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The Valley Metro Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) was created in 1985 with the passage of Proposition 300, a county-wide, 20-year half-cent sales tax for freeways, with a small portion going towards public transit and the RPTA. As a political subdivision of the state of Arizona, the RPTA core mandate is to plan, develop and operate a regional transit system in Maricopa County.

Defining Valley Metro

In 1993, the name Valley Metro was adopted as the identity for the regional transit system in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Under the Valley Metro brand, local governments join to fund the Valleywide transit system that citizens use today. Elected officials from local governments comprise the Valley Metro Regional Public Transportation Authority Board of Directors.

Valley Metro RPTA Board of Directors

The RPTA is overseen by a board of elected officials comprised of mayors, council members and a Maricopa County supervisor. These agencies can join the RPTA by resolution of their governing bodies. Membership is open to all municipalities in Maricopa County and to the county government.

Proposition 400 Passes: A New Era for the RPTA

Though the RPTA's core mandate has not changed since its inception in 1985, the agency's mission was reaffirmed with the passage of Proposition 400 in 2004. With more than \$3 billion (2006 dollars) in funding coming to the RPTA from the half-cent sales tax, the Arizona legislature has mandated the agency execute the transit elements of the 20-year Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Agency Mission Statement

The Valley Metro RPTA Board of Directors approved a solid direction for the agency in 2007. The mission, vision and goals provide a path for successful implementation of the projects and services set forth in the RTP.

At Valley Metro, we develop and deliver an integrated regional transit system with excellence, in collaboration with member agencies and through public and private partnerships. In doing so, we improve the quality of life and the environment, and support economic development.

VALLEY METRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tempe Councilmember
Shana Ellis (Chair)

Peoria Councilmember
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Phoenix Councilmember
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Valley Metro RPTA Executive Director
David A. Boggs

OPERATIONS STATISTICS — JULY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2010

DEMOGRAPHICS

Maricopa County Population ⁽¹⁾	3,954,598
Maricopa County Area ⁽²⁾	9,224 sq. miles
People living within ¼ mile of a bus route ⁽²⁾	1,720,122
Bus service area (¼ mile) ⁽²⁾	266 sq. miles
Percent of population living within ¼ mile of a bus route ⁽²⁾	56%

SERVICE CHARACTERISTICS⁽³⁾

A majority of the bus service is operated by Phoenix, Tempe and the RPTA.

Number of bus routes	62 local
	24 express and 4 RAPID
	1 LINK
	18 Circulators
	2 Rural Routes
Number of Dial-a-Ride systems	9
Annual revenue miles of service	Bus 32,610,302
	Rail 2,652,759
	Vanpool 5,623,377
Annual revenue hours of service	Dial-a-Ride 478,158
Number of vehicles	Bus 916
	Vanpool 367
	Dial-a-Ride 239
	Light Rail 50
Average age of vehicles	Bus 6.47 years
	Vanpool 2.65 years
	Dial-a-Ride 2.78 years
	Light Rail 1.50 years
Wheelchair accessible vehicles	Bus 916 (100%)
	Vanpool 2 (<1.0%)
	Dial-a-Ride 239 (100%)
	Light Rail 50 (100%)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION⁽³⁾

Annual Operating Revenues

Bus fares	\$ 46,853,915
Rail fares	\$ 9,256,913
Dial-a-Ride fares	\$ 1,792,247
Vanpool fares	\$ 2,469,143
Federal, state and local funds	\$ 198,300,913
TOTAL \$	258,644,276

Annual Operating Expense

Bus service	\$ 194,414,536
Rail service	\$ 32,964,700
Dial-a-Ride service	\$ 28,606,658
Vanpool service	\$ 2,658,382
TOTAL \$	258,644,276

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Passenger Boardings

Bus	55,574,959 (1.70 per mile)
Rail	12,112,733
Dial-a-Ride	777,525 (.12 per mile)
Vanpool	1,135,783
Bikes-on-bus	1,416,663

ANNUAL RIDERSHIP DATA

FINANCIAL DATA⁽⁴⁾

Percent of operating cost covered by passenger fares	Rail 28%
	Bus 24%
	Dial-a-Ride 6%
	Vanpool 93%
Operating cost per passenger	Bus \$ 3.50
	Rail \$ 2.72
	Dial-a-Ride \$ 36.79
	Vanpool \$ 2.34
Operating cost per mile	Bus \$ 5.96
	Rail \$ 12.43
	Dial-a-Ride \$ 59.83
Operating revenue per passenger (average fare paid)	Bus \$.84
	Rail \$.76
	Dial-a-Ride \$ 2.31
	Vanpool \$ 2.17

CAPITAL FACILITIES

Transit centers	15
Publicly-owned park-and-rides	21
Joint use park-and-rides	29
Bus stops with sign only	3,244
With bench and/or shelter	4,382
Publicly and privately owned maintenance facilities	6
TOTAL	7,691

TRAVEL DEMAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Affected by Maricopa County Trip Reduction Program

Employers	1,224
Employees only	579,576
School Sites	126
Students	100,172

Alternative Modes by Commuters (employees only; one day/week or more)

Carpool	10.88%
Telework	1.67%
Compressed work week	3.52%

Training

Employers trained	334
Employer contacts	10,973
Employees reached	4,530

PROGRAMMED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES⁽⁵⁾

Fleet	Facilities
Fixed	\$ 59,490,468
Shuttle	\$ 171,342
DAR	\$ 2,310,457
Vanpool	\$ 2,481,799
TOTAL	\$64,454,066
Passenger Facilities	\$ 6,731,288
Other ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 7,812,763
Rail	\$ 15,907,500
TOTAL	\$ 30,451,551

(1) Maricopa Association of Governments 2005 Special Census Survey

(2) 2000 United States Census

(3) Information based on fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, which applies to both service characteristics and financial information

(4) Financial data for bus included fixed route, shuttle and Express/RAPID service.

(5) Programmed capital expenditures according to the MAG 2010 Transportation Improvement Program

(6) Includes bus bays and maintenance facilities



Services and projects funded by the Proposition 400 Regional Transportation Funds were approved by Maricopa County voters in November 2004.