



METRO LIGHT RAIL

FY11 NEW STARTS REQUEST

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5309 AND 5339

Project Sponsor

Valley Metro Rail, Inc. (METRO) with funding from the Federal Transit Administration; cities of Phoenix, Tempe and Mesa; Maricopa Association of Governments; and voter-approved funding for light rail at the regional level.

Central Phoenix/East Valley Light Rail Starter Line

The METRO 20-mile light rail project entered into a Full Funding Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration on January 24, 2005. The METRO 20-mile project opened on time and on budget on December 27, 2008, and achieved several significant milestones over the last year:

- Boardings over the first year of operation were projected to be 7.8 million. Actual boardings surpassed 11.3 million – 45% over projections.
- METRO surpassed 50,000 boardings on three separate days in 2009.
- Since construction was initiated in 2004, approximately \$7.4 billion of private and public development has occurred within walking distance of light rail stations.

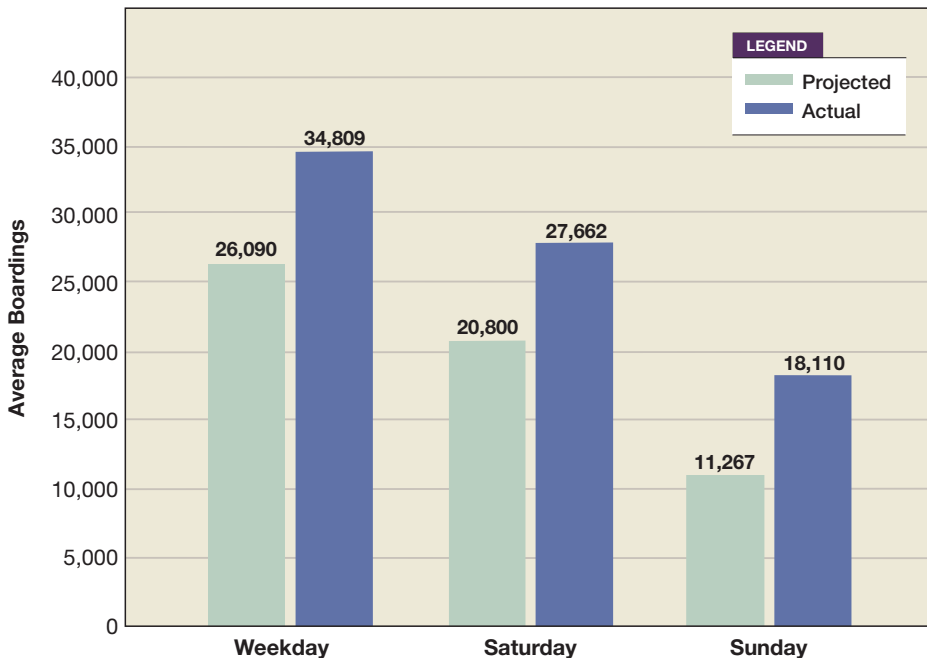


Ridership continues with great success.

METRO Extensions

The METRO 57-mile light rail system was approved as part of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) by Maricopa County voters in 2004. The RTP includes a phased system completion date of 2030. Several high capacity/light rail extensions are in the project development phase.

METRO 2009 Ridership



Contact

Senate Appropriations

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies.

Chair: Senator Patty Murray (WA)

Ranking Member: Senator

Christopher S. "Kit" Bond (MO)

House Appropriations

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies.

Chair: Representative John W. Oliver (MA)

Ranking Member: Representative Tom Latham (IA)

SECTION 5309 – Project Development Requests

Central Mesa LRT Extension

The Central Mesa Light Rail Transit (LRT) Extension is included in the RTP. The Alternatives Analysis was completed in the summer of 2009, with the Environmental Assessment for the project scheduled to be completed in 2010. Application to FTA for approval to enter into Small Starts Project Development occurred in November 2009. The Project Development (engineering) phase is scheduled to begin in FY 2010 and continue through FY 2011. The Central Mesa light rail transit extension is scheduled for completion in 2016. METRO requests \$8.5 million in FY 2011 to fund Project Development, which will be equally matched with regional funding from the PTF.

