



City of Phoenix

PUBLIC TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

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**PHOENIX PUBLIC TRANSIT PROGRESSES WITH ARRA PROJECTS
\$29.1 million in grants support Phoenix transit infrastructure; \$88 million for region**

The Phoenix Public Transit Department announced it was awarded \$88.8 million in American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds for projects in the Phoenix/Mesa urbanized area. The portion of these funds dedicated to city of Phoenix projects totals more than \$29.1 million in improvements to its transit system and infrastructure, including \$3.9 million for METRO light rail improvements in Phoenix. Also, as the region’s federal grant recipient for the Phoenix/Mesa urbanized area, the city of Phoenix was awarded additional funds to disburse to grant sub-recipients.

Official announcement of the award of funding from ARRA was made Aug. 20 by the Federal Transit Administration, with many “shovel ready” projects scheduled to start work in late 2009 or early 2010.

Following is a chart detailing the City of Phoenix projects being funded:

** Dates are approximate, based on original grant application timelines.*

Project	Description	Grant Request	Start Construction*
Bus Stop Improvements	Transit pads, benches and shelters at various locations throughout the City	\$4,321,217	November 2009
Happy Valley / I-17 Park-and-Ride and I-17 Access Ramp	7.7-acre site; minimum of 500 covered parking spaces; landscaping; lighting; surveillance cameras; security building;	\$5,500,000	November 2009

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Pecos/40th St Park-and-Ride Expansion	Expansion of park-and-ride site, approximately 300 additional covered parking spaces	\$3,000,000	November 2009
Central Station: Transit Center Refurbishments	Site upgrades including additional security cameras, a new signage system; new roof with solar components shade trees; landscape upgrades.	\$5,000,000	February 2010
Baseline Rd / 27th Ave Park-and-Ride	Plan, design and construct a park-and-ride facility on a 2.5-acre site; approximately 200 covered parking spaces;	\$1,106,000	March 2010
Bus Crossover Lane (Bell Rd/SR-51)	Construct a bus only crossover lane through the SR-51/Bell Road freeway interchange	\$640,070	March 2010
Intelligent Transportation System: Regional Bus Stop Database	Acquire and install a new transit stop database.	\$300,000	N/A (Contract Awarded, Software application)
Preventative maintenance costs for buses	Reimbursement	\$5,400,000	N/A (Ongoing)
		\$25,267,287	
Shade Canopies for METRO Light Rail	Install shade canopies at existing Park and Ride Facilities along light rail alignment	\$2,500,000	September 2009
Expansion of METRO Light Rail Central Avenue & Camelback Road Park-and-Ride	Plan, design and construct an expanded park-and-ride facility with approximately 200 covered parking spaces.	\$1,400,000	November 2009
		\$29,167,287	

In total, the award includes funding for \$52.7 million to Valley Metro cities for new and improved facilities; bus stop improvements and upgrades to shade structures. The funding also includes \$36 million in accelerated reimbursements for METRO light rail costs.

For more about city of Phoenix ARRA funding, visit <http://www.phoenix.gov/recovery/>

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