

Valley Metro® Rail System Fact Sheet

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 more than six million total passengers in Fiscal Year 2021. The dramatic decline in ridership is due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. With safety always being a priority, we asked that riders take essential trips only at the outset of the pandemic.

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. In 2019, the line extended 1.9 miles east to the new Gilbert Rd/Main St light rail station, where there are additional transit connections. The 50th St/Washington station also opened in 2019 with enhanced accessibility features, including advanced pedestrian detection crosswalk signals, wider platforms and gently sloped entries.

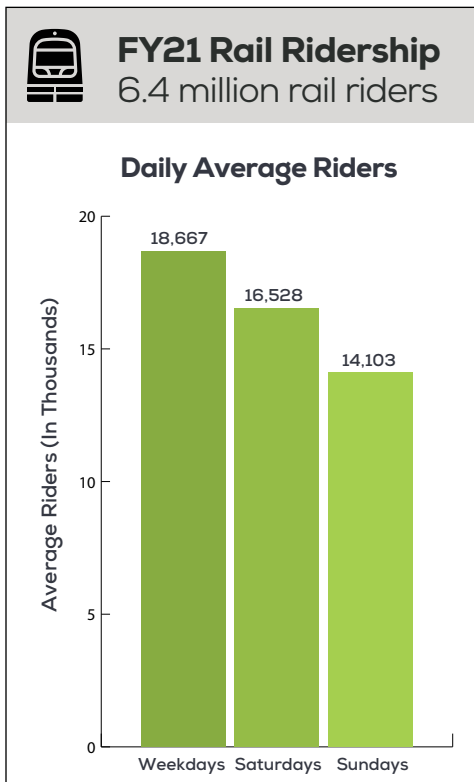
The 38 stations were designed with significant consideration given to the desert sun and heat. Eleven park-and-rides provide 4,488 parking spaces along 28 miles. Artwork is also an integral part of the urban system, reflecting the history and culture of local neighborhoods. Each light rail vehicle has a comfort capacity of 175 passengers and features state-of-the-art technology designed for the urban desert climate.

The system is expanding, with two extensions under construction: Northwest Extension Phase II and South Central Extension/Downtown Hub. Tempe Streetcar construction is complete and is anticipated to open in spring 2022 after testing of the system.



SYSTEM OVERVIEW

- Number of miles: 28
- Number of stations: 38
- Number of vehicles: 50
- Number of parking spaces: 4,488
- Total travel time: 90 minutes
- Cost to ride: \$2.00 per ride
\$4.00 1-Day Pass



While ridership declined by 50 percent in FY21, light rail continued to provide essential trips for commuters traveling to medical facilities, construction jobs and critical retail businesses.



TEN BUSIEST STATIONS

- 19th Ave/Dunlap
- 44th St/Washington
- Montebello/19th Ave
- Gilbert Rd/Main St
- 19th Ave/Camelback
- Glendale/19th Ave
- Alma School/Main St
- Veterans Way/College Ave
- Sycamore/Main St
- Country Club/Main St

OPERATIONS

Valley Metro Rail operates 365 days a year. In March 2020, peak hour service was adjusted to 15-minute frequency as a response to COVID-19 impacts. Operations' costs are supported by rail member cities, passenger fares and advertising.

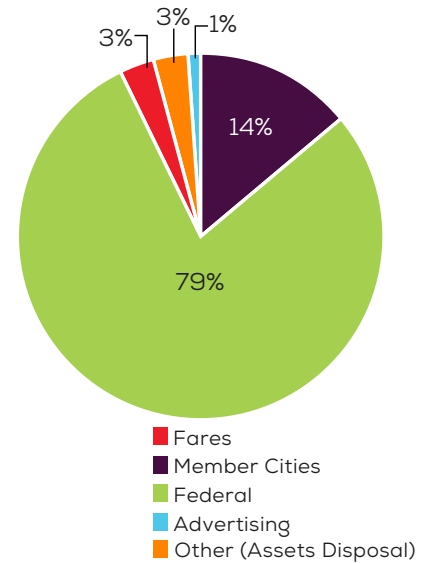
Rail service is coordinated with bus service to provide a seamless transit network for customers. Transit passes can be purchased at fare vending machines located at each station, online or from retail outlets valley-wide. Security officers regularly patrol the system and ask passengers at random for proof of payment. Violators are subject to fines ranging from \$50 to \$500 and can even lose their transit privileges.

In FY20, 10 Customer Experience Coordinators were added as a way to help riders throughout the system, providing a welcoming presence and aiding with wayfinding and purchasing correct fare.

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 \$14.4 billion in public and private sector investment since 2008.

FUNDING SOURCES*



*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, FY21 included significantly higher amounts of federal revenues, in the form of COVID relief funding (CARES), than typical years.

FUTURE EXPANSION

Five high-capacity extensions are planned or under construction to create a 50-mile system by 2030. 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.

