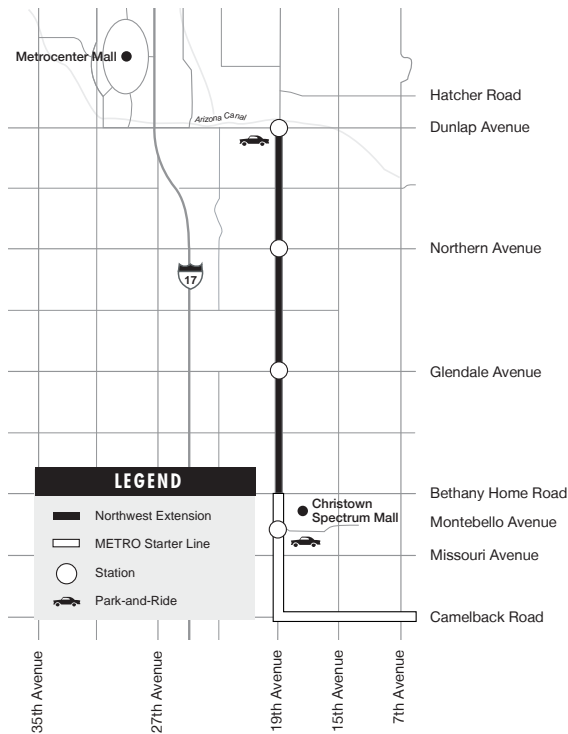




NORTHWEST EXTENSION

Fall 2008



METRO Update- Northwest Extension

Project Update

Design is underway on a 3.2-mile extension of the initial 20-mile light rail system. The Northwest Extension extends north on 19th Avenue from Montebello Avenue to Dunlap Avenue. Three stations are planned at Glendale Avenue, Northern Avenue and Dunlap Avenue. The park-and-ride is planned for the 19th Avenue and Dunlap Avenue station and will be designed to accommodate 1000 parking spaces. Light rail construction is scheduled to start in spring 2009; however, in preparation for the light rail construction, some construction work to relocate utilities will begin in fall 2008. If you would like to be added to the Northwest Extension distribution list, please send your information to the Area Coordinator.

Business Assistance

METRO and the City of Phoenix work together to provide business assistance programs to impacted businesses during construction. In addition to business consulting services, METRO offers a sign/banner program that allows for each business along the alignment to receive a sandwich board sign or a banner to be displayed on the building. Business assistance meetings will be scheduled in the last quarter of 2008, and business owners are encouraged to attend these valuable informational meetings. For additional information on business assistance programs, contact Gary Flunoy at 602.322.4457.

Starter Line Update

METRO light rail will open 20 miles of service on December 27, 2008. As we ramp up for METRO operations in the initial 20-mile alignment that connects Phoenix, Tempe, and Mesa, we have begun vehicle testing on the roadways. Please be cautious and expect a train at any time, from either direction, as you drive, bike, or walk around the light rail system. Trains are currently operating in a test zone from 26th Street and Washington to just east of Mill Avenue in Tempe. METRO will continue to expand vehicle testing throughout the 20-mile system during the summer and



fall months. Testing will be continuous until our grand opening weekend of December 27–28, 2008; official passenger service begins December 29.

Please follow these simple guidelines to remain safe around the Valley’s newest transportation system:

- » Light rail is quiet; always listen for bells and look for flashing train headlights.
- » Pedestrians: use the crosswalks and obey all signals.
- » Never drive, bike, walk or skateboard in the trackway.
- » Obey the traffic signals; turn only with a green arrow.



Public Meetings

Business Forum

Thursday, Nov. 6th, 2008
6:00–8:00 p.m.

Washington Activity Center
2240 W. Citrus Way
Phoenix, AZ 85015

Traction Power Substation

Public Art Meeting

Oct. 21, 2008
6:00pm–7:00pm

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