# Valley Metro® Rail FY25 Budget





# Valley Metro Rail, Inc.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

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(JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025)

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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**



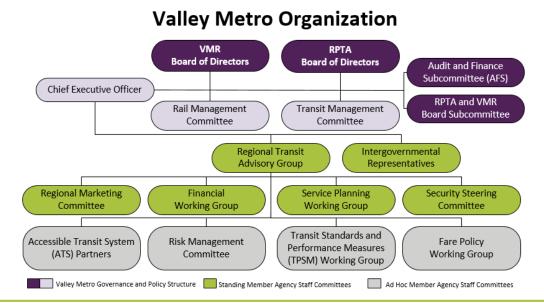
# AGENCY OVERVIEW

Valley Metro is comprised of two separate legal entities, the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) and Valley Metro Rail, Inc. (VMR). The two agencies operate jointly with one Chief Executive Officer and one organizational structure. Intergovernmental agreements between the agencies define the responsibilities of each agency in meeting the overall strategic mission, vision, and goals for Valley Metro. Valley Metro is governed by two boards of directors. The RPTA Board consists of 19 public agencies that set the policy direction for all modes of transit except light rail. The VMR Board consists of four cities that set the policy direction for light rail and streetcar high-capacity transit (HCT). The boards and the agency work to improve and regionalize the public transit system.

RPTA is the regional transit agency for Maricopa County. Created in 1985 with the passage of Proposition 300, RPTA is a political subdivision of the State of Arizona overseen by a 19-member board of elected officials. Membership is open to all municipalities in Maricopa County and to the County government. The current Valley Metro RPTA Board comprises Avondale, Buckeye, Chandler, El Mirage, Fountain Hills, Gilbert, Glendale, Goodyear, Maricopa County, Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix, Queen Creek, Scottsdale, Surprise, Tempe, Tolleson, Wickenburg, and Youngtown. With the passage of Proposition 400 in November 2004, RPTA is the recipient of the transit portion of the twenty-year countywide 0.5% sales tax fund commencing in 2006 and running through 2025. A new ballot Proposition 479 will be voted on in November 2024 to determine the future of the Public Transportation Fund (PTF) tax.

VMR was formed in 2002 to design, construct, and operate a high-capacity transit system. The current VMR Board comprises Chandler, Mesa, Phoenix, and Tempe. VMR is responsible for administration and oversight of the design, construction and operation of light rail and streetcar, and for receipt and disbursement of funds from federal, state, local, and other funding sources. The VMR Board is empowered to enter into contracts for design and construction, hire or contract for staff and undertake extensions to the system. The member cities of VMR retain power of eminent domain and ownership of real estate with agreements established for property use by VMR. The cities are responsible for providing annual funding for the light rail and streetcar projects through their annual or biannual budgets, in addition to recommending light rail corridors within their city boundaries.

The following chart depicts the policy organization for Valley Metro and the relationships to key stakeholders:



# SERVICE CHARACTERISTICS

VMR operates the only light rail and streetcar systems within the Phoenix Metropolitan area.

Light rail operates with an average weekday ridership of 46,000 boardings, pre-pandemic; however, the average dropped to 28,000 in FY23. Weekday trains run with two cars at 15-minute intervals during peak hours and 20-minute intervals off-peak. VMR operates a fleet of 59 light rail vehicles traveling over 8,000 miles each weekday, on a 29-mile alignment, serving 46 stations within the cities of Phoenix, Tempe, and Mesa. VMR's light rail service area encompasses 40.9 square miles within the Phoenix Metropolitan area.

Streetcar weekday service operates at 20-minute intervals. There is a fleet of five streetcar vehicles, operating on a 3-mile alignment, serving 14 stops within the city of Tempe, with two connections to light rail. Streetcar service area encompasses 5.7 square miles within the city of Tempe.

# **FARE POLICY**

Effective October 2023, the current Regional Fare Policy is as follows:

Exact Fare		ash & art Fare		Smart Fare Maximum Fare Charged								
Required	1-	-Ride	e Daily		Daily Weekly N		Daily Weekly		Weekly		M	onthly
	Full	Reduced <sup>1</sup>	Full	Reduced <sup>2</sup>	Full	Reduced <sup>2</sup>	Full	Reduced <sup>2</sup>				
Local Bus/ Light Rail	\$2	\$1	\$4	\$2	\$20 \$10		\$64	\$32				
Express/RAPID	\$3.25	N/A	\$6.50	50 N/A \$104				N/A				
Streetcar	\$1	\$0.50	Streetcar contributes to all Smart Fare maximums.									

Daily maximum applies to transit day (3 a.m.-2:59 a.m.). Weekly/monthly maximums apply to calendar week (Mon.-Sun.) and calendar month.

Reduced fare is available for youth ages 6-18, seniors 65+, persons with disabilities and Medicare card holders.

¹ Cash reduced fares require showing proof of eligibility: government-issued ID, Medicare card with proof of ID, current school year ID with photo or reduced fare Copper card.

² Reduced fare account required to access reduced Smart Fare.

Visit Valley Metro's website at https://www.valleymetro.org for details regarding the fare structure.











# **BUDGET OVERVIEW**

Total operating and capital budget for FY25 is \$358.6 million (M), a decrease of \$135.7M or 27% from the FY24 budget.



FY24 vs FY25 Budget Comparison









## SOURCES OF FUNDS

Operating sources of funds are \$97.0M, an increase of \$8.0M or 9% from the FY24 budget. The primary sources are detailed below:

- Fare revenue is forecasted at \$6.8M, which is up from FY24, based on current trends in average fare and on-going gradual return to pre-pandemic ridership levels.
- Member city contributions of \$87.2M is up from \$80.4M. This funding is used for rail operations and maintenance, and agency operating expenses. It also includes a full year of operations for Northwest Extension II.

Capital sources of funds are \$261.6M, a decrease of \$143.7M or 35% from the FY24 budget. The primary sources are detailed below:

- Member city contributions are \$65.4M, down from \$181.6M. This funding is used to support future
  project development and capital construction activities, systemwide improvements, and State of
  Good Repair (SOGR) projects.
- Federal funds are programmed at \$123.6M to support South Central Ext./Downtown Hub, and Northwest Extension Phase II projects' design and construction activities, as well as future project development, and SOGR.
- Public Transportation Fund (PTF) sales tax revenue is \$71.6M, down from \$74.3M in FY24 primarily due to decreased funding requirements for most capital projects.

	FY23 Actua	al	FY24 Budget	FY25 Budget	
Sources of Funds					
Operating					*Note
Advertising	\$ 656,0	000 \$	850,000	\$ 1,250,000	
Fares	6,903,0	000	6,018,000	6,811,000	1
Federal Funds		-	1,603,000	1,627,000	
Federal Funds - Covid Relief	36,861,0	000	-	-	
Member City Contributions	25,824,0	000	80,430,000	87,248,000	2
Other	84,0	000	130,000	100,000	_
Total Operating	70,328,0	000	89,031,000	97,036,000	_
Capital					
Federal Funds	121,907,0	000	148,424,000	123,592,000	3
Federal Funds - Covid Relief	350,0	000	-	-	
MAG Funds	500,0	000	500,000	500,000	
Member City Contributions	125,485,0	000	181,642,000	65,447,000	4
Public Transportation Funds	104,915,0	000	74,286,000	71,589,000	5
Regional Area Road Funds	500,0	000	500,000	500,000	_
Total Capital	353,657,0	000	405,352,000	261,628,000	_
Total Sources of Funds	\$ 423,985,0	000 \$	494,383,000	\$ 358,664,000	=

<sup>\*</sup>Explanations for significant changes from prior year are included in the Budget Analysis section of this document.

## **USES OF FUNDS**

Operating uses of funds are \$97.0M, an increase of \$8.0M or 9% from the FY24 budget. The primary uses are detailed below:

- Revenue Operations and Maintenance (O&M) is \$78.1M, up from \$72.5M mainly due to a full year of Northwest Extension II revenue operations, COLA and Merit increases for staff, and enhancements for maintenance of the rail system.
- Security is \$15.5M, up from \$13.2M primarily due to Northwest Extension II service operating for a full year and additional staffing with Allied Universal for security enhancement.

Capital uses of funds are \$261.6M, a decrease of \$143.7M or 35% from the FY24 budget. The primary uses are detailed below:

- Future project development is \$14.8M, up by \$1.4M primarily due to an increase in planning activities related to future corridors and system planning.
- South Central Ext./Downtown Hub continues construction for FY25, Capitol Extension is in the design stage, while Northwest Extension Phase II project construction activity is completed is in revenue service (January 2024), however final payments will continue in FY25.
- State of Good Repair is \$17.4M, slightly up from \$17.2M.

	F	Y23 Actual	F'	Y24 Budget	F	Y25 Budget	
Uses of Funds							
Operating							*Note
Light Rail O&M	\$	53,485,000	\$	66,233,000	\$	71,713,000	6
Streetcar O&M		4,898,000		6,263,000		6,404,000	
Light Rail Security		9,029,000		12,224,000		14,431,000	7
Streetcar Security		856,000		1,007,000		1,045,000	
Agency Operating		2,060,000		3,304,000		3,443,000	_
Total Operating		70,328,000		89,031,000		97,036,000	_
Capital							
Future Project Development		9,165,000		13,354,000		14,792,000	8
South Central Ext./Downtown Hub		203,823,000		285,587,000		195,951,000	9
Capitol Extension		-		12,898,000		18,396,000	10
Northwest Extension Phase II		125,357,000		58,425,000		10,769,000	11
Tempe Streetcar		3,399,000		3,500,000		-	12
Gilbert Road Extension		236,000		2,322,000		-	13
OMC Expansion		777,000		-		-	
Systemwide Improvements		7,174,000		12,074,000		4,359,000	14
State of Good Repair		3,726,000		17,192,000		17,361,000	
Total Capital		353,657,000		405,352,000		261,628,000	_
Total Uses of Funds	\$	423,985,000	\$	494,383,000	\$	358,664,000	<b>=</b>

<sup>\*</sup>Explanations for significant changes from prior year are included in the Budget Analysis section of this document.

# **BUDGET ANALYSIS**

The following is an analysis of the major changes in the FY25 Budget versus the FY24 Budget. The number in the "Note" column corresponds to the "Note" column in the "Sources of Funds" and "Uses of Funds" tables.

	Note	Analysis Comment - Sources of Funds							
OPERATING	1	Fare revenue is forecasted at \$6.8M, up \$0.8M from the FY24 budget primarily due to slight increases in ridership. FY25 ridership is estimated at 11.1 million with an average fare forecast of \$0.61 per ride.							
	2	Member city contributions for operating projects are up from \$80.4M to \$87.2M in FY25 mainly due to Northwest Extension II in operations for a full year and enhanced security.							
CAPITAL	3	Federal funding for capital is down from \$148.4M to \$123.6M. The large decrease is primarily due to the timing of available federal grant drawdowns decreasing in FY25 and the winding down of construction activity for the capital program.							
	Member city contributions for capital projects are down by \$116.2  programmed at \$65.4M, primarily due to the change in South Cent								
	5	PTF sales tax funding requirement is decreasing from \$74.3M to \$71.6M, primarily for Northwest Extension Phase II. PTF sales tax revenues are used to provide regional funding for future project development, light rail capital construction projects as well as systemwide improvement and state of good repair activities.							



