DESCRIPTION

The Central Mesa Light Rail Extension serves the growing transit demand in the region. It connects to the downtown Mesa business, arts and entertainment district, Mesa City Plaza, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport and special events and activities in adjacent downtown Tempe and Phoenix.

CENTRAL MESA LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION

LEGEND

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101
Smith-Martin
Price-Gol Fwy
Apache Blvd
Tempe Transport. Ctr. Veterans Way/College Ave
MESA

LEGEND

2015
Central Mesa Light Rail Extension
Valley Metro Rail Line
Valley Metro Rail Station
Main St
Park-and-Ride

Note: Dates indicate anticipated calendar year openings

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

Prior to and during construction, Valley Metro encourages businesses to join the METRO Max Rewards program. Valley Metro promotes the program on the website, social media sites, train wrap, weekly emails to subscribers and at events.

- 161 METRO Max Rewards businesses
- 199 businesses utilized signage/banner program
- 248 community meetings and events held

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Number of miles – 3.1
Number of stations – Four stations at Alma School Road, Country Club Drive, Center Street and Mesa Drive
Park-and-ride – 445 spaces at the northeast corner of Main Street and Mesa Drive
Ridership estimate – 5,000 riders per day
Estimate to operate – $4 million annually from fares and city of Mesa
Construction start – July 2012
Opening – August 22, 2015

FUNDING ($M) — TOTAL $199M

CONSTRUCTION FACTS

- 3,850 linear feet of sewer main replaced
- 14,390 linear feet of water main installed
- 31,226 linear feet of track placed
- 20,000 cubic yards of track concrete poured
- 425,000 linear feet of electrical pipes installed
- 755,000 labor hours

700 jobs generated annually during peak construction

Funding:

- Federal 5309 Small Starts 38%
- Regional Funds - PTF 36%
- Federal (other) CMAQ 27%

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