Valley Metro
Rail System Fact Sheet

SYSTEM OVERVIEW
• Number of miles: 26
• Number of stations: 35
• Number of vehicles: 50
• Number of parking spaces: 4,488
• Total travel time: 85 minutes
• Cost to ride: $2.00 per ride
  $4.00 1-Day Pass

FIVE BUSIEST STATIONS
• 19th Ave/Dunlap
• Mesa Dr/Main St
• Van Buren/Central Ave (WB)
• University Dr/Rural
• 44th St/Washington

ABOUT VALLEY METRO RAIL
Valley Metro Rail is responsible for the planning, design, construction and operations of the region’s light rail/high-capacity transit system, serving 16.5 million total passengers in Fiscal Year 2017.

The initial 20-mile light rail line opened on December 27, 2008. Two extensions began service by spring 2016, adding six more miles and connecting downtown Mesa to northwest Phoenix.

The 35 stations were designed with significant consideration given to the desert sun and heat. Eleven park-and-rides provide 4,488 parking spaces along 26 miles. Artwork is also an integral part of the urban system, reflecting the history and culture of local neighborhoods.

Each light rail vehicle has a comfort capacity of 175 passengers and features state-of-the-art technology designed for the urban desert climate.

RIDERSHIP
16.5 million rail riders

HIGHEST RIDERSHIP DAYS
March 31-April 2: NCAA Final Four events

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

Rail service is coordinated with bus to provide a seamless transit network for customers. Transit 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. Violators are subject to fines ranging from $50 to $500 and can lose their transit privileges.

The Valley Metro Rail system connects the region to the cities of Phoenix, Tempe and Mesa. It provides connections to work, education and entertainment. There are many sports, shopping, restaurants and arts and culture destinations along the line. Valley Metro Rail also connects to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport with PHX Sky Train® at the 44th St/Washington station.

Rail is a catalyst for jobs and economic development with more than $10 billion in public and private sector investment since 2008.

FUTURE EXPANSION
Seven high-capacity extensions are planned or under construction to create a 66-mile system by 2034. The Valley Metro Rail Board of Directors sets the policy direction for the system with the intent of advancing regional public transit in the Valley.

FUNDING SOURCES

Fares
Member Cities
Federal
Advertising

32%
3%
3%
62%