#### **Note Analysis Comment - Uses of Funds** Light Rail Operation and Maintenance costs are increasing over FY24 primarily **OPERATING** due to a full year of Northwest Extension Phase II revenue service, combined with increases to personnel and contractual services. Light Rail Security costs are increasing over FY24 primarily due to annual contract 7 increases, enhanced security and Northwest Extension Phase II being in operations for a full year. Planned future project development costs are up by \$1.4M due to a increase in 8 planning activities related to future corridors and system planning. This is primarily due to I-10 West. South Central/Downtown Hub project construction activities continue in FY25. Annual expenditures are planned at \$196.0M, which includes revenue vehicle payments of \$2.0M and related project activities (CNPA) costs of \$7.0M. Capitol Extension is in the design stage in FY25. 10 Northwest Phase II project construction activities were completed in FY24. ⋖ 11 Annual expenditures are forecasted at \$10.8M for residual constuction costs. ؎ Tempe Streetcar project is complete and no further expenses are expected in 12 ⋖ FY25. Gilbert Road Extension project is complete and no further expenses are 13 expected in FY25. Systemwide Improvements are forecasted at \$4.4M, down by \$7.7M. The main projects are: wayfinding in preparation of the two line system (\$2.2M), fare 14 collection system modernization (\$0.7M), station access improvement study (\$0.7M), digital storage hardware (\$0.3M), station fencing at Campbell/Central



Ave (\$0.2), and personnel and indirect costs (\$0.3M).

# STAFFING OVERVIEW

RPTA and VMR budgets are developed with a unified staff plan, with department managers planning the level of effort required to meet the bus and rail activities. For FY25, there are 517 employees budgeted: 175 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions are budgeted to RPTA activities and 342 FTEs to VMR activities. Staffing levels are reviewed on an annual basis to fulfill work requirements for the coming year. Salary and fringe benefit compensation levels are measured against comparable regional agencies, member cities, and peer transit agencies located in the western U.S.

## FY25 COMPENSATION AND FRINGE BENEFIT ASSUMPTIONS

Total compensation budget is based on a 3.5% merit increase and a 2.5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all agency staff. For staff salary changes, merit increases are based on employee performance. The COLA is recommended based on continued inflation, which according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in the Phoenix metropolitan area, reached 2.7% growth over a 12-month period (January 2023 compared to January 2024). The fringe benefits plan, including Arizona State Retirement System and health insurance, is anticipated to increase approximately 9%.

#### **FY25 STAFFING NEEDS**

Valley Metro and our partners are committed to delivering an excellent customer experience across the system now and into the future. Thirty key positions have been added to the FY25 budget in order to best serve our customers by improving and maintaining the system for upcoming new service related to the opening of the South Central Extension and the transition of regional fare revenue administration from the City of Phoenix to Valley Metro.

#### **RPTA** only

- Manager, Fare Administration and Programs
- Fare Programs Coordinator (2)

## VMR only

- Assistant Rail Manager (2)
- Cleaning Services Coordinator
- Communications Systems Technician (2)
- Customer Experience Coordinator (2)
- Lead Fare Revenue Technician
- Pressure Washer (3)
- Public Information Specialist
- Rail Safety Specialist II (2)

- Rail Vehicle Electro-Mechanical Technician
   (3)
- Rail Vehicle Mechanic
- SCADA Specialist (2)
- Signal Systems Technician (2)
- Track Maintainer (2)
- Traction Power Systems Technician (3)

	FY24	FY25	FY25
Agency	Budget	Changes	Budget
RPTA	174.3	0.4	174.7
VMR	312.7	29.6	342.3
<b>Total Agency</b>	487.0	30.0	517.0

# FIVE-YEAR OVERVIEW

VMR currently has a number of transit projects in various phases of planning, design, or construction. The sources and uses of funds associated with these projects and activities are projected to be \$1.3 billion (B) through the five-year planning horizon of FY25 through FY29. These sources and uses of funds are summarized as follows:

# SOURCES OF FUNDS

	5-Year Total				
Sources of Funds (\$,000)					
Operating					
Advertising	\$	6,637			
Fares		49,237			
Federal Funds		8,382			
Member City Contributions		527,876			
Other		500			
Total Operating		592,632			
Capital					
Federal Funds		383,533			
MAG Funds		1,000			
Member City Contributions		77,531			
Public Transportation Funds		226,309			
Regional Area Road Funds		1,000			
Total Capital		689,373			
Total Sources of Funds	\$ 1	,282,005			

# **USES OF FUNDS**

	5-Y	ear Total
Uses of Funds (\$,000)		
Operating		
Operations & Maintenance	\$	483,675
Security		90,679
Agency Operating Budget		18,278
Total Operating		592,632
Capital		
Future Project Development		59,638
South Central Ext./Downtown Hub		264,009
Capitol Extension		291,272
Northwest Extension Phase II		36,944
Systemwide Improvements		4,683
State of Good Repair		32,827
Total Capital		689,373
Total Uses of Funds	\$ :	1,282,005

# **OPERATING BUDGET**

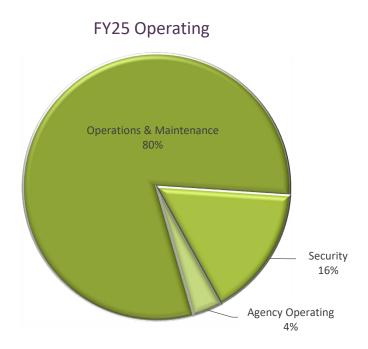


# **OPERATING OVERVIEW**

# LIGHT RAIL & STREETCAR

The total operating budget for FY25 is \$97.0M, up \$8.0M or 9% from FY24.

	F	FY23 Actual FY24 Budget		Y24 Budget	F'	Y25 Budget
Operating						
Operations & Maintenance	\$	58,383,000	\$	72,496,000	\$	78,117,000
Security		9,885,000		13,231,000		15,476,000
Agency Operating		2,060,000		3,304,000		3,443,000
Total Operating	\$	70,328,000	\$	89,031,000	\$	97,036,000



# **OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE**

# LIGHT RAIL

Valley Metro Rail (VMR) light rail will provide approximately 3.6 million miles of service in FY25. VMR contracts with Alternate Concepts, Inc. (ACI) to provide service to Phoenix, Tempe, and Mesa at 46 platform stations.

Light Rail Operations & Maintenance (O&M) is composed of five categories: Operations, Vehicle Maintenance, Maintenance of Way, Administrative Support, and Insurance. Overall, there is an increase of \$5.5M or 8% over FY24. Each of the five categories are detailed below.

Northwest Extension Phase II opened for operation on January 27, 2024.

	F	FY23 Actual		FY24 Budget		Y25 Budget
Light Rail O&M						
Operations	\$	16,052,000	\$	18,248,000	\$	20,242,000
Vehicle Maintenance		11,426,000		11,956,000		12,118,000
Maintenance of Way		14,539,000		20,467,000		21,387,000
Administrative Support		7,168,000		10,880,000		12,408,000
Insurance		4,300,000		4,682,000		5,558,000
Total Light Rail O&M	\$	53,485,000	\$	66,233,000	\$	71,713,000
Full Time Equivalents						
Operations		2.0		2.1		2.6
Vehicle Maintenance		80.7		79.4		71.0
Maintenance of Way		69.0		72.8		76.0
Administrative Support		32.4		34.1		47.5
Insurance		0.0		0.0		0.0
Track Miles		27.3		28.9		28.9
Revenue Miles		3,000,000		3,456,000		3,560,000
Boardings		9,499,000		9,449,000		10,438,000



## **OPERATIONS**

Operations is responsible for ensuring the overall reliability of the light rail system. This includes the operation control center, field supervision, train operators, and propulsion power.

	FY23 Actual		FY24 Budget		FY	25 Budget
Operations						
Personnel	\$	259,000	\$	313,000	\$	398,000
Contractual Services		33,000		10,000		10,000
Fuel & Lubricants		37,000		71,000		133,000
Propulsion Power		2,619,000		2,938,000		3,475,000
Transit Services		13,081,000		14,888,000		16,191,000
Allocated Indirect Costs		23,000		28,000		35,000
Total Operations	\$	16,052,000	\$	18,248,000	\$	20,242,000
Full Time Equivalents		2.0		2.1		2.6

The costs for operations are forecasted to increase by 11%. Transit services will increase due to standard contractual increases, a full year of Northwest Extension Phase II operations, and an increase in non-revenue vehicles cost to ACI assigned vehicles. The propulsion power increase is due to utility rate increases and a full year of Northwest Extension Phase II.

## **VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**

Vehicle Maintenance is responsible for the preventive and corrective maintenance required to preserve a high level of vehicle availability, reliability, and cleanliness.

	FY	FY23 Actual		FY24 Budget		25 Budget
Vehicle Maintenance						
Personnel	\$	6,738,000	\$	7,479,000	\$	7,577,000
Contractual Services		798,000		949,000		949,000
Parts		3,309,000		2,854,000		2,927,000
Allocated Indirect Costs		581,000		674,000		665,000
<b>Total Vehicle Maintenance</b>	\$	11,426,000	\$	11,956,000	\$	12,118,000
Full Time Equivalents		80.7		79.4		71.0
Total Vehicle Maintenance	\$	11,426,000	\$	11,956,000	\$	12,118,000

Overall vehicle maintenance costs are forecasted to increase by 1%. Parts are up at an inflationary rate of 3%.

## MAINTENANCE OF WAY

Maintenance of Way is responsible for maintaining all rail systems and facilities, including track, communications, signals, stations, traction power distribution, and overhead catenary systems.

	FY	23 Actual	FY24 Budget		FY25 Budget	
Maintenance of Way						
Personnel	\$	5,875,000	\$	7,907,000	\$	7,983,000
Computers & Software		176,000		494,000		377,000
Contractual Services		4,803,000		6,975,000		7,222,000
Equipment		39,000		-		-
Fuel & Lubricants		560,000		542,000		590,000
Non-Revenue Vehicles		-		444,000		321,000
Parts		826,000		1,416,000		1,396,000
Supplies		22,000		48,000		48,000
Utilities		1,724,000		1,652,000		2,287,000
Other		8,000		277,000		463,000
Allocated Indirect Costs		506,000		712,000		700,000
Total Maintenance of Way	\$	14,539,000	\$	20,467,000	\$	21,387,000
Full Time Equivalents		69.0		72.8		76.0

Maintenance of way costs are forecasted to increase 4% over FY24. The main reasons for the increase are recently approved utility rate hikes, annualization of Northwest Extension Phase II for a full year of operating costs, on-going contractual services increases, and equipment for field staff.



## ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Operations, vehicle maintenance, and maintenance of way are supported by administrative activities including public safety and security, marketing, customer service, legal and procurement, finance and accounting, risk management, and information systems.

	FY2	3 Actual	FY24 Budget		FY25 Budget	
Administrative Support						
Personnel	\$	3,049,000	\$	4,717,000	\$	5,770,000
Advertising		201,000		288,000		585,000
Computers & Software		9,000		-		-
Contractual Services		1,808,000		2,917,000		2,816,000
Equipment		8,000		-		-
Fuel & Lubricants		-		-		-
Leases/Rent		-		75,000		75,000
Non-Revenue Vehicles		59,000		-		-
Site Improvements		71,000		87,000		163,000
Supplies		120,000		86,000		91,000
Travel & Meetings		54,000		36,000		57,000
Other		495,000		575,000		711,000
Allocated Indirect Costs		1,294,000		2,099,000		2,140,000
Total Administrative Support	\$	7,168,000	\$	10,880,000	\$	12,408,000
Full Time Equivalents		32.4		34.1		47.5

Administrative costs for operations are up \$1.5M over FY24 mainly due to increased personnel shifts from vehicle maintenance and maintenance of way categories. In addition, advertising is increasing due to a proposed ticket partnership marketing campaign and a two line rail system education program.

## **INSURANCE**

	FY2	FY23 Actual		FY24 Budget		25 Budget
Insurance						
Insurance Property Damage Recoveries	\$	4,798,000 (498,000)	\$	4,956,000 (274,000)	\$	6,200,000 (642,000)
Total Insurance	\$	4,300,000	\$	4,682,000	\$	5,558,000
Full Time Equivalents		0.0		0.0		0.0

Insurance costs for operations are up \$0.9M over FY24. Insurance is up 25% primarily due to tightening insurance market for transit liability risks. Northwest Extension Phase II full year insurance costs are also included.

# STREETCAR

Valley Metro Rail (VMR) streetcar will provide approximately 163,000 miles of service in FY25. VMR contracts with Alternate Concepts, Inc. (ACI) to provide service to Tempe at 14 stops.