Tempe South

The Tempe South corridor is included in the RTP. The Alternatives Analysis for the project is scheduled to be completed in FY 2010. The Environmental Assessment and the Small Starts Project Development (engineering) phase are scheduled to begin in FY 2011. METRO requests \$6.4 million in FY 2011 to fund Project Development, which will be equally matched with regional funding from the PTF.

SECTION 5339 – Alternatives Analysis

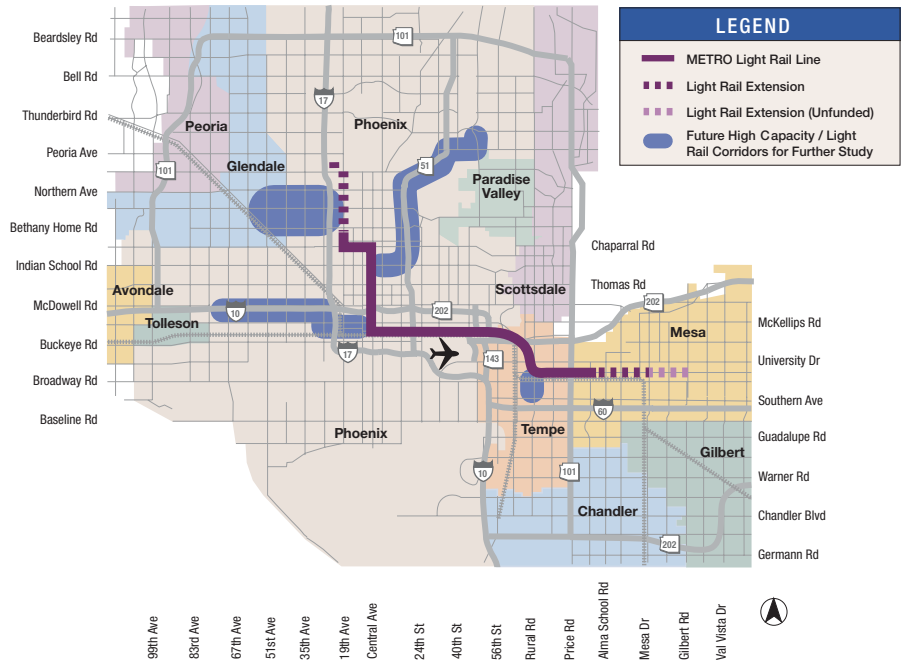
Phoenix West and Glendale Corridors

SAFETEA-LU created the Section 5339 Alternatives Analysis program for New Starts projects. High capacity transit/light rail transit projects included in the RTP that are in the Alternatives Analysis/Environmental phase of development include the Phoenix West and Glendale corridors. These corridors are identified in the system map above.

METRO has advanced the Alternatives Analysis on the Phoenix West corridor in order to coordinate with ADOT's design concept study for lane additions on Interstate 10. The Alternatives Analysis and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) development will continue into FY2011. The Glendale corridor began an early feasibility analysis as part of the Alternatives Analysis during FY 2010. The Alternatives Analysis will continue through FY 2011.

TRANSIT CORRIDORS

HIGH CAPACITY/LIGHT RAIL



Section 5309 New Starts Program Project Development Requests*			
Project	FY11 Project Need	FY11 Local Share	FY11 Federal Request
Central Mesa	\$17,000,000	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000
Tempe South	\$12,800,000	\$6,400,000	\$6,400,000

* Projects are not listed in any order of priority

Section 5339 New Starts Program Alternatives Analysis Requests*			
Project	FY11 Project Need	FY11 Local Share	FY11 Federal Request
Phoenix West	\$2,500,000	\$500,000	\$2,000,000
Glendale	\$5,600,000	\$1,100,000	\$4,500,000

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METRO light rail in service.