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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello Public Transit Colleagues and Friends,

We're already into March 2025 – can you believe how fast this year is flying! It has been one year that the new Thelda Williams Transit Center has been serving our riders! It sees on average 2,388 bus riders each day! Plus, another great project is the South Central Extension/Downtown Hub light rail extension – currently in the works. We are all looking forward to the grand opening of that much-anticipated new service in the upcoming months.

We are riding into Year 10 of the Transportation 2050 (or T2050) plan! Phoenix Public Transit continues to work towards achieving the T2050 program's many goals, including adding more shade to bus stops and increasing transit services. Check out the latest [T2050 Annual Progress Report](#) to learn more.

As we plan for the year ahead, I want to share my appreciation for the Public Transit team and our various partners and stakeholders for all the work achieved in 2024. This work helps our riders access public transit so that they can have reliable service to get where they need to go. I am incredibly proud of our department and am thankful for the support from City leadership, partners and friends.

Let's keep moving Phoenix forward!

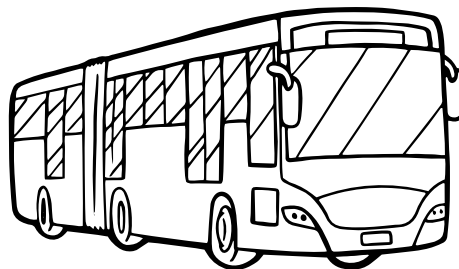
Sincerely,



Jesús Sapien

Director, Public Transit

BUS UPDATES



July 2025 Proposed Service Changes



Route 0 and 0A

Due to construction on the South Central light rail alignment, Route 0 was split into two routes to accommodate riders. With the project completion near, we are proposing to combine the 0 and 0A back into one route. Weekday frequency would be adjusted to every 30 minutes to complement the new light rail service.



Public Transit staff will be doing in-person public outreach at bus stops and by riding the bus route. Riders can provide their feedback by taking the online [survey](#), now through April 4. For more information, visit [July 2025 Proposed Service Changes | Valley Metro](#).

New Future Public Transit Centers and Stations

Exciting news! The Greg Stanton Central Station project is near completion! Currently, our Central Station customer services are operating out of the temporary location at 302 North 1st Avenue. We will keep you posted on updates on the move to the new location right across the street where riders will be able to access bus, light rail, purchase fares, and connect with customer service staff.

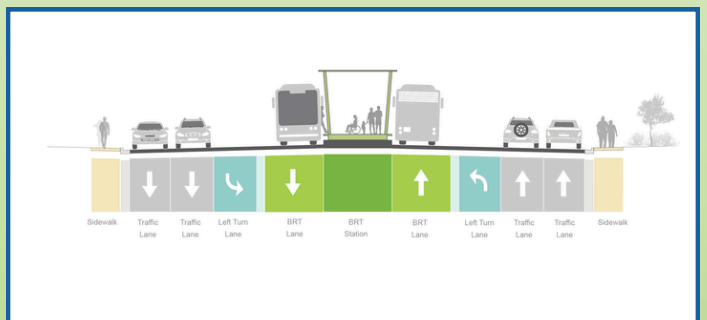
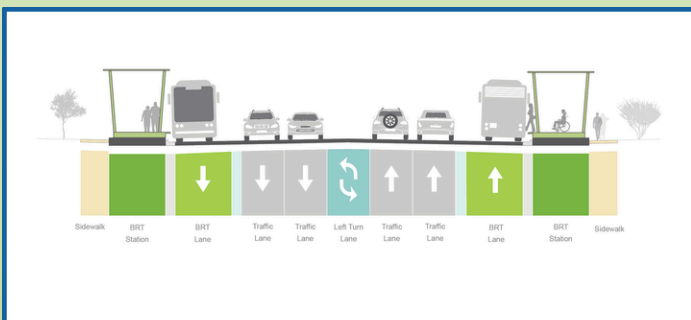
With the redevelopment of the Paradise Valley Mall, the PV Transit Center is also moving location! Do not worry, it will not be moving far. The new spot will allow for better bus access while still being at the center of the new redeveloped site. More to come soon!



BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT)



The Phoenix Bus Rapid Transit team is currently in its second round of public outreach along 35th Ave. The identified corridor will run along 35th Ave between Van Buren Avenue and the Thelda Williams Transit Center. The BRT team is seeking the public's feedback on the two-lane options for the corridor: center-running or side-running.



Center-running includes dedicated bus lanes in the center of the road.

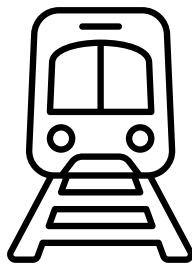
Side-running includes dedicated bus lanes in the curb lane.

Both options are currently being presented to the public.