Streetcar Operations & Maintenance (O&M) is composed of five categories: Operations, Vehicle Maintenance, Maintenance of Way, Administrative Support, and Insurance. Each of the five categories are detailed below.

	F۱	Y23 Actual	FY24 Budget		FY25 Budget	
Streetcar O&M						
Operations	\$	2,451,000	\$	2,911,000	\$	2,741,000
Vehicle Maintenance		692,000		941,000		970,000
Maintenance of Way		1,081,000		1,499,000		1,458,000
Administrative Support		318,000		562,000		808,000
Insurance		356,000		350,000		427,000
Total Streetcar O&M	\$	4,898,000	\$	6,263,000	\$	6,404,000
Full Time Equivalents						
Operations		0.6		0.1		0.2
Vehicle Maintenance		2.2		5.0		5.1
Maintenance of Way		4.4		5.2		5.2
Administrative Support		0.4		0.9		2.6
Insurance		0.0		0.0		0.0
Track Miles		3.0		3.0		3.0
Revenue Miles		119,000		163,000		163,000
Boardings		622,000		408,000		686,000





## **OPERATIONS**

Operations is responsible for ensuring the overall reliability of the streetcar system. This includes the operation control center, field supervision, streetcar operators, and propulsion power.

	FY2	23 Actual	FY24 Budget		FY25 Budget	
Operations						
Personnel	\$	81,000	\$	16,000	\$	23,000
Contractual Services		-		1,000		1,000
Fuel & Lubricants		-		3,000		8,000
Propulsion Power		162,000		524,000		231,000
Transit Services		2,201,000		2,366,000		2,476,000
Allocated Indirect Costs		7,000		1,000		2,000
Total Operations	\$	2,451,000	\$	2,911,000	\$	2,741,000
Full Time Equivalents		0.6		0.1		0.2

The costs for operations are forecasted to decrease 6% from FY24 based upon the FY23 actuals and FY24 trends.

## **VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**

Vehicle Maintenance is responsible for the preventive and corrective maintenance required to preserve a high level of vehicle availability, reliability, and cleanliness.

	FY23 Actual		FY24 Budget		FY2	5 Budget
Vehicle Maintenance						
Personnel	\$	327,000	\$	500,000	\$	517,000
Contractual Services		89,000		117,000		117,000
Parts		260,000		278,000		291,000
Allocated Indirect Costs		16,000		46,000		45,000
Total Vehicle Maintenance	\$	692,000	\$	941,000	\$	970,000
Full Time Equivalents		2.2		5.0		5.1

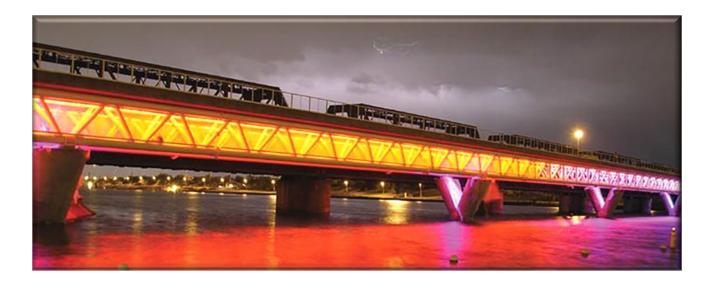
Vehicle maintenance costs are up 3% due to costs related to staffing.

## MAINTENANCE OF WAY

Maintenance of Way is responsible for maintaining all rail systems and facilities, including, track, communications, signals, stations, traction power distribution, and overhead catenary systems.

	FY2	3 Actual	FY24 Budget		FY25 Budget	
Maintenance of Way						
Personnel	\$	475,000	\$	507,000	\$	590,000
Computers & Software		6,000		26,000		20,000
Contractual Services		359,000		711,000		574,000
Equipment		2,000		-		-
Fuel & Lubricants		8,000		29,000		33,000
Non-Revenue Vehicles		-		24,000		17,000
Parts		176,000		99,000		54,000
Supplies		4,000		2,000		2,000
Utilities		21,000		42,000		88,000
Other		1,000		13,000		29,000
Allocated Indirect Costs		29,000		46,000		51,000
Total Maintenance of Way	\$	1,081,000	\$	1,499,000	\$	1,458,000
Full Time Equivalents		4.4		5.2		5.2

Maintenance of way costs are forecasted to have a slight decrease of 3% over FY24 based upon the FY23 actuals and FY24 trends. Costs related to staffing increased but were offset by our savings within other categories.



## ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Operations, vehicle maintenance, and maintenance of way are supported by administrative activities including public safety and security, marketing, customer service, legal and procurement, finance and accounting, risk management, and information systems.

	FY23	<b>Actual</b>	FY24 Budget		FY25 Budget	
Administrative Support						
Personnel	\$	45,000	\$	122,000	\$	327,000
Advertising		49,000		80,000		80,000
Computers & Software		1,000		-		-
Contractual Services		188,000		257,000		232,000
Site Improvements		1,000		1,000		10,000
Supplies		5,000		8,000		11,000
Travel & Meetings		2,000		2,000		4,000
Other		19,000		41,000		47,000
Allocated Indirect Costs		8,000		51,000		97,000
Total Administrative Support	\$	318,000	\$	562,000	\$	808,000
Full Time Equivalents		0.4		0.9		2.6

Administrative costs for operations are up \$0.2M over FY24 mainly due to costs related to staffing.

## *INSURANCE*

	FY23	<b>Actual</b>	FY24 Budget		FY2	5 Budget
Insurance						
Insurance Property Damage Recoveries	\$	359,000 (3,000)	\$	400,000 (50,000)	\$	452,000 (25,000)
Total Insurance	\$	356,000	\$	350,000	\$	427,000
Full Time Equivalents		0.0		0.0		0.0

Insurance costs for operations are up \$0.1M over FY24. Insurance is up 13% primarily due to a tightening insurance market for transit liability risks, and decreased property damage recoveries based on actuals.

# **SECURITY**

Security is responsible for ensuring the overall safety of the light rail and streetcar systems.

# LIGHT RAIL

	FY23 Actual		FY24 Budget		FY25 Budget	
Security						
Personnel	\$	1,300,000	\$	1,469,000	\$	2,194,000
Contractual Services		7,252,000		10,170,000		11,333,000
Equipment		1,000		-		-
Non-Revenue Vehicles		-		-		61,000
Parts		1,000		-		-
Supplies		7,000		13,000		25,000
Travel & Meetings		2,000		15,000		11,000
Other		102,000		147,000		107,000
Allocated Indirect Costs		364,000		410,000		700,000
Total Security	\$	9,029,000	\$	12,224,000	\$	14,431,000
Full Time Equivalents		13.9		15.5		20.0

Security costs for light rail operations are projected to be up 18% over FY24 levels primarily due to the contractual increase with Allied Universal and Northwest Extension Phase II full year of revenue service. Personnel costs are increasing to enhance system safety oversight and reduce system safety risk.

# STREETCAR

	F	Y23 Actual	FY24 Budget		FY25 Budget	
Security						
Personnel	\$	29,000	\$	73,000	\$	101,000
Contractual Services		806,000		865,000		893,000
Non-Revenue Vehicles		-		-		3,000
Supplies		-		19,000		10,000
Travel & Meetings		-		2,000		1,000
Other		5,000		28,000		7,000
Allocated Indirect Costs		16,000		20,000		30,000
Total Security	\$	856,000	\$	1,007,000	\$	1,045,000
Full Time Equivalents		0.2		0.8		1.0

Security costs for streetcar operations are projected to be slightly over FY24 due to additional staff time focused on Streetcar safety and contractual increase with Allied Universal.

# **AGENCY OPERATING**

Agency operating costs are general and administrative costs of VMR which are not directly allocable to passenger operations or to capital projects. Typical expenses include agency memberships, public meetings, legislative representation, annual financial audit, and leadership management activities which address interactions with member cities and strategic policy making.

	FY23 Actual		FY24 Budget		FY25 Budget	
Agency Operating						
Personnel	\$	1,050,000	\$	1,570,000	\$	1,714,000
Contractual Services		302,000		718,000		721,000
Supplies		33,000		43,000		44,000
Travel & Meetings		12,000		17,000		24,000
Other		55,000		68,000		69,000
Allocated Indirect Costs		608,000		888,000		871,000
Total Agency Operating	\$	2,060,000	\$	3,304,000	\$	3,443,000
Full Time Equivalents		8.1		9.4		9.6

Total agency operating costs are up \$0.1M over FY24. The increase is mainly due to additional staff effort for agency coordination and oversight.



# VMR INDIRECT COST POOL

## **VMR AGENCY**

The VMR indirect cost pool includes general and administrative costs of VMR, directly related to the corporate office. Costs are directly allocable to labor charged by VMR corporate office staff to each project budget. Costs within this budget include rent, leased equipment, computer software and software maintenance, equipment, offsite hosting, and personnel costs for information technology, accounting, and procurement.

	FY23 Actual		FY2	24 Budget	FY25 Budget	
Indirect Cost Pool						
Expenses						
Personnel	\$	1,192,000	\$	1,534,000	\$	1,680,000
Advertising		-		4,000		1,000
Computers & Software		176,000		476,000		724,000
Contractual Services		2,320,000		3,456,000		3,172,000
Equipment		-		-		5,000
Fuel & Lubricants		66,000		15,000		34,000
Leases/Rent		1,188,000		1,222,000		1,275,000
Site Improvements		4,000		84,000		177,000
Supplies		91,000		109,000		108,000
Travel & Meetings		26,000		51,000		49,000
Other		197,000		383,000		391,000
Allocated Indirect Costs		100,000		138,000		148,000
Total Project Costs		5,360,000		7,472,000		7,764,000
Total Indirect Cost Pool	\$	5,360,000	\$	7,472,000	\$	7,764,000
Full Time Equivalents		10.5		10.2		11.2

The VMR indirect cost pool expenses are up by \$0.3M or 4% from FY24. The increase is primarily due to increased personnel with allocated indirect, site improvements, and annual rent increases.

VMR indirect cost pool expenses are allocated based on ratios of actual wages expended for VMR operating and capital projects. The table below shows the amount of indirect costs allocated to each project.

	FY23 Actual		FY24 Budget	ı	Y25 Budget
Indirect Cost Pool					
Allocation by Project					
Light Rail O&M	\$	1,035,000	\$ 1,684,000	\$	1,648,000
Streetcar O&M		4,000	33,000		64,000
Light Rail Security		255,000	277,000		508,000
Streetcar Security		14,000	13,000		21,000
Agency Operating		516,000	746,000		720,000
Future Project Development		1,358,000	1,677,000		1,497,000
South Central Ext./Downtown Hub		1,165,000	1,628,000		2,701,000
Capitol Extension		-	332,000		495,000
Northwest Extension Phase II		889,000	1,045,000		17,000
Tempe Streetcar		15,000	3,000		-
OMC Expansion		4,000	-		-
Systemwide Improvements		105,000	34,000		93,000
Total Indirect Cost Pool	\$	5,360,000	\$ 7,472,000	\$	7,764,000



# CAPITAL BUDGET



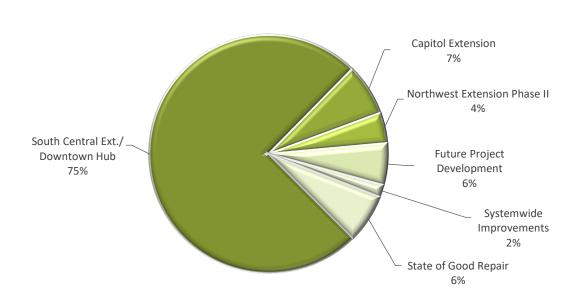
# **CAPITAL OVERVIEW**

The total capital budget for FY25 is \$261.4M, down \$144.0M or 36% from FY24.

