Valley Metro is the regional public transportation agency providing coordinated, multi-modal transit options to residents of greater Phoenix. With a core mission of connecting communities and enhancing lives, Valley Metro plans, builds, operates and maintains 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 and six additional miles were added in 2015 and 2016. Currently, five light rail extensions and streetcar 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 18 public agencies 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
• Rural route and neighborhood circulators
• ADA/Paratransit
• Commuter vanpools
• Online commute matching system
• Employer assistance in creating and implementing travel reduction plans
## DEMOGRAPHICS
- Maricopa County population\(^{(1)}\): 4,307,033
- Maricopa County area\(^{(3)}\): 9,224 sq. miles
- People living within \(\frac{1}{4}\) mile of a bus route\(^{(1)}\): 2,098,240
- Bus service area (\(\frac{1}{4}\) mile)\(^{(3)}\): 523 sq. miles
- Percent of population living within \(\frac{1}{4}\) mile of a bus route\(^{(1)}\): 51%

## SERVICE CHARACTERISTICS
- Number of bus routes: 62 Local
  - 6 RAPID and 14 Express
  - 20 Circulators
  - 1 Rural Route
- Number of Dial-a-Ride systems: 9
- Annual revenue miles of service:
  - Bus: 35,249,562
  - Rail: 3,297,498
  - Vanpool: 6,387,906
- Annual revenue hours of service:
  - Dial-a-Ride: 621,276
- Number of vehicles:
  - Bus: 893
  - Rail: 50
  - Dial-a-Ride: 167
  - Vanpool: 416
- Average age of vehicles:
  - Bus: 6.81 years
  - Rail: 10 years
  - Dial-a-Ride: 4.46 years
  - Vanpool: 4.04 years

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION
### Annual Operating Revenues
- Bus fares: $38,811,227
- Rail fares: $11,911,036
- Dial-a-Ride fares: $3,223,842
- Vanpool fares: $3,173,221
- Federal, state and local funds: $312,462,718
- **TOTAL**: $369,582,044

### Annual Operating Expenses
- Bus service: $275,354,258
- Rail service: $43,021,303
- Dial-a-Ride service: $48,263,639
- Vanpool service: $2,942,844
- **TOTAL**: $369,582,044

### PROGRAMMED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES\(^{(3)}\)
- **Facilities**: $2,452,400
- **Rail**: $110,883,504
- **TOTAL**: $113,335,904
- **Fleet**:
  - Bus: $77,395,859
  - Rail: $8,360,976
  - Vanpool: $2,276,791
  - **TOTAL**: $88,033,626

## COMMUTE SOLUTIONS
- **Supported by Maricopa County Travel Reduction Program**
  - Maricopa County residents: 31%
  - Employers: 1,209
  - Employer sites: 3,094
  - Employees: 638,100
  - School sites: 129
  - Students: 158,558

### Alternative Modes Use (one day per week or more)
- Carpool/vanpool: 14%
- Telework: 25%
- Compressed work week: 6%
- Transit (bus and light rail): 3%
- Bicycling: 1%
- Walking: 2%

### Results
- **ShareTheRide.com active participants**: 37,936
- **Greenhouse gases saved by ShareTheRide.com users**: 9,948,790 lbs.