



# TEMPE STREETCAR

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## PROJECT STATUS

With the approval of stop locations and street configurations in September 2011, METRO continues to advance the 2.6-mile Tempe Streetcar project in the Mill Avenue corridor. The streetcar will operate in a one-way loop between Rio Salado Parkway and University Drive, going north on Mill Avenue and south on Ash Avenue. It will continue to travel north/south on Mill Avenue between University Drive and Southern Avenue. It will be built using a mix of regional Proposition 400 funds and federal grant dollars. The project is scheduled to be operational in 2016.

## Urban Design Guidelines

METRO has developed a set of Urban Design Guidelines (UDG) for the 2.6-mile Tempe Streetcar project and for any streetcar project developed regionally. These guidelines will provide the project's future designers with guidance for how the streetcar stops should look, including concepts for seating, lighting, platform paving treatments and canopies. A copy of the draft UDG is available on the METRO website at [metrolightrail.org/tempestreetcar](http://metrolightrail.org/tempestreetcar).

## Environmental Assessment

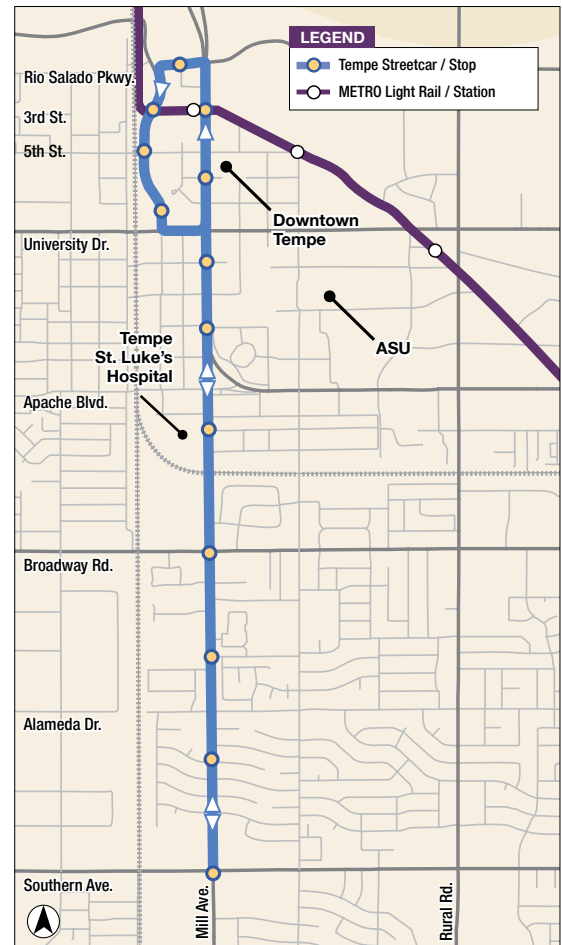
Also underway is the federally-required Environmental Assessment (EA) that evaluates the potential impacts to the neighboring community from this project. Critical environmental categories being evaluated include:

- Noise and vibration
- Traffic and parking
- Historical and archaeological resources
- Contaminated soils

## NEXT STEPS

This spring, METRO will conduct potholing in select areas along the alignment. Potholing is necessary to identify underground utilities. The activity will have limited impact and notifications will be made as necessary.

In fall 2012, design of the Tempe Streetcar is anticipated to begin. As we move into the design phase, METRO will conduct public meetings at key design milestones intended to provide the opportunity for public comment and to update the community on the overall progress of the project. This effort will also include one-on-one stakeholder meetings.



Tempe Streetcar Project Schedule

	2007	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	2016
Community Outreach	[Bar spanning 2007-2016]									
Alternatives Analysis	[Bar spanning 2007-2010]									
Locally Preferred Alternative Approved				[Bar in 2010]						
Project Definition					[Bar in 2011]					
Environmental Assessment					[Bar spanning 2011-2012]					
Design						[Bar spanning 2012-2013]				
Utility Relocation							[Bar spanning 2013-2014]			
Construction								[Bar spanning 2014-2015]		
Pre-operation/Start Up										[Bar in 2016]

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