now ends at Chandler Regional Hospital.

Route 108 - Elliot Rd.	Schedule adjustments. After 10 p.m., buses will not service the Arizona Mills Mall bus stop. Buses will stop at Priest Dr. and Baseline Rd. for passenger transfers.
Route 122 - Cactus	The portion south of Metrocenter has been eliminated and will no longer travel on 39th Ave. Westbound trips will begin at Metrocenter.
Route 136 - Gilbert Road	Service to Chandler Gilbert Community College has moved to Gilbert Road. Service now extends south to Crossroads Shopping Center. In Chandler, weekday service before 5:45 a.m. has been eliminated. Earlier northbound trips available at Gilbert Rd. and Chandler Blvd. as early as 4:24 a.m. In Chandler and Mesa, Saturday service before 8 a.m. has been eliminated.
Route 156 - Chandler Blvd/ Williams Field Rd.	Service to Chandler Fashion Center moved from Frye Rd. to Chandler Blvd. and service to Chandler Gilbert Community College has been eliminated. Service on Saturday before 7 a.m. and after 10 p.m. has been eliminated; Service on Sunday before 7 a.m. and after 8 p.m. has been eliminated.

EXPRESS AND RAPID ROUTES

Route 511- Tempe/Scottsdale Airpark Express	The portion of the route south of the park-and-ride lot at Apache Boulevard has been eliminated.
Route 535 - Northeast Mesa/ Downtown Express	Trips that began at Power Rd. and McDowell Rd. will now begin at the East Mesa Service Center park-and-ride, located at the SE corner of Decatur St. and Power Rd.
Route 540 - Chandler Express	Inbound route now starts at Dobson Rd. and Ray Rd.
Route 542 - Chandler Express	One inbound trip and one outbound trip have been added.
Route 573 - Northwest Valley/ Downtown Express	Reverse commute trips from Downtown Phoenix to Glendale have been eliminated.
RAPID Service:	One inbound and one outbound trip on all corridors have been eliminated (SR51, I-10E, I-10W, and I-17).

CIRCULATOR ROUTES

ALEX Neighborhood Circulator -	Frequency has changed to 60 minutes 5 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Route has been modified.
FLASH FORWARD (Clockwise) -	Route has been modified.
FLASH BACK - (Counter-clockwise)	Route has been modified.
MARY Neighborhood Circulator -	Frequency has changed to 60 minutes 5 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 6 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
SMART Neighborhood Circulator -	Frequency has changed to 60 minutes 5 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 6 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

RURAL ROUTE

Route 660 Rural Connector -	Saturday service has been eliminated. A new stop at 99th Ave. and Hutton Dr. (Recreation Centers of Sun City) has been added.
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HOLIDAY SERVICE

Buses and light rail will run on a Sunday schedule on Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Veterans Day, the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. Holidays occurring on Saturdays will be observed on Fridays; Holidays occurring on Sundays will be observed on Mondays.



On July 26, METRO light rail will undergo changes to service due to a substantial decrease in sales tax collections, which provides the funds necessary to operate service.

Customer priorities were identified and considered after conducting March public meetings in Phoenix and Tempe. Although many options were presented, the Valley Metro Rail Board of Directors approved a decision to operate weekday service every 12 minutes, instead of every 10 minutes, from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. All other hours will operate 20 minute service and there are no changes to weekend service.

Another change to service will be the addition of more holidays running on a Sunday schedule. Now added to the list are: Christmas Eve; the day after Thanksgiving; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents' Day; and Veterans Day.

Up-to-date METRO information is available at ValleyMetro.org.

NEW Shelters Installed At Future LINK Stations In Mesa

Construction is complete on five of the twenty shelters being installed at Broadway/Country Club Drive, Southern/Country Club Drive, Juanita/Country Club Drive, San Angelo/Country Club Drive and Elliot/Arizona Avenue. These are being installed to prepare for the December launch of the Arizona Avenue LINK. The 12 ft. by 44 ft. shelters were fully assembled at a local fabricating shop prior to installation to help save on construction time and reduce the impact to local pedestrian and vehicle traffic.



The shelter is delivered on a flatbed trailer, lifted off by a crane & set on the prepared concrete pad.



Getting ready for December.



Central/Camelback Park-and-Ride

METRO Light Rail Park-and-Ride Improvements Coming Soon

The City of Phoenix was awarded federal stimulus grant funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), that allow for the expansion of the Central Ave/Camelback park-and-ride facility and shade canopies along Camelback Road.

The project involves expanding the park-and-ride to the west by adding 143 spaces along Camelback between 3rd and 7th Avenues and installing shade canopies over 90 parking spaces at the existing Central Ave/Camelback Road park-and-ride and 287 spaces at the 19th Avenue/Camelback park-and-ride.

Installation of shaded parking was not part of the construction of the initial 20-mile line, but was high on the list of amenities to provide riders in the future when funding was available.

Construction is expected to be complete by late fall 2010.

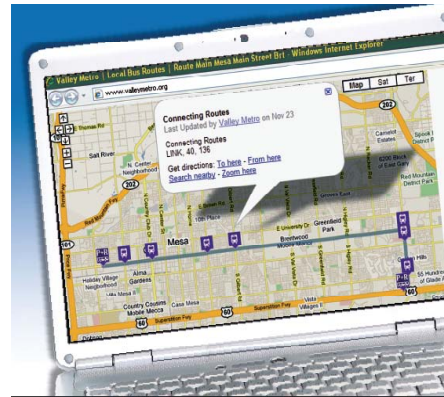
There are eight METRO park-and-ride locations offering a total of 3,513 parking spaces and each is FREE. All park-and-rides are monitored by security cameras and/or officers.

Locations:

- 19th Avenue/Montebello Avenue - 794 spaces
- 19th Avenue/Camelback Road - 410 spaces
- Central Avenue/Camelback Road - 135 spaces
- 38th Street/Washington Street - 189 spaces
- Dorsey Lane/Apache Boulevard - 190 spaces
- McClintock Road/Apache Boulevard - 300 spaces
- Price Freeway/Apache Boulevard - 693 spaces
- Sycamore Street/Main Street - 802 spaces



Easily Find Your Transit, Bike, Walk Route Using Google Maps



Valley Metro now provides bus, light rail, bicycle and walking routes with Google Maps. For those who are not regular passengers, and may need to find a way to work or to school, they can now go to the popular site and view their transit, walk or bike trip on a map.

Google Maps features a "zoom-in" satellite view, a 3-D Earth view, and a street view of bus stops and the surrounding area for those passengers that may be unfamiliar with their destination or the area. Other features include an easy-to-read itinerary that includes transfers, trip time and distance.

To plan a walk, bike or transit trip, go to maps.google.com and click on "Get Directions." A drop down menu provides options including public transit, walking and bicycling. The public transit link is shown each time driving directions are requested by the viewer who may not be aware that transit is an option.

ValleyMetro.org offers a free trip planner and combined with Google Transit, now provides more options to riders.



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Where To Buy Your Transit Pass*

With the recent addition of 7-Eleven as a retail partner, there are now more than 200 pass purchase locations across the Valley. For a complete list along with the type of passes and store hours, visit **ValleyMetro.org**.



*Store participation varies.