	FY23 Actual		FY24 Budget		F	Y25 Budget
Capital						
Future Project Development	\$	9,165,000	\$	13,354,000	\$	14,792,000
South Central Ext./Downtown Hub		203,823,000		285,587,000		195,951,000
Capitol Extension		-		12,898,000		18,396,000
Northwest Extension Phase II		125,357,000		58,425,000		10,769,000
Tempe Streetcar		3,399,000		3,500,000		-
Gilbert Road Extension		236,000		2,322,000		-
OMC Expansion		777,000		-		-
Systemwide Improvements		7,174,000		12,074,000		4,359,000
State of Good Repair		3,726,000		17,192,000		17,361,000
Total Capital	\$	353,657,000	\$	405,352,000	\$	261,628,000

Capital activities fluctuate based on the progress or phase of the capital projects. For FY25, South Central Ext./Downtown Hub construction activity continues. Capitol Extension started it's capital phase in FY24. Northwest Extension Phase II has residual costs remaining in FY25.





# FUTURE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The proposed HCT system will include over 66 miles of service in three cities within the current program. Before any specific transit corridor is initiated, VMR will study and configure the system to better understand how corridors connect, determine facility requirements, and define operating parameters. System planning is the first step in developing the HCT network. It is followed by the corridor planning for individual corridors. Once technologies and alignments are determined in each corridor, preliminary engineering is engaged.

A key objective during project development is to define all aspects of each HCT corridor project, identify the appropriate transit technology, the alignment, stations, park-and-rides, maintenance facilities, traction power substations, and bus interface. VMR staff is committed to working closely with policy makers, public agencies, businesses, community stakeholders, and utility companies to assure an early and complete understanding of their needs and issues before design begins. VMR is responsible to ensure that adequate funding is in place to implement, maintain, and operate the light rail program. VMR staff works closely with federal, state, regional, and local agencies that provide present and future funding for the light rail system. VMR, in coordination with all affected agencies, annually updates the HCT element of the Transit Life Cycle Program, which defines light rail projects, funding, and schedule.

Finally, VMR assists with light rail station area planning by actively engaging to support member cities' efforts to facilitate Transit Oriented Development (TOD).





The project costs fluctuate based on the progress of the individual projects being planned or studied.

	FY23 Actual		F	Y24 Budget	FY25 Budget	
Future Project Development						
Project Costs						
Personnel	\$	2,761,000	\$	3,527,000	\$	3,562,000
Advertising		6,000		2,000		2,000
Computers & Software		0		20,000		11,000
Contractual Services		4,785,000		7,742,000		9,262,000
Supplies		4,000		8,000		8,000
Travel & Meetings		6,000		46,000		101,000
Other		4,000		12,000		35,000
Allocated Indirect Costs		1,599,000		1,997,000		1,811,000
Total Project Costs		9,165,000		13,354,000		14,792,000
Total Future Project Development	\$	9,165,000	\$	13,354,000	\$	14,792,000
Full Time Equivalents		24.6		20.8		20.7

Projects and studies planned for FY25, and associated funding sources are listed below:

- I-10 West Extension is anticipated to be funded with Federal funds (\$1.4M) and PTF (\$3.8M)
- Rio East/Dobson Streetcar is anticipated to be funded with Mesa funds (\$0.3M) and Tempe funds (\$0.4M)
- Northwest Phoenix is anticipated to be funded with PTF (\$1.0M)

# SOUTH CENTRAL EXT./DOWNTOWN HUB

The South Central corridor is one of seven project areas identified by the U.S. Department of Transportation for inclusion in its Ladders of Opportunity Transportation Empowerment Pilot (LadderSTEP) program. The LadderSTEP Pilot program aims to build and restore connections, develop workforce capacity, and catalyze neighborhood revitalization through planned transportation projects.

The 5.5-mile South Central corridor will connect with the current light rail system via the Downtown Hub and operate south to Baseline Rd. The Downtown Hub will include track improvements at 5th Street, 3rd Avenue, and McKinley, as well as new stations downtown on Central Avenue, Jefferson Street, and Washington Street. This expanded infrastructure will improve transfer opportunities between existing and planned light rail services and provide better connectivity to regional destinations.

	١	FY23 Actual	ı	Y24 Budget	F	Y25 Budget
South Central Ext./Downtown Hub						
Project Costs						
Personnel	\$	2,401,000	\$	3,433,000	\$	6,409,000
Advertising		1,000		-		100,000
Computers & Software		16,000		16,000		15,000
Contractual Services		147,159,000		209,607,000		161,857,000
Non-Prior Right Utilities		4,144,000		22,183,000		14,000,000
Non-Revenue Vehicles		47,000		-		-
Real Estate		2,615,000		17,000,000		-
Revenue Vehicles		25,761,000		18,278,000		1,975,000
Supplies		52,000		57,000		168,000
Transit Services		9,000		55,000		463,000
Travel & Meetings		7,000		30,000		70,000
Other		226,000		848,000		662,000
Allocated Indirect Costs		1,372,000		1,937,000		3,265,000
Total Project Costs		183,810,000		273,444,000		188,984,000
Associated Costs						
Art		1,582,000		977,000		22,000
Contractual Services		17,709,000		10,732,000		6,500,000
Other		722,000		434,000		445,000
Total Associated Costs		20,013,000		12,143,000		6,967,000
Total South Central Ext./Downtown Hub	\$	203,823,000	\$	285,587,000	\$	195,951,000
Full Time Equivalents		20.2		32.4		56.2

The South Central Ext./Downtown Hub project is continuing the construction phase of the project. Revenue service is anticipated to start mid-2025.

# **CAPITOL EXTENSION**

The 0.8-mile Capitol Extension will provide an important connection between the downtown core and the Arizona State Capitol area. Integrating with the existing Valley Metro Rail system at 3rd Avenue, this project will connect state, regional and local agencies, as well as community partners, and energize the downtown and State Capitol areas.

	FY23 Actual		FY24 Budget		FY25 Budget
Capitol Extension					
Project Costs					
Personnel	\$	-	\$	701,000	\$ 1,181,000
Computers & Software		-		-	7,000
Contractual Services		-		11,597,000	16,411,000
Supplies		-		18,000	18,000
Travel & Meetings		-		26,000	16,000
Other		-		10,000	15,000
Allocated Indirect Costs		-		396,000	598,000
Total Project Costs		-		12,748,000	18,246,000
Associated Costs					
Art		-		150,000	150,000
Total Associated Costs		-		150,000	150,000
Total Capitol Extension	\$	-	\$	12,898,000	\$ 18,396,000
Full Time Equivalents		0.0		3.5	6.6

Capitol Extension started its capital design phase in FY24 and continuing through FY25.

## NORTHWEST EXTENSIION PHASE II

In 2004, the Phoenix City Council approved the Northwest Extension Phase II to extend light rail from 19th Ave/Montebello to 25th Ave and Mountain View Rd. In 2007, the route was divided into two phases. The 1.6-mile Phase I on 19th Ave from Montebello to Dunlap Ave opened on March 19, 2016.

Phase II of the Northwest Extension extends the light rail 1.6 miles west on Dunlap Ave from 19th Ave, north on 25th Ave and across I-17 with a terminus near the former Metrocenter Mall.

	F١	/23 Actual	F	Y24 Budget	F	Y25 Budget
Northwest Extension Phase II						
Project Costs						
Personnel	\$	1,838,000	\$	2,204,000	\$	42,000
Advertising		-		25,000		-
Computers & Software		16,000		14,000		7,000
Contractual Services	1	.18,124,000		45,524,000		9,695,000
Non-Prior Right Utilities		2,131,000		5,667,000		1,000,000
Non-Revenue Vehicles		47,000		319,000		-
Real Estate		1,889,000		2,500,000		-
Supplies		25,000		74,000		-
Transit Services		-		282,000		-
Travel & Meetings		2,000		9,000		-
Other		126,000		234,000		4,000
Allocated Indirect Costs		1,046,000		1,244,000		21,000
Total Project Costs	1	25,244,000		58,096,000		10,769,000
Associated Costs						
Art		-		123,000		-
Contractual Services		(56,000)		20,000		-
Other		169,000		186,000		-
<b>Total Associated Costs</b>		113,000		329,000		-
Total Northwest Extension Phase II	\$ 1	25,357,000	\$	58,425,000	\$	10,769,000
Full Time Equivalents		15.4		15.5		0.4

The Northwest Extension Phase II project opened to revenue service on January 27, 2024.





## TEMPE STREETCAR

The Tempe Streetcar 3.0-mile alignment is the first modern streetcar line in the Valley. It serves one of the highest transit ridership centers in the region and connects riders to Arizona State University, neighborhoods, major business centers, and regional events and destinations.

	F	Y23 Actual	F١	/24 Budget	FY	25 Budget
Tempe Streetcar						
Project Costs						
Personnel	\$	30,000	\$	6,000	\$	-
Contractual Services		742,000		444,000		-
Non-Revenue Vehicles		123,000		-		-
Revenue Vehicles		956,000		2,676,000		-
Supplies		2,000		-		-
Utilities		3,000		-		-
Other		6,000		-		-
Allocated Indirect Costs		17,000		4,000		-
Total Project Costs		1,879,000		3,130,000		-
Associated Costs						
Contractual Services		1,062,000		370,000		-
Revenue Vehicles		458,000		-		-
Total Associated Costs		1,520,000		370,000		-
Total Tempe Streetcar	\$	3,399,000	\$	3,500,000	\$	-
Full Time Equivalents		0.8		0.1		0.0





### **GILBERT ROAD EXTENSION**

The Gilbert Road Extension extends the alignment 1.9 miles on Main Street from Mesa Drive to Gilbert Road in Mesa. At Gilbert Road, there are significant transit connections and the ability to serve the growing transit demand in the East Valley.

	FY	23 Actual	F۱	/24 Budget	FY2	.5 Budget
Gilbert Road Extension						
Project Costs						
Contractual Services	\$	31,000	\$	-	\$	-
Revenue Vehicles		205,000		2,322,000		-
<b>Total Project Costs</b>		236,000		2,322,000		-
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Full Time Equivalents		0.0		0.0		0.0

## **OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE CENTER EXPANSION**

The Rail Operations and Maintenance Center (OMC), built in 2006 for the original initial 20-mile light rail line, provides office space and facilities to store, inspect, maintain, clean, and operate trains. With the expansion of the light rail system and streetcar system, the OMC also needed to expand. The expansion includes additional storage track, maintenance buildings, cleaning structures, and staff facilities.

	FY	23 Actual	FY24 B	udget	FY2	5 Budget
OMC Expansion						
Project Costs						
Personnel	\$	7,000	\$	-	\$	-
Contractual Services		742,000		-		-
Equipment		21,000		-		-
Other		2,000		-		-
Allocated Indirect Costs		5,000		-		-
Total Project Costs		777,000		-		-
Total OMC Expansion	\$	777,000	\$	-	\$	-
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Full Time Equivalents		0.4		0.0		0.0

The OMC Expansion project was completed in FY23.

## SYSTEMWIDE IMPROVEMENTS

Systemwide Improvements include capital replacement and expansion needs.

	FY	'23 Actual	F	Y24 Budget	F١	'25 Budget
Systemwide Improvements						
Project Costs						
Personnel	\$	204,000	\$	73,000	\$	219,000
Computers & Software		535,000		7,000		-
Contractual Services		4,274,000		4,322,000		1,393,000
Equipment		42,000		575,000		267,000
PTF Disbursements		881,000		710,000		-
Revenue Vehicles		729,000		6,193,000		-
Site Improvements		365,000		152,000		200,000
Supplies		1,000		-		-
Transit Services		20,000		-		-
Travel & Meetings		-		-		12,000
Other		-		-		2,154,000
Allocated Indirect Costs		123,000		42,000		114,000
Total Project Costs		7,174,000		12,074,000		4,359,000
Total Systemwide Improvements	\$	7,174,000	\$	12,074,000	\$	4,359,000
Full Time Equivalents		0.8		0.5		1.5

Systemwide Improvements will decrease in FY25 due in part to a decrease in light rail vehicle payments over FY24. Costs for systemwide improvements in FY25 include contracted work on the new Fare Collection Modernization System, wayfinding in preparation for the two line system, station fencing, station access improvement study, and agency digital storage hardware refresh.