The public can submit feedback/questions now through April 6.

Visit meetphoenixbrt.com to learn more about the project and take the survey.

Light Rail



South Central Extension Train Testing Milestones



Valley Metro and Phoenix Public Transit celebrated two South Central Extension milestone events.

On January 29, Public Transit and City leadership, community members and many other stakeholders joined to celebrate the first train testing to cross over the Salt River Bridge.

On March 8, the community joined together with Valley Metro and Phoenix Public

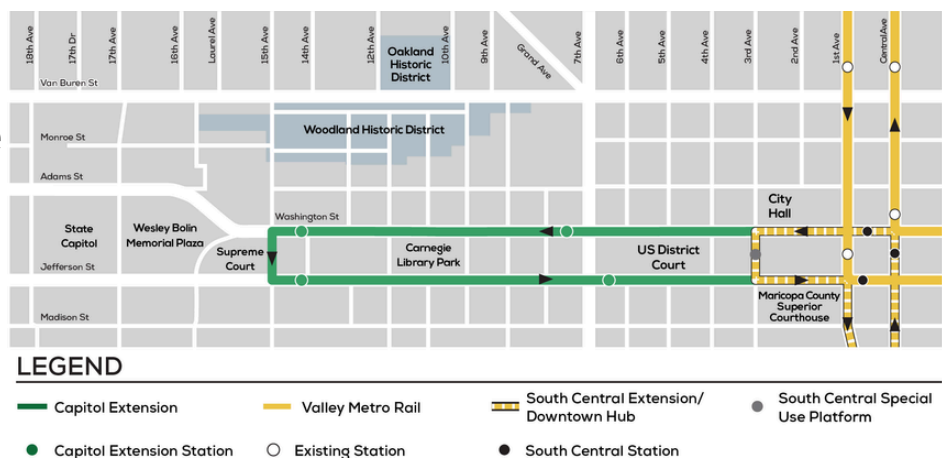
Transit to celebrate the first trains testing to reach the end of the new extension at Baseline Road. These two events marked a long-awaited achievement that will serve the South Phoenix community and provide increased access to Downtown Phoenix, entertainment, schools and the east and north valley.

Capital Extension

The 0.8-mile Capitol Extension Project will connect the existing Valley Metro Rail system in downtown Phoenix to the Arizona State Capitol area. The project team is currently working to advance design and pre-construction work throughout the project limits.

This month, a crew will be using ground-penetrating radar to identify potential archaeological features near the intersection of 15th Avenue and Jefferson Street.

Stay tuned for project updates and public meeting announcements in the coming weeks. For project updates and information, visit the project website at valleymetro.org/capex.



Light Rail

Small Business Financial Assistance Program

The Small Business Financial Assistance Program that has assisted businesses along the South Central Extension alignment construction was extended until the end of March 2025.

Final checks for businesses were signed, and all the remaining funds have been distributed. As a result of the extension of the program, 20 businesses received an additional \$9,000 in grant funds. Throughout the start of the project, more than \$1.6M was distributed to qualifying businesses in the Downtown/South Central area.

Valley Metro will continue to offer free business consulting through the start of service. The Small Business Financial Assistance Program was the first time that direct grant funding was available for businesses impacted by light rail construction.

Tree Planting

The Phoenix Public Transit Facilities team has begun replacing and planting trees along the light rail alignment. The trees will be replaced with a different species of tree that is easier to maintain and provide more shade.

This ongoing tree improvement activity will also assist with pedestrian safety and ADA pedestrian safety guidelines the City must abide by. Work on this project will continue in the coming weeks with almost 200 new trees going in along Central Avenue and the entire light rail corridor.

FROM OUR PARTNERS



Make the pledge!

Mayor Kate Gallego invites you to join the Phoenix Save Water Pledge! Residents can take simple yet effective measures to reduce water usage, such as fixing leaks, utilizing water-efficient appliances, and adopting smart watering practices that reflect seasonal weather conditions. Sign up for the pledge and receive regular updates and tips on how to conserve water. Visit phoenix.gov/SaveWater. Let's secure a sustainable future together!



Scrap the Food Waste!

The City of Phoenix has teamed up with Mill and R.City to work toward our goal of becoming a zero-waste city by 2050. Now you can try a new way to put food scraps to good use at home. Mill's food recycler is no larger than a typical kitchen trash can. It accepts fruits, vegetables, grains/breads, meat, eggshells, and more. The device works automatically while you sleep to turn the food scraps into dehydrated grounds. Every month, R.City collects Food Grounds from Phoenix homes, schools, and offices – turning them into compost for local farms. [Sign up risk free for 30 days](#), or learn more about home composting from [City of Phoenix Public Works Department](#). If you join Mill, you'll receive either a box of farm produce or a bag of compost every quarter!





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