Valley Metro Rail is responsible for the development and operation of the region’s high-capacity transit system. The 23 miles of light rail served 71 million passengers in fiscal year 2015.

**Design and Construction**

The initial 20-mile light rail line, which is the longest starter line in federal New Starts grant history opened on December 27, 2008. On August 22, 2015, the Valley’s first light rail extension opened adding an additional 3 miles into downtown Mesa.

There are 32 stations, primarily 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.

Ten park-and-rides serve the system where 4,073 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.

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All of the 50 light rail vehicles in the fleet have a comfort capacity of 175 passengers. The vehicles feature state-of-the-art technology and are customized for the desert climate.

Operations
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Future Expansion
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