### STATE OF GOOD REPAIR

State of Good Repair includes projects necessary to maintain the transit system in a state of good repair to provide efficient, reliable, and safe service.

	F۱	Y23 Actual	F	Y24 Budget	F	Y25 Budget
State of Good Repair						
Project Costs						
Personnel	\$	374,000	\$	639,000	\$	751,000
Computers & Software		29,000		-		-
Contractual Services		1,569,000		5,374,000		8,165,000
Equipment		473,000		8,272,000		5,351,000
Non-Revenue Vehicles		175,000		185,000		374,000
Parts		729,000		2,665,000		2,654,000
Allocated Indirect Costs		30,000		57,000		66,000
Furniture & Fixtures		347,000		-		-
Total Project Costs		3,726,000		17,192,000		17,361,000
Total State of Good Repair	\$	3,726,000	\$	17,192,000	\$	17,361,000
Full Time Equivalents		4.1		4.7		5.5
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Projects included are scheduled component overhauls, LRV overhauls, gear units, friction brakes, bumpers, communication system replacement, compressors, station repainting and repaving, chiller replacement at OMC, security camera replacements, station amplifiers, Tempe Town Lake bridge lightening upgrade, and non-revenue vehicle replacements.

## CAPITAL DEBT SERVICE

Debt Service is shown in the VMR budget for information only. The Debt Service budget is developed and included within the RPTA budget. The figures below represent the combined interest and principal amounts due for PTF Bond issuance to support Capital Rail projects.

	F	Y23 Actual	F	Y24 Budget	F	Y25 Budget
Debt Service						
Administration						
Interest	\$	3,028,000	\$	2,212,000	\$	1,354,000
Principal		15,190,000		16,272,000		16,823,000
<b>Total Administration</b>		18,218,000		18,484,000		18,177,000
Total Debt Service	\$	18,218,000	\$	18,484,000	\$	18,177,000

# Five Year Operating Forecast & Capital Program

FISCAL YEAR 2025 - FISCAL YEAR 2029

## SUMMARY OVERVIEW

FISCAL YEAR 2025 - FISCAL YEAR 2029





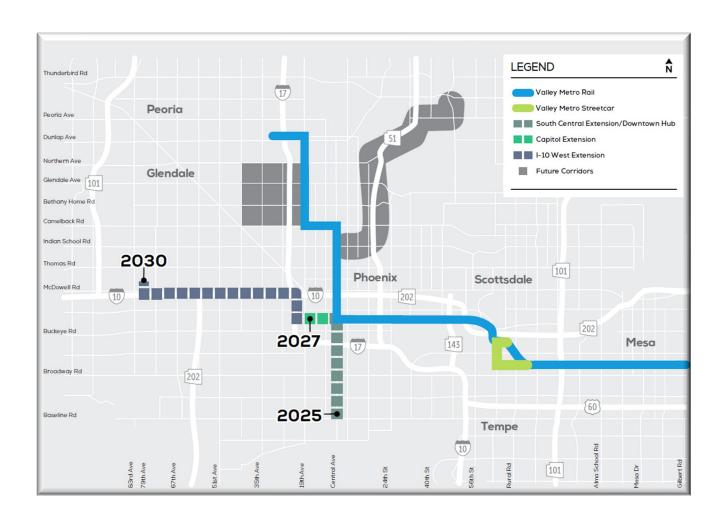
#### FIVE-YEAR OVERVIEW

The Valley Metro Rail (VMR) Five-Year Operating Forecast and Capital Program identifies anticipated operating costs, capital projects costs, and the associated funding sources. The FY25-FY29 Five-Year Operating Forecast and Capital Program is submitted to the Board of Directors (BOD) along with the FY25 Operating and Capital Budget.

#### VALLEY METRO RAIL SERVICES

VMR was formed to plan, design, construct, and operate the Valley Metro light rail transit (LRT) system. The original 20-mile alignment serving passengers in Phoenix, Tempe, and Mesa opened in December 2008. Four additional extensions have since opened, creating a 28.8-mile LRT system: Central Mesa Extension and Gilbert Road Extension in Mesa and Northwest Extension Phase I and Phase II in Phoenix. In May 2022, Valley Metro opened the first streetcar project in Tempe that is 3-miles in length and serves the ASU campus and Downtown Tempe. In the next five years, there will be one addition to the alignment: South Central Ext./Downtown Hub 5.5 miles (summer 2025).

An additional 40 miles of High-Capacity Transit (HCT) are being constructed or planned for future years. See "Future Projects Development" for more information. The map below shows the projects.



## FIVE-YEAR FORECAST

The total operating and capital budget forecast for the five-year period of FY25-FY29 is \$1.3B.



	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	Total
Five-Year Forecast (\$,000)						
Operating						
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 78,117	\$ 96,939	\$ 99,849	\$ 102,842	\$ 105,928	\$ 483,675
Security	15,476	17,976	18,515	19,070	19,642	90,679
Agency Operating Budget	3,443	3,546	3,652	3,762	3,875	18,278
Total Operating	97,036	118,461	122,016	125,674	129,445	592,632
Capital						
Future Project Development	14,792	17,505	10,466	8,359	8,516	59,638
South Central Ext./Downtown Hub	195,951	68,058	-	-	-	264,009
Capitol Extension	18,396	55,177	76,253	74,235	67,211	291,272
Northwest Extension Phase II	10,769	26,175	-	-	-	36,944
Systemwide Improvements	4,359	75	79	83	87	4,683
State of Good Repair	17,361	2,546	5,074	4,154	3,692	32,827
Total Capital	261,628	169,536	91,872	86,831	79,506	689,373
Total Uses of Funds	\$ 358,664	\$ 287,997	\$ 213,888	\$ 212,505	\$ 208,951	\$ 1,282,005

### RIDERSHIP AND AVERAGE FARE

The ridership in FY25 is forecasted to be significantly higher than ridership during the COVID years and forecasted to keep increasing each year to pre-pandemic levels.

Additional passenger rides are developed in FY25 through FY29 forecast with the addition of the Northwest Extension Phase II and South Central Ext./Downtown Hub extensions. Northwest Extension Phase II began revenue service in January of 2024. South Central Ext./Downtown Hub extension anticipated start revenue service is in FY26.

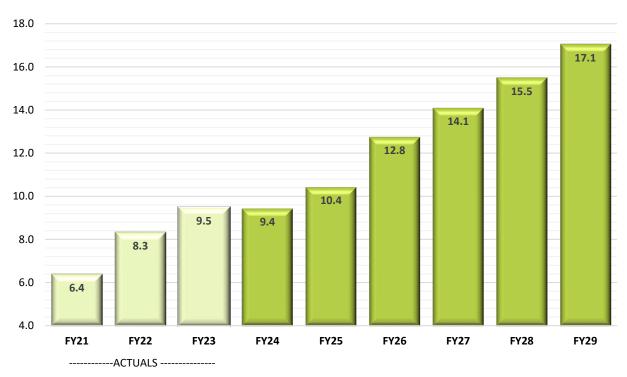
The forecasted average fare for light rail ranges from \$0.62 in FY25 to \$0.73 in FY29, and streetcar ranges from \$0.33 in FY25 to \$0.36 in FY29. The new Fare Collection Modernization System continues implementation in FY25 which will improve average fares collected.

	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	Total
Ridership (,000)						
Phoenix	6,880	8,848	9,796	10,776	11,854	48,154
Tempe	2,457	2,685	2,918	3,172	3,450	14,682
Mesa	1,787	1,948	2,142	2,357	2,592	10,826
Total Ridership	11,124	13,481	14,856	16,305	17,896	73,662
Avg Fare - Light Rail	\$0.62	\$0.65	\$0.68	\$0.70	\$0.73	
Avg Fare - Streetcar	\$0.33	\$0.33	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$0.36	

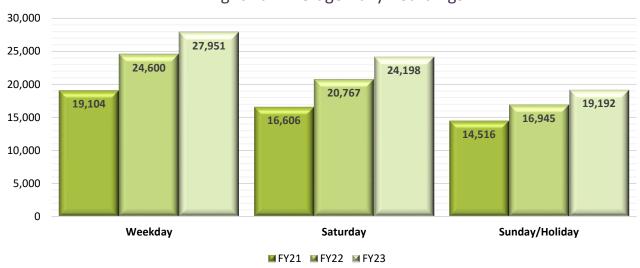
	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	Total
Ridership (,000)						
Mode						
Light Rail	10,438	12,761	14,100	15,511	17,062	69,872
Streetcar	686	720	756	794	834	3,790
<b>Total Ridership</b>	11,124	13,481	14,856	16,305	17,896	73,662

#### LIGHT RAIL



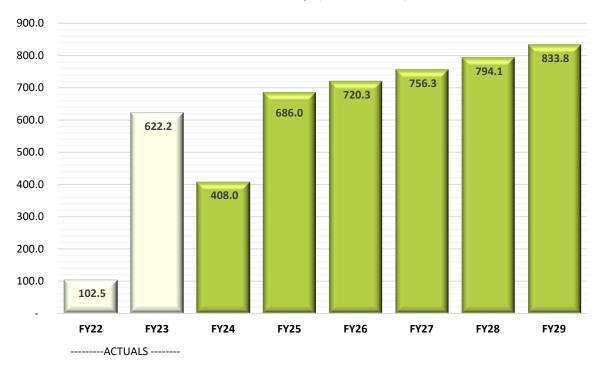


## Light Rail Average Daily Boardings

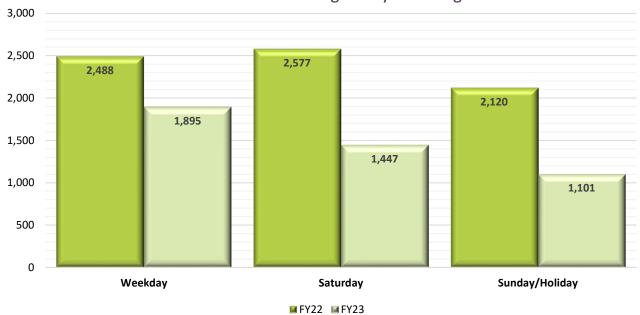


#### STREETCAR

## Annual Streetcar Ridership (Thousands)



## Street Car Average Daily Boardings



## **OPERATING FORECAST**

FISCAL YEAR 2025 - FISCAL YEAR 2029



## **OPERATING OVERVIEW**

The total operating budget forecast for the five-year period of FY25-FY29 is \$592.6M.



**Five-Year Operating Forecast** 

#### FIVE-YEAR OPERATING ASSUMPTIONS

The following assumptions were used for the five-year forecast.

• FY26: South Central Ext./Downtown Hub opens revenue service approximately in July 2025

	FY25		FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	Total
Operating (\$,000)							
Sources of Funds							
Advertising	\$ 1,250	\$	1,288	\$ 1,326	\$ 1,366	\$ 1,407	\$ 6,637
Fares	6,811		8,701	9,887	11,183	12,655	49,237
Federal Funds	1,627		1,651	1,676	1,701	1,727	8,382
Member City Contributions	87,248		106,721	109,027	111,324	113,556	527,876
Other	100		100	100	100	100	500
Total Sources of Funds	97,036		118,461	122,016	125,674	129,445	592,632
Uses of Funds							
Operations & Maintenance	78,117		96,939	99,849	102,842	105,928	483,675
Security	15,476		17,976	18,515	19,070	19,642	90,679
Agency Operating	3,443		3,546	3,652	3,762	3,875	18,278
Total Uses of Funds	\$ 97,036	\$ :	118,461	\$ 122,016	\$ 125,674	\$ 129,445	\$ 592,632

## **OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE**

The Operations & Maintenance costs are projected based on current cost history with a general inflation factor of 3.0%. Anticipated structural changes to staffing, contract, and materials expenses are forecasted to meet customer demand and maintain the system in a state of good repair.

The projected sources and uses of funds in connection with rail operations and maintenance over the next five years are summarized as follows:

#### SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

		FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28		FY29	Total
<b>Operations &amp; Maintenance (\$,0</b>	000)							
Sources of Funds								
Advertising	\$	1,250	\$ 1,288	\$ 1,326	\$ 1,366	\$	1,407	\$ 6,637
Fares		6,811	8,702	9,886	11,184		12,655	49,238
Federal Funds		1,627	1,651	1,676	1,701		1,727	8,382
Member City Contributions		68,329	85,198	86,861	88,491		90,039	418,918
Other		100	100	100	100		100	500
Total Sources of Funds		78,117	96,939	99,849	102,842	;	105,928	483,675
Uses of Funds								
Operations		28,968	35,948	37,028	38,137		39,281	179,362
Vehicle Maintenance		13,564	16,832	17,337	17,857		18,393	83,983
Maintenance of Way		22,997	28,538	29,394	30,276		31,184	142,389
Administrative Support		12,588	15,621	16,090	16,572		17,070	77,941
Total Uses of Funds	\$	78,117	\$ 96,939	\$ 99,849	\$ 102,842	\$ :	105,928	\$ 483,675

#### BY MODE

	FY25	- 1	FY26*		FY27		FY28		FY29	Total
\$	71,714	\$	90,344	\$	93,056	\$	95,845	\$	98,721	\$ 449,680
	6,403		6,595		6,793		6,997		7,207	33,995
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<sup>\*</sup> South Central Ext./Downtown Hub operating for 12 months

## **SECURITY**

Security is responsible for ensuring the overall safety and security on the rail cars, station platforms, and park-and-rides. This includes managing the Allied Universal contract for the fare inspectors. In addition to the fare inspectors, Customer Experience Coordinators will have a presence on the station platforms and trains assisting customers as well as providing eyes in the field to notify authorities of any situation needing further assistance.

The projected sources and uses of funds in connection with security over the next five years are summarized as follows:

#### SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

	FY25	FY26	FY27		FY28	FY29	Total
<b>Security</b> (\$,000)							
Sources of Funds				_			
Member City Contributions	\$ 15,476	\$ 17,976	\$ 18,515	\$	19,070	\$ 19,642	\$ 90,679
Total Sources of Funds	15,476	17,976	18,515		19,070	19,642	90,679
Uses of Funds							
Security	15,476	17,976	18,515		19,070	19,642	90,679
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Total Uses of Funds	\$ 15,476	\$ 17,976	\$ 18,515	\$	19,070	\$ 19,642	\$ 90,679

#### BY MODE

	FY25	FY26*	FY27	FY28	FY29	Total
<b>Security</b> (\$,000)						
Mode						
Light Rail	\$ 14,431	\$ 16,900	\$ 17,406	\$ 17,928	\$ 18,467	\$ 85,132
Streetcar	1,045	1,076	1,109	1,142	1,175	5,547
Total Security	\$ 15,476	\$ 17,976	\$ 18,515	\$ 19,070	\$ 19,642	\$ 90,679

<sup>\*</sup> South Central Ext./Downtown Hub operating for 12 months

## **AGENCY OPERATING**

Agency Operating costs include those costs not directly allocable to capital projects or to passenger operations. Included are costs of the annual audit, federal and state legislative representation, and memberships to transportation-related organizations.

The projected sources and uses of funds in connection with agency operating over the next five years are summarized as follows:

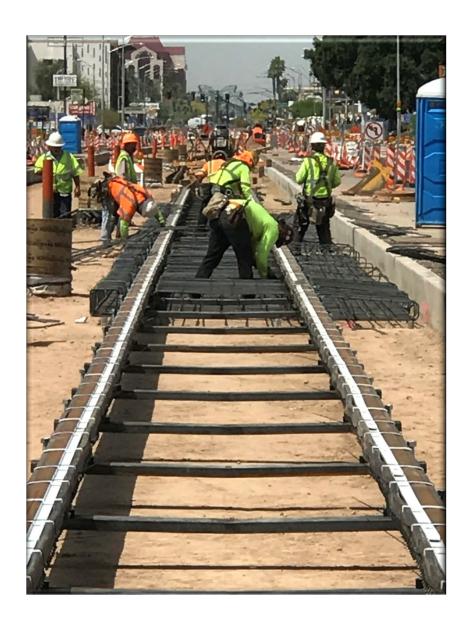
#### SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

		FY25		FY26		FY27		FY28		FY29		Total
Agency Operating (\$,000)												
Sources of Funds												
	4	2 442	,	2.546	,	2.652	,	2.762	,	2.075	,	40.270
Member City Contributions	\$	3,443	\$	3,546	\$	3,652	\$	3,762	\$	3,875	\$	18,278
Total Sources of Funds		3,443		3,546		3,652		3,762		3,875		18,278
Uses of Funds												
Administrative Support		3,443		3,546		3,652		3,762		3,875		18,278
Total Uses of Funds	\$	3,443	\$	3,546	\$	3,652	\$	3,762	\$	3,875	\$	18,278



## CAPITAL PROGRAM

FISCAL YEAR 2025 - FISCAL YEAR 2029



## CAPITAL OVERVIEW

The total capital budget forecast for the five-year period of FY25-FY29 is \$689.4 million (M).

The Five-Year Capital Program is a forecast of the capital projects managed by VMR. Costs and revenues are reported on a modified accrual basis. Actual cash flow impacts may lag pending receipt of contractor billings and receipt of federal funding.

VMR currently has a number of transit projects in various phases of planning, design, or construction. The overall uses of funds associated with these projects and activities are projected to be \$689.4M through the five-year planning horizon, excluding finance charges. These sources and uses of funds are summarized as follows:

	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	Total
Capital (\$,000)						
Sources of Funds						
Federal Funds	\$ 123,592	\$ 125,780	\$ 23,131	\$ 55,515	\$ 55,515	\$ 383,533
MAG Funds	500	500	-	-	-	1,000
Member City Contributions	65,447	(108,630)	67,350	30,014	23,350	77,531
Public Transportation Funds	71,589	151,386	1,391	1,302	641	226,309
Regional Area Road Funds	500	500	-	-	-	1,000
Total Sources of Funds	261,628	169,536	91,872	86,831	79,506	689,373
Uses of Funds						
Future Project Development	14,792	17,505	10,466	8,359	8,516	59,638
South Central Ext./Downtown Hub	195,951	68,058	-	-	-	264,009
Capitol Extension	18,396	55,177	76,253	74,235	67,211	291,272
Northwest Extension Phase II	10,769	26,175	-	-	-	36,944
Systemwide Improvements	4,359	75	79	83	87	4,683
State of Good Repair	17,361	2,546	5,074	4,154	3,692	32,827
Total Uses of Funds	\$ 261,628	\$ 169,536	\$ 91,872	\$ 86,831	\$ 79,506	\$ 689,373

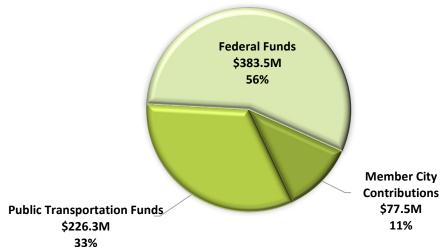




Capital projects included in the five-year program are:

- <u>Future Project Development</u>: Includes the preparation work of major projects. These activities are
  described in more detail in the Future Project Development section below. Major projects in the
  planning stages include I-10 West Extension, Rio East/Dobson Streetcar, and West Phoenix
  extensions.
- <u>South Central Ext./Downtown Hub</u>: 5.5-mile extension of the existing Valley Metro light rail line along Central and 1st avenues in central and south Phoenix.
- <u>Capitol Extension</u>: 0.8-mile alignment from Phoenix City Hall westward to the vicinity of the State Capitol complex.
- Northwest Extension Phase II: a 1.6-mile extension which will extend west on Dunlap Avenue, north on 25th Avenue and across I-17 near Mountain View Rd. with a terminus on the west side of the freeway near the former Metrocenter Mall.
- <u>Systemwide Improvements</u>: Includes fare technology improvements, capital replacements necessary to maintain the system in a state of good repair, and small capital improvement elements which benefit the entire LRT system.
- <u>State of Good Repair</u>: Includes scheduled capital component overhauls, infrequent maintenance, and sub-system replacements.

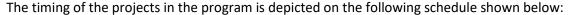


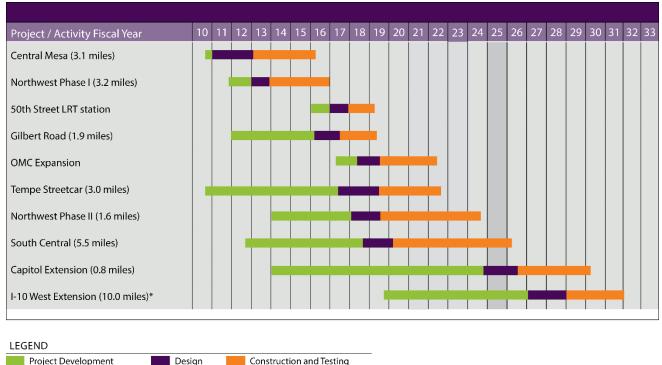


#### HIGH-CAPACITY TRANSIT PROJECTS

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), adopted by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and financed under the one-half cent sales tax extension, identifies 66 miles of major high capacity/ LRT corridors to be implemented by 2034.

City of Phoenix voters approved Proposition 104, a 35-year transportation plan that would expedite several miles of light rail/high-capacity transit and add additional corridors to the regional high-capacity transit system. Under this plan, Transportation 2050 (T2050), additional service areas are identified; 5.5-mile South Central Ext./Downtown Hub, 1.6-mile Northwest Extension Phase II, 0.8-mile Capitol Extension, and an additional 10.0-mile I-10 West extension. Valley Metro is the agency charged with planning, designing, building, and operating the LRT/HCT system in the area.





<sup>\*</sup>I-10 West Extension is in the project development phases. Project schedules will be refined as development continues.

#### Funding for future projects has two phases:

- 1) Planning Budget Phase: Alternative Analysis, preliminary engineering (up to 30% design), and the draft environmental document are funded from Member City contributions, and PTF.
- 2) Capital Budget Phase: After environmental clearance and completion of 30% design, costs are included in the capital budget and funded by Federal, regional, and local sources.

### FUTURE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Future project development, region-wide and specific light rail corridor project development activities are included in the capital budget. Once a project alignment has been approved by local and regional policy makers and has secured federal environmental approvals, the project costs are recorded in the capital program.

Future Project Development consists of the following subcategories of System Planning and Corridor Planning activities:

- Light rail/HCT system planning.
- Alternatives analysis, environmental analysis, and conceptual engineering for future light rail/HCT corridors.
- Developing and updating Light Rail Transit (LRT) design criteria, standards, and specifications.
- Working with the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and RPTA to participate in their regional transit planning studies and update regional project programming documents.
- Support of Transit Oriented Development initiatives by Member Cities.
- Development of a comprehensive Geographic Information System (GIS) for the agency.

The projected sources and uses of funds in connection with Capital Project Development over the next five years are summarized as follows:

#### SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	Total
Future Project Development (\$,000)						
Sources of Funds						
Federal Funds	\$ 1,412	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,412
MAG Funds	500	500	-	-	-	1,000
Member City Contributions	737	-	10,466	8,359	8,516	28,078
Public Transportation Funds	11,643	16,505	-	-	-	28,148
Regional Area Road Funds	500	500	-	-	-	1,000
Total Sources of Funds	14,792	17,505	10,466	8,359	8,516	59,638
Uses of Funds						
I-10 West Extension	5,197	9,452	2,262	-	-	16,911
Rio East/Dobson Streetcar	737	-	-	-	-	737
Northwest Phoenix	952	-	-	-	-	952
Capital Project Development Administration	1,605	1,653	1,703	1,754	1,807	8,522
Systems Planning & Project Development	6,301	6,400	6,501	6,605	6,709	32,516
Total Uses of Funds	\$ 14,792	\$ 17,505	\$ 10,466	\$ 8,359	\$ 8,516	\$ 59,638



The South Central Light Rail Extension/Downtown Hub (SCE/DH) will consist of an approximately 5.5-mile-long extension of the existing Valley Metro light rail line south along Central Avenue to Baseline Road. The extension tracks would connect to the existing light rail system at Central Avenue and Washington Street in the northbound direction and at 1st Avenue and Jefferson Street in the southbound direction.

The track would continue south along 1st and Central Avenues to Hadley Street, where the southbound track would follow the 1st Avenue one-way couplet curve to the east to rejoin Central Avenue. From Hadley Street to the extension's southern terminus at Baseline Road, the tracks would operate bi-directionally along Central Avenue. The South Central Light Rail Extension Project is scheduled to begin operations in late 2024.

The Downtown Hub will include track improvements at 5th Street, 3rd Avenue, and McKinley, as well as new

stations platforms on Central Avenue, Jefferson Street, and Washington Street. This expanded infrastructure will improve transfer opportunities between existing and planned light rail services and provide better connectivity to regional destinations.

SCE/DH will operate weekday trains at approximately 12-minute intervals during peak hours and 15 to 20-minute intervals off-peak. Weekends will not have peak service trains and will operate at 15 to 30-minute headways. Service headways can be



adjusted over time to accommodate growth and service patterns.

Final designs for the project were delivered in Fall 2019. FTA issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in January 2017. An Environmental Evaluation (EE) documenting the additional improvements in downtown Phoenix was approved by FTA in October 2018, and approval of an updated environmental evaluation



occurred in December 2019. The FTA granted the project entry into Engineering in April 2019. Work on construction and utility relocations started October 2019. The project entered into a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) in January 2020. Passenger operations are scheduled to begin in mid-2025.

#### SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

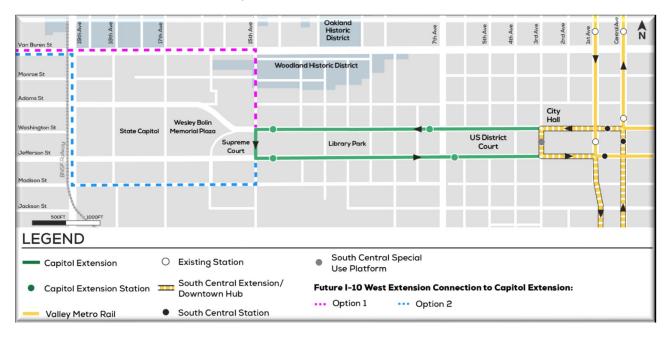
The total capital cost of the South Central Ext./Downtown Hub FTA project is budgeted to be approximately \$1.4 billion, excluding associated costs.

	Pı	re-FY25		FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	Total
South Central Extension/Downt	own	<b>Hub</b> (\$,00	0)						
Sources of Funds									
Federal Funds	\$	542,566	\$	109,619	\$ 88,067	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 740,252
Member City Contributions		301,530		39,810	(16,059)	-	-	-	325,281
Public Transportation Funds		256,093		46,522	(3,950)	-	-	-	298,665
Total Sources of Funds	1	1,100,189		195,951	\$ 68,058	-	-	-	1,364,198
Uses of Funds									
Project Costs	1	L,053,960		188,984	68,058	-	-	-	1,311,002
OMC Expansion		34,086		-	-	-	-	-	34,086
Associated Costs		12,143		6,967	-	-	-	-	19,110
Total Uses of Funds	<b>\$</b> 1	L,100,189	\$	195,951	\$ 68,058	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,364,198





The Capitol Extensions will improve connectivity to activity and employment centers and neighborhoods just west of Downtown Phoenix. These major activity and employment centers include the State Capitol, Maricopa County, and the City of Phoenix Governmental Mall. The project will also enhance regional connectivity by extending the existing Valley Metro light rail to the west and allowing connections between Gilbert Road in Mesa and the State Capitol.



In May 2012, the Phoenix City Council adopted a locally preferred alternative (LPA), consisting of a 10.0-mile light rail transit project from the 79th Avenue Park-and-Ride on I-10 to the existing light rail transit system in Downtown Phoenix. In June 2016, the Phoenix City Council recommended this project be built in two phases. The first phase is now considered the Capitol Extension and received Phoenix City Council approval for a revised LPA in October 2021. The project will extend light rail along a single-track loop west from downtown along Washington, south on 15th Avenue and east on Jefferson Street. The project is in project development stages with preliminary engineering to identify elements such as station locations and roadway configuration. During these stages, a refined schedule will be developed to identify construction timing and opening year.

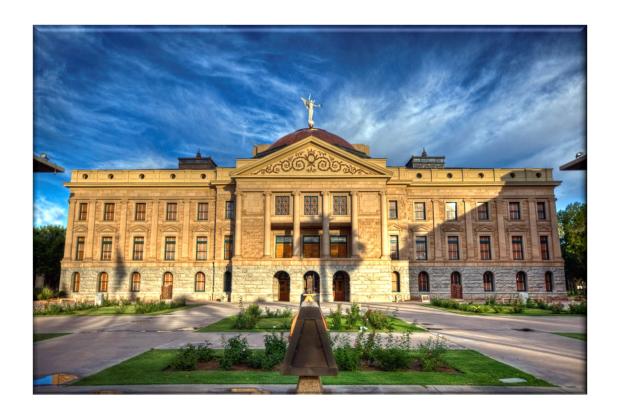


#### SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

The total capital cost of the Capitol Extension project is budgeted to be approximately \$377.7 million, excluding associated costs. This budget is based on a conceptual level of design and assumptions about the project. The estimated capital cost to design and construction the project will be refined and updated as the project is further developed and designed.

	Pr	e-FY25		FY25	FY26		FY27		FY28		FY29	P	ost-FY29		Total
Capitol Extension (\$,000)															
Sources of Funds															
Federal Funds	\$	_	\$	_	3,313	Ś	23,131	Ś	55,515	Ś	55,515	Ś	50,890	Ś	188,364
Member City Contributions	,	12,748	•	13,246	(19,478)	7	58,465	•	24,063	•	17,039	*	8,573	7	114,656
Public Transportation Funds		-		5,150	71,342		-		-		-		-		76,492
Total Sources of Funds		12,748		18,396	55,177		81,596		79,578		72,554		59,463		379,512
Uses of Funds															
Project Costs		12,748		18,246	54,835		75,912		73,893		66,870		53,780		356,284
Associated Costs		-		150	342		341		342		341		341		1,857
Financing Costs		-		-	-		5,343		5,343		5,343		5,342		21,371
Total Uses of Funds	\$	12,748	\$	18,396	\$ 55,177	\$	81,596	\$	79,578		72,554		59,463	\$	379,512

Finance costs are informational only.





In 2004, the Phoenix City Council approved the Northwest Light Rail Extension, which included 4.7 miles of additional light rail service extending north from the previous end-of-line at 19th Avenue and Montebello Avenue. In 2007, the route was divided into two phases. The 3.2-mile Phase I on 19th Avenue from Montebello Avenue to Dunlap Avenue began revenue operations in March 2016.



Phase II of the project extends west on Dunlap Avenue, north on 25th Avenue, and across I-17 near Mountain View Road with a terminus on the west side of the freeway near the former Metrocenter Mall. Engineering was ongoing throughout 2019 and into 2020. FTA issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in February 2019 and subsequent environmental re-evaluation in March 2020. Construction and utility relocations began in August 2020. The project entered into an FFGA in November 2021. Phase II opened on January 27, 2024.



#### SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

The total capital cost of the Northwest Extension Phase II extension FTA project is budgeted to be approximately \$401.3 million, excluding associated costs.

	P	re-FY25	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	Total
Northwest Extension Phase II (\$	5,00	0)						
Sources of Funds								
Federal Funds	\$	113,722	\$ 10,000	\$ 34,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 158,122
Member City Contributions		214,977	3,769	(5,543)	-	-	-	213,203
Public Transportation Funds		35,825	(3,000)	(2,682)	-	-	-	30,143
Total Sources of Funds		364,524	10,769	26,175	-	-	-	401,468
Uses of Funds								
Project Costs		364,381	10,769	26,175	-	-	-	401,325
Associated Costs		143	-	-	-	-	-	143
Total Uses of Funds	\$	364,524	\$ 10,769	\$ 26,175	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 401,468





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The I-10 West Extensions will improve mobility and provide additional capacity along the I-10 corridor in West Phoenix. In addition, the project will connect the West Valley with major activity and employment centers located near Downtown Phoenix, such as the State Capitol, Maricopa County, and the City of Phoenix Governmental Mall. The project will also enhance regional connectivity by extending the existing Valley Metro light rail to the west.

In May 2012, the City of Phoenix Council adopted a LPA, consisting of a 10.0-mile light rail transit project from the 79th Avenue Park-and-Ride on I-10 to the existing light rail transit system in downtown Phoenix to be carried forward for environmental analysis. In June 2016, the Phoenix City Council recommended this project be built in two phases. The second phase is now considered the I-10 West Extension and received Phoenix City Council approval for a revised LPA in October 2021. The project will extend light rail from the Capitol Extension Project to Van Buren west of 19th Avenue, north on the I-17 southbound frontage road, west along the I-10 corridor to 79th Avenue, north to Thomas Road. The project is in the planning stages to refine conceptual engineering for sections along I-10 and 79th Avenue. During these stages, a refined schedule will be developed to identify construction timing, opening year and capital costs.



## SYSTEMWIDE IMPROVEMENTS

Systemwide Improvements are incorporated in the Regional Transportation Plan in order to provide funding for new system components, expansion items, and for the capital replacements necessary to maintain the system in a state of good repair.

#### SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

The total capital cost of the Systemwide Improvements plan through FY29 is budgeted to be approximately \$4.7 million.

	F	Y25		FY26	FY27		FY28		FY29	Total
Systemwide Improvements (\$,00	00)									
Sources of Funds										
Member City Contributions	\$	_	\$	_	\$ 79	\$	83	\$	87	249
Public Transportation Funds	7	4,359	7	75	-	7	-	7	-	4,434
Total Sources of Funds		4,359		75	79		83		87	4,683
Uses of Funds										
All Other		4,359		75	79		83		87	4,683
Total Uses of Funds	\$	4,359	\$	75	\$ 79	\$	83	\$	87	\$ 4,683





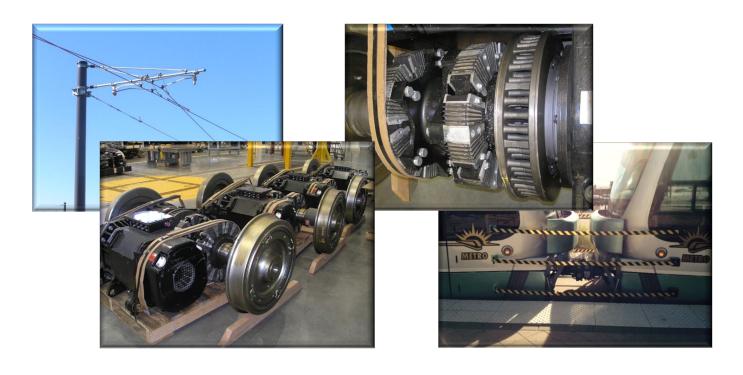
## STATE OF GOOD REPAIR

State of Good Repair (SOGR) consists of scheduled capital component overhauls, infrequent maintenance, and sub-system replacements.

The projected sources and uses of funds in connection with SOGR over the next five years are summarized as follows:

#### SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	Total
State of Good Repair (\$,000)						
Sources of Funds						
Federal Funds	\$ 2,561	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,561
Member City Contributions	7,885	500	3,683	2,852	3,051	17,971
Public Transportation Funds	6,915	2,046	1,391	1,302	641	12,295
Total Sources of Funds	17,361	2,546	5,074	4,154	3,692	32,827
Uses of Funds						
Personnel	751	105	210	172	153	1,391
Maintanence of Equipment	5,454	1,612	827	475	-	8,368
Maintanence of Way	10,692	820	4,019	3,492	3,526	22,549
Non-Revenue Vehicles	398	-	-	-	-	398
Allocated Overhead	66	9	18	15	13	121
Total Uses of Funds	\$ 17,361	\$ 2,546	\$ 5,074	\$ 4,154	\$ 3,692	\$ 32,827



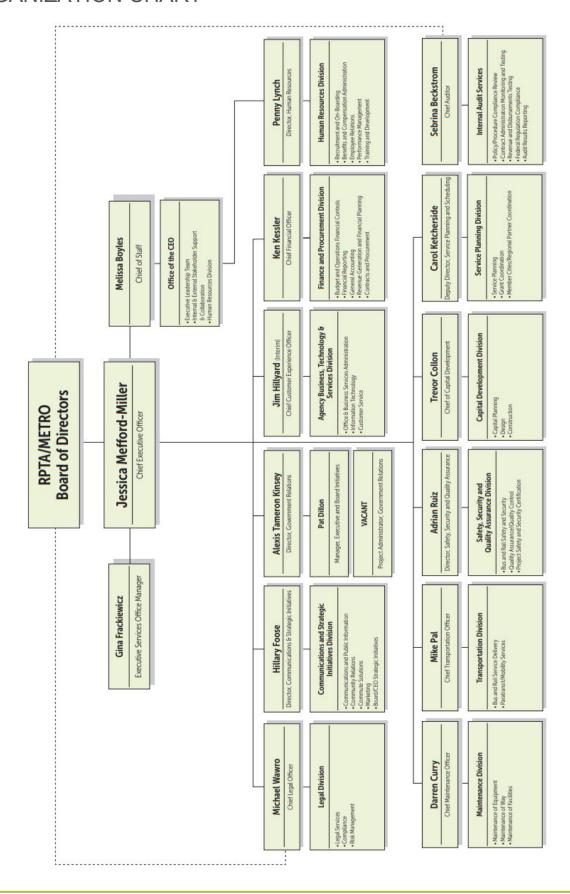
## Other

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## **STAFFING**



## **ORGANIZATION CHART**



## POSITIONS, PAY GRADES AND EFFORT

						F	TE Effort	
Position Title		Pay	y Ra	nge	•	RPTA	VMR	Total
II Cleaner	\$	32,419	-	\$	48,628	0.00	4.00	4.00
Cleaner						0.00	4.00	4.00
III	\$	36,021	_	\$	54,032			
Clerk	*	00,011		*	0 .,00=	0.00	4.00	4.00
Customer Support Agent I						21.00	0.00	21.00
Pressure Washer						0.00	3.00	3.00
IV	\$	40,024	-	\$	60,036			
Customer Support Agent II						16.00	0.00	16.00
Lead Document Control Clerk  MOW Materials Handler						0.50 0.00	0.50 1.00	1.00 1.00
INOW Materials Haridler						0.00	1.00	1.00
V	\$	44,025	_	\$	66,038			
Accounting Technician	,	,		•	,	3.15	0.85	4.00
Administrative Assistant II						5.85	7.15	13.00
Lead Customer Support Agent						7.00	0.00	7.00
Lead Stockroom Clerk						0.00	1.00	1.00
		40.420			72.642			
VI Technician	\$	48,428	-	\$	72,642	1.00	0.00	1.00
Track Maintainer						0.00	0.00 14.00	1.00 14.00
Hack Maintainei						0.00	14.00	14.00
VII	\$	53,271	_	\$	79,907			
Administrative Assistant III		•		-	·	0.95	1.05	2.00
Assistant						0.85	0.15	1.00
Business Liason						1.35	1.65	3.00
Coordinator						0.00	15.00	15.00
Program Representative						4.50	0.50	5.00
Specialist						3.85	5.15	9.00
Technician						0.25	1.75	2.00
VIII	\$	58,599	_	\$	87,898			
Coordinator	Y	30,333		Y	57,050	1.75	7.25	9.00
Graphics Designer						2.10	0.90	3.00
Maintenance Planner/Scheduler						0.00	2.00	2.00
Specialist						0.80	4.20	5.00
Technician						0.00	1.00	1.00
Lead Fare Revenue Technician						0.20	0.80	1.00

					FTE Effort		
Position Title	le Pay Range			_	RPTA	VMR	Total
IX	\$	64,458	- \$	96,686			
Accountant II					6.30	1.70	8.00
Administrator					0.80	1.20	2.00
Analyst					2.00	2.00	4.00
Construction Inspector					0.00	2.00	2.00
Coordinator					11.45	12.55	24.00
Developer					1.00	0.00	1.00
Human Resources Generalist					1.00	0.00	1.00
Planner I					1.15	0.85	2.00
Specialist					1.00	5.00	6.00
Supervisor					4.00	0.00	4.00
Public Information Officer					0.50	1.50	2.00
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X Administrator	\$	70,904	- \$	106,356	2.65	C 25	0.00
Administrator					2.65	6.35	9.00
Analyst					0.40	0.60	1.00
Coordinator					0.70	0.30	1.00
Community Relations Lead					0.00	1.00	1.00
Manager					0.20	0.80	1.00
Specialist					4.30	4.70	9.00
Supervisor					5.45	13.55	19.00
Internal Auditor II					0.50	0.50	1.00
XI	\$	77,994	- \$	116,991			
Accountant III		•		•	2.50	0.50	3.00
Administrator					1.50	3.50	5.00
Analyst					4.90	2.10	7.00
Engineer					0.50	0.50	1.00
Labor Compliance Officer					0.10	0.90	1.00
Planner III					1.40	1.60	3.00
Principal Planner					0.20	0.80	1.00
Project Manager					1.00	1.00	2.00
Senior Environmental Planner					0.10	0.90	1.00
Senior Internal Auditor					0.50	0.50	1.00
Specialist					1.00	0.00	1.00
Sr. Human Resources Generalist					2.00	0.00	2.00
Superintendent					4.00	0.00	4.00
Supervisor					1.50	0.50	2.00
Technical Trainer					0.00	3.00	3.00

		FTE Effort				
Position Title	Pay Range	RPTA	VMR	Total		
	A 05 700 A 100 600					
XII	\$ 85,793 - \$ 128,689	0.50	0.50	4.00		
Analyst		0.50	0.50	1.00		
Assistant Manager		0.00	4.00	4.00		
Assistant Superintendent		0.00	2.00	2.00		
Auditor		0.50	0.50	1.00		
Deputy Chief		0.85	0.15	1.00		
Engineer		0.20	0.80	1.00		
Manager		11.50	11.50	23.00		
Office Manager		0.50	0.50	1.00		
Program Manager		0.15	1.85	2.00		
Senior GIS Administrator	4 01000	0.65	0.35	1.00		
XIII	\$ 94,373 - \$ 141,559	4.00	0.00	4.00		
Analyst		1.00	0.00	1.00		
Engineer		0.00	4.00	4.00		
Lead Engineer		1.50	1.50	3.00		
Lead Application Developer		0.60	0.40	1.00		
Manager		5.92	5.08	11.00		
SCADA System Administrator		0.00	2.00	2.00		
Senior Business Manager		0.40	0.60	1.00		
XIV	\$ 106,906 - \$ 160,359					
Chief Officer	ψ 100,500	0.50	0.50	1.00		
Engineer		0.25	5.75	6.00		
Manager		3.35	3.65	7.00		
Project Controls Manager		0.00	1.00	1.00		
Superintendent		0.00	1.00	1.00		
xv	\$ 119,113 - \$ 178,670					
Chief Auditor		0.50	0.50	1.00		
Controller		1.00	0.00	1.00		
Director		0.30	0.70	1.00		
Engineer		0.50	0.50	1.00		
Manager		0.15	1.85	2.00		
Project Manager		0.00	1.00	1.00		
XVI	\$ 130,650 - \$ 195,974					
Assistant General Counsel		0.50	0.50	1.00		
Deputy Chief		0.00	1.00	1.00		
Deputy Director		0.45	2.55	3.00		
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XVII	\$ 146,850 - \$ 220,275	0.50	0.50	4.00		
Chief Officer		0.50	0.50	1.00		
Deputy Chief		1.00	1.00	2.00		
Director		1.95	2.05	4.00		
Senior Project Manager		0.00	1.00	1.00		

						FTE Effort			
Position Title	Pay Range				•	RPTA	VMR	Total	
XVIII	Ś	161,095	_	Ś	241,642				
Chief Officer	•			7		1.00	1.00	2.00	
Chief Capital Development						0.20	0.80	1.00	
Chief of Staff						0.50	0.50	1.00	
XIX	ć	176,721		¢	26E 001				
Chief Officer	Ş	1/6,/21	-	Ş	265,081	1.61	0.39	2.00	
chief officer						1.01	0.55	2.00	
С	\$	42,551	-	\$	63,827				
Rail Vehicle Inspector						0.00	22.00	22.00	
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E Mechanic	\$	52,164	-	Ş	65,206	0.00	21.00	21.00	
Rail Vehicle Lead Inspector/Cleaner						0.00	31.00 2.00	31.00 2.00	
Kan vehicle Lead hispectory cleaner						0.00	2.00	2.00	
н	\$	57,000	-	\$	85,500				
Technician						0.00	26.00	26.00	
				_					
J Mechanic	\$	60,693	-	\$	91,040	0.00	1.00	1.00	
Technician						0.00	24.00	24.00	
recimician						0.00	24.00	24.00	
К	\$	62,860	-	\$	94,290				
Technician						0.00	25.00	25.00	
ED Chief Officer	N	egotiate	d Cc	mp	ensation	0.50	0.50	1.00	
Ciliei Officei						0.50	0.50	1.00	
			FY	25 F	TEs	174.73	342.27	517.00	
			FY2	24 F	TEs	174.31	312.69	487.00	
			Ch	ang	ge	0.42	29.58	30.00	

# **APPENDICES**



### BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

The adopted operating and capital budget have been prepared with the goal of delivering a fiscally prudent, balanced budget using carry forwards, reserves, and bond proceeds as necessary. The budget was developed in compliance with Board of Directors' adopted budget, financial and Transit Life Cycle Program (TLCP) policies.

VMR's continuing goal is to provide the highest quality services to our member communities in the most cost-effective manner. The budget process is a key piece of the strategy to achieve these results in a coordinated manner and to make fiscally responsible decisions that will ultimately produce a premier transit system in Maricopa County.

The budget process serves two principal purposes. Within the Agency, development of the budget provides a forum for joint planning of objectives and tasks, with managerial and board review of programs. It sets the expectations for performance in the coming year(s). For the Agency's members and partner agencies, the budget reports on the status of projects and services, and details the agency's operational objectives, capital improvements, and funding plans.

The annual budget is prepared on a modified accrual basis and adopted by the Board of Directors each fiscal year. The legal level of budgetary control is the total annual appropriated budget. With respect to Capital Budgets, project contingency accounting is used to control expenditures within available project funding limits. With respect to Operating Budgets, encumbrance accounting is not used, and all appropriations lapse at the end of the year. Prior to final adoption, a proposed budget is presented to the Board of Directors for review and public comment is received. Final adoption of the budget must be on or before June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

VMR also develops a Five-Year Operating Forecast and Capital Program as part of the annual budget process. The five-year budget focuses on the capital improvements that are planned to occur within the planning horizon, and includes:

- projected costs of LRT capital expenses,
- projected amounts to be paid by each Member City to VMR,
- projected amounts to be paid directly for LRT expenses by each Member City (for example, for acquiring rights-of-way), and projected revenues to be received from federal funds or other funding sources.

The internal process is a collaborative and iterative one, with the agency's senior management providing strategic direction and critical review, managers and project managers preparing resource proposals, and financial staff (Including the Financial Working Group and the Audit and Finance Subcommittee) providing feedback and technical support for the process. A review by the Regional Transit Advisory Group and Rail Management Committee will precede drafting of the proposed budget. Once the proposed annual budget and five-year capital plan have been published, the VMR Board provides final review and adoption.



### VMR BOARD AND WEIGHTED VOTES

VMR Board matters are decided by a majority of all the weighted votes for each Director. Weighted votes held by each Member City's Director are calculated using a format that takes into account the percentage of funding contributed by that Member and the percentage of committed and planned miles of Light Rail Transit track that are within each