

How Valley Metro is Leading the Way

Valley Metro Rail is a public, nonprofit regional organization with five member cities – Phoenix, Tempe, Mesa, Glendale and Chandler. It is responsible for the development and operation of the region's high-capacity transit system.



Planning Process



For questions or to request a copy of the Regional Transportation Plan, call the Maricopa Association of Governments at 602.254.6300. Download the plan from the MAG website at azmag.gov.

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Future Transit Corridors

HELPING COMMUNITIES CONNECT



Connecting Lives

As one of the country's fastest growing metropolitan areas, the Valley of the Sun has a critical need for an expanded transit network. An additional 40 miles is in various phases of planning, design or construction.

Light rail serves as an important link between communities. Thousands of riders use it to connect to work, school and entertainment. It stimulates economic growth and revitalization for the region. The future of transit in the Valley is the future of the Valley itself.

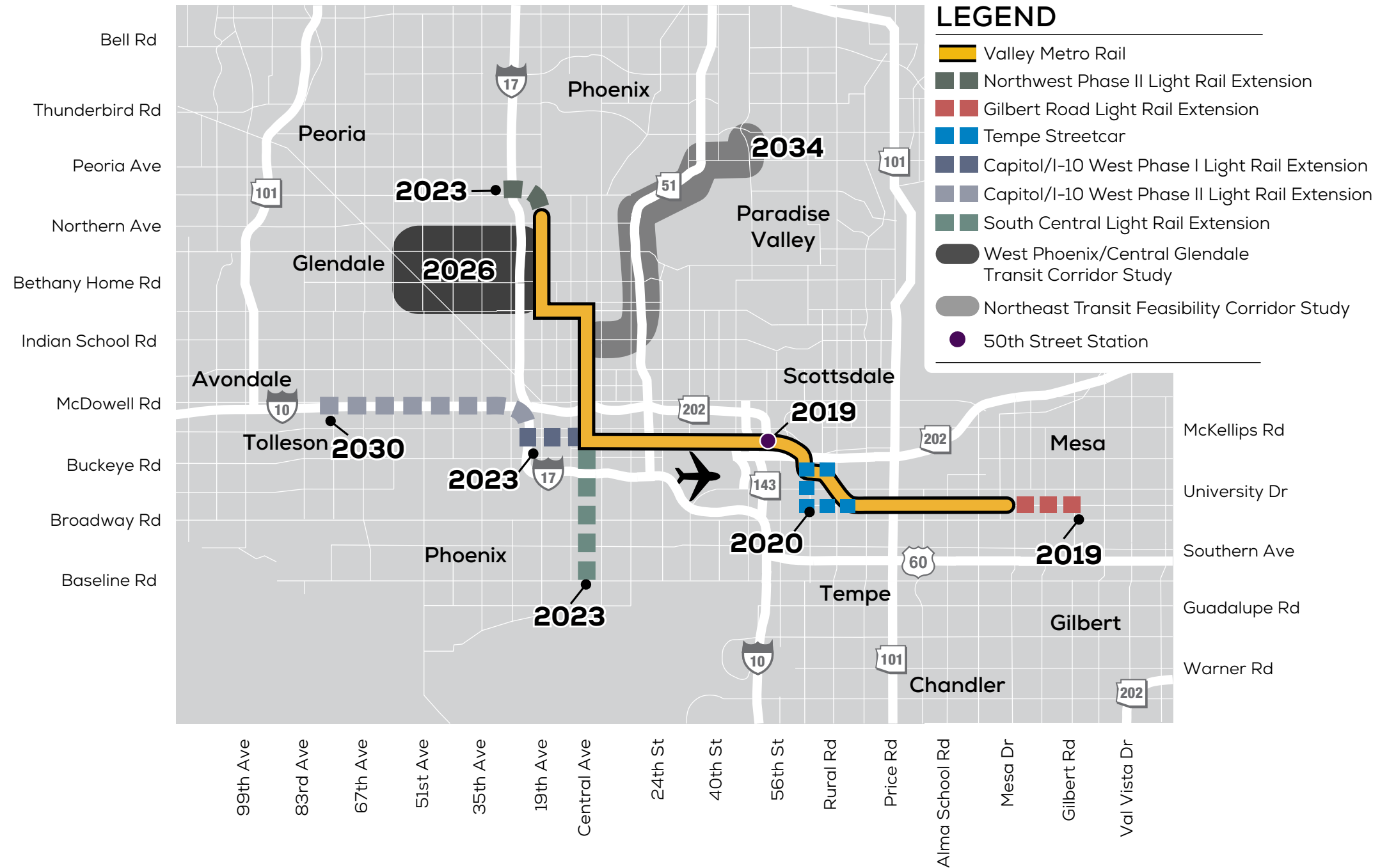


“As a community, we simply cannot be competitive for higher-wage jobs if we don't have quality public transportation because that's what the next generation wants.”

Kimber Lanning
Founder and Executive Director,
Local First Arizona

Future Light Rail/High-Capacity Transit Corridors

The Regional Transportation Plan identifies seven future high-capacity transit corridors. Valley Metro Rail determines the specific transit route and mode that will best serve the corridor using local, regional and federal funds.



Capitol/I-10 West Phase I: A 1.5-mile extension west from downtown Phoenix to the state capitol area. Scheduled to open in 2023.

Capitol/I-10 West Phase II: A 9.5-mile extension from the state capitol area along I-10 West to 79th Avenue. Scheduled to open in 2030.

Gilbert Road Light Rail Extension: A 1.9-mile extension running east from Mesa Drive on Main Street to Gilbert Road. Scheduled to open in 2019.

Tempe Streetcar: A 3-mile streetcar project running in the Mill Avenue corridor and along Rio Salado Parkway and Apache Boulevard. Scheduled to open in 2020.

South Central Light Rail Extension: A 5-mile extension running south from downtown Phoenix to Baseline Road. Scheduled to open in 2023.

Northwest Light Rail Extension Phase II: A 1.7-mile extension from 19th Avenue and Dunlap, across I-17 to Metrocenter Mall. Scheduled to open in 2023.

West Phoenix/Central Glendale Transit Corridor Study: A 5-mile project running northwest into downtown Glendale. Scheduled to open in 2026.

Northeast Transit Feasibility Corridor Study: A 12-mile project running northeast towards Paradise Valley Mall. Scheduled to open in 2034. Transit mode and route to be determined.