

Valley Metro

System Fact Sheet

Valley Metro is the regional public transportation agency providing coordinated, multi-modal transit options to residents of greater Phoenix. With a core mission of advancing a regional transportation network, Valley Metro plans, develops and operates the bus, vanpool and light rail systems and alternative transportation programs for commuters, seniors and people with disabilities.

HISTORY

In 1993, the name Valley Metro was adopted as the identity for the regional transit system in the metropolitan Phoenix region. Under this brand name, local governments set the policy for the regional system that operates throughout the Valley. In 2008, the first 20 miles of light rail began service. Currently, six light rail extensions are planned or under construction to create a 66-mile system by 2034.

Valley Metro is governed by two boards of directors. The Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) Board consists of 16 public agencies (15 cities and Maricopa County) that set the policy direction for all modes of transit except light rail. The Valley Metro Rail Board consists of five cities that set the policy direction for light rail high-capacity transit. The boards and the agency work to improve and regionalize the public transit system.

REGIONAL FUNDING

Maricopa County voters approved Proposition 400 in 2004 extending the 1983 county-wide transportation tax. The half-cent on every dollar of goods purchased funds the Regional Transportation Plan, which includes basic transit services. Since 2004, transit receives one-third of the half-cent tax, which is used for regional bus services and high-capacity transit services such as light rail and streetcar; the remaining two-thirds goes toward freeways and streets. The half-cent sales tax, along with federal matching funds and other funding sources, is projected to provide \$6.9 billion in public transportation improvements through 2026.

Fixed-route bus, light rail and alternative transportation programs also receive funding from the Federal Transit Administration, Arizona Department of Transportation, Maricopa Association of Governments and member agencies.



Valley Metro services:

- Local, Express and RAPID bus service
- Light rail service
- Rural route and neighborhood circulators
- Dial-a-Ride paratransit service
- Commuter vanpool service
- Online commute matching system
- Employer assistance in creating and implementing travel reduction plans

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VALLEY METRO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Scott Smith



OPERATIONS STATISTICS – JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016

DEMOGRAPHICS

Maricopa County population ⁽¹⁾	4,018,143
Maricopa County area ⁽¹⁾	9,224 sq. miles
People living within ¼ mile of a bus route ⁽¹⁾	1,989,249
Bus service area (¼ mile) ⁽¹⁾	513 sq. miles
Percent of population living within ¼ mile of a bus route ⁽¹⁾	49.5%

SERVICE CHARACTERISTICS

Number of bus routes	61 Local
	14 Express and 6 RAPID
	2 LINK
	18 Circulators
	1 Rural Route
Number of Dial-a-Ride systems	9
Annual revenue miles of service	Bus 29,484,760
	Rail 2,912,027
	Vanpool 6,393,609
Annual revenue hours of service	Dial-a-Ride 429,483
	Vanpool 438
Number of vehicles	Bus 894
	Rail 50
	Dial-a-Ride 167
	Vanpool 438
Average age of vehicles	Bus 8.28 years
	Rail 7.5 years
	Dial-a-Ride 4.04 years
	Vanpool 5.03 years
Wheelchair accessible vehicles	Bus 894 (100%)
	Rail 50 (100%)
	Dial-a-Ride 167 (100%)
	Vanpool 1 (<1.0%)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Annual Operating Revenues

Bus fares	\$ 40,674,962
Rail fares	\$ 13,461,086
Dial-a-Ride fares	\$ 2,892,340
Vanpool fares	\$ 3,400,894
Federal, state and local funds	\$250,681,872
TOTAL	\$ 311,111,154

Annual Operating Expenses

Bus service	\$234,567,199
Rail service	\$ 35,076,275
Dial-a-Ride service	\$ 38,307,376
Vanpool service	\$ 3,160,304
TOTAL	\$ 311,111,154

ANNUAL RIDERSHIP DATA

Passenger Boardings

Bus	51,778,088
Rail	15,574,737
Dial-a-Ride	1,074,939
Vanpool	1,157,277
Bike-on-bus	1,445,525

FINANCIAL DATA⁽²⁾

Percent of operating cost covered by passenger fares	Bus	17.3%
	Rail	38.4%
	Dial-a-Ride	7.6%
	Vanpool	107.6%
Operating cost per passenger	Bus	\$ 4.53
	Rail	\$ 2.25
	Dial-a-Ride	\$35.64
	Vanpool	\$ 2.73
Operating cost per mile	Bus	\$ 7.96
	Rail	\$12.05
Operating cost per hour	Dial-a-Ride	\$89.19
Operating revenue per passenger (average fare paid)	Bus	\$ 0.79
	Rail	\$ 0.86
	Dial-a-Ride	\$ 2.69
	Vanpool	\$ 2.94

CAPITAL FACILITIES

Transit centers	13
Publicly-owned park-and-rides	40
Joint-use park-and-rides	13
Bus stops	7,340
Publicly and privately-owned maintenance facilities	10
TOTAL	7,416

PROGRAMMED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES⁽³⁾

Facilities

Passenger	\$ 2,051,111
Rail	\$19,394,524
Vanpool vehicle replacement & expansion	\$17,900,000
TOTAL	\$39,345,635

COMMUTE SOLUTIONS

Supported by Maricopa County Travel Reduction Program

Maricopa County residents	31.5%
Employers	1,141
Employer sites	2,903
Employees	609,419
School sites	126
Students	182,685

Alternative Modes Use (one day per week or more)

Carpool/vanpool	21%
Telework	16%
Compressed work week	13%
Bicycling	4%
Transit (bus and light rail)	4%
Walking	4%

Results

Employer contacts	11,599
Employees reached	11,095
ShareTheRide.com active participants	42,926
Pounds of greenhouse gases saved by ShareTheRide users	5,181,201
ShareTheRide.com custom subsites	400

(1) 2014 American Community Survey (ACS)

(2) Financial data for bus includes local fixed route, circulator and Express/RAPID service

(3) Programmed capital expenditures according to the draft MAG 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program