



## FY14 Facts and Figures

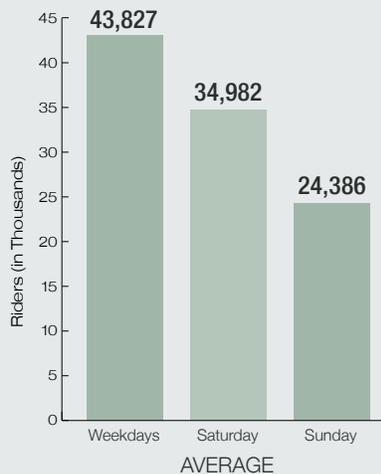


### Top five busiest stations

- 19th Ave/Montebello
- Sycamore/Main St
- University Dr/Rural
- 19th Ave/Camelback
- Van Buren/Central Ave/1st Ave

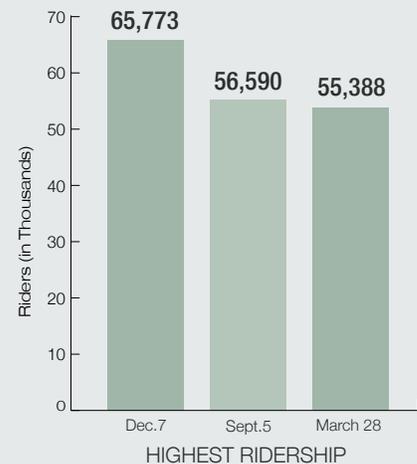
### Ridership

- 14.3 million total riders
- Increase of 0.3% over 2013



### Highest ridership days

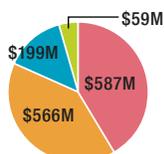
- Dec. 7, 2013 – ASU football
- Sept. 5, 2013 – Backstreet Boys concert
- March 28, 2014 – Phoenix Suns game



Valley Metro Rail, Inc. is responsible for the development and operation of the region's high-capacity transit system. The 20-mile light rail starter line opened December 2008 and served 14.3 million riders in fiscal year 2014 exceeding the prior year by 0.3 percent. The system has well-exceeded all system projections.

### Design and Construction

Valley Metro's 20-mile light rail line is the longest starter line in federal New Starts grant history. It was built entirely in-street using a train-only trackway and traffic signals to allow trains to safely move through the cities of Phoenix, Tempe and Mesa, Arizona. The cost was \$1.4 billion using a variety of local, regional and federal funding sources.



- \$587 million federal New Starts grant
- \$566 million from the cities of Phoenix, Tempe and Mesa
- \$199 million from the county-wide Proposition 400 sales tax
- \$59 million from federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding

### System Overview

- Number of miles: 20
- Number of stations: 28
- Number of vehicles: 50
- Number of parking spaces: 3,600
- Total travel time: 65 minutes
- Opening date: Dec. 27, 2008
- Cost to build: \$1.4 billion
- Cost to operate: \$31.2 million in FY14
- Cost to ride: \$2.00 per ride;  
\$4.00 for all day

There are 28 stations, primarily located in the center of the roadway and designed with significant consideration given to the desert heat. Artwork is an integral part of the system and incorporated into each station.

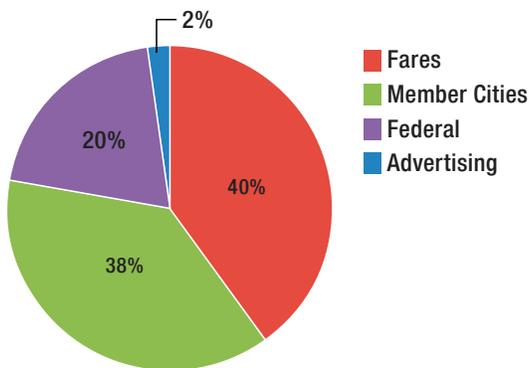
Nine park-and-rides serve the system where 3,600 free parking spaces can be enjoyed by riders on a first-come, first-serve basis. Like the rest of the system, they are monitored using security cameras.

Valley Metro has 50 light rail vehicles in its fleet, each with a comfort capacity of 175 passengers. The vehicles are state-of-the-art technology and, similar to the stations, customized for the desert climate.



## Operations

Valley Metro Rail operates 365 days a year, 20+ hours a day, with a 12-minute peak frequency. The cost of operations is largely supported by rail members cities and passenger fares.



Light rail service is coordinated with bus service to provide a seamless network for customers. An All-Day pass or greater is good for both rail and bus. Passes can be purchased at fare vending machines located at each station, online or from retail outlets Valleywide. Security officers regularly patrol the system and ask passengers at random for proof of payment. Fare evasion is cited with a fine that starts at \$50 and can increase to \$500.



For many, the light rail system provides connection to work, school and entertainment. There are many sports, shopping, restaurants and arts and culture destinations. Light rail also connects to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport with PHX Sky Train® at the 44th St/Washington light rail station.

## Future Expansion

Valley Metro is responsible for building a 60-mile, high-capacity transit system as defined in the Regional Transportation Plan by 2034. Planning, design and/or construction has begun on the seven extensions that make up the remainder of the 40 miles; a study to determine funding for the South Central Phoenix corridor is underway. Two extensions are currently under construction and scheduled to open in late 2015 and early 2016: Central Mesa and Northwest Phoenix.

