About the Project

Tempe Streetcar will serve one of the highest transit ridership centers in the region. It will connect riders to neighborhoods, major business centers, and regional events and destinations. As the Valley’s first modern streetcar line, it will add to the comprehensive transit network in Tempe, which includes buses, circulators, light rail, bicycle and pedestrian amenities.

Streetcar vehicles are smaller than light rail vehicles and operate individually, not linked together like trains. Streetcar stops are similar to bus stops and occur more frequently than light rail stations.

The design includes:
• Off-wire operation through downtown on Mill Avenue and at gateway intersections
• Primarily shared roadway with vehicle traffic
• Landscaping and public art

PROJECT STATUS

• Installation of track at Ash Avenue/University Drive and Mill Avenue/University Drive completed.
• The second phase of the light rail track tie-in at Apache Boulevard and Dorsey Lane is underway.
• Local business outreach and support continues with webinars, resource sharing, and one-on-one assistance.
• Developed and launched new GIS map to showcase businesses along route.
• Community Advisory Board continues to assist in construction oversight and community feedback.

PROJECT FACTS

3 MILES
14 STOPS
2 CONNECTIONS TO VALLEY METRO RAIL

NEXT STEPS

• Overhead Catenary System (OCS) installation in the wired portions of the route.
• Construction of stop platform foundations throughout the route.
• Wrapping up track installation.

COST FORECAST*

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*Estimated as of May 2020
TEMPE STREETCAR

PROJECTS

STREETCAR

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TITLE

ROUTE MAP

TEMPE STREETCAR

STREETCAR

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At-A-Glance

ROUTE
3 miles
Downtown/ASU/Rio Salado Pkwy/Apache Blvd

STOPS
14 sheltered stops
Public art
2 light rail connections

POWER
Hybrid battery
Off-wire through downtown on Mill Ave.

FLEET
6 vehicles
125 passenger capacity
ADA and bike accessible

CAPITAL COST
$200 million

FUNDING
Federal grants
Regional funding – Prop 400
Local public-private partnership

STATUS
100% design
Rail delivered and welded
Under construction

OPENING YEAR
2021

TEMPE STREETCAR

Valley Metro Rail/Station
Tempe Streetcar/Stop
Walking Distance

PROJECT SCHEDULE

2014-2016
2016-2018
2018-2021
2021

PLANNING
DESIGN
CONSTRUCTION
COMPLETION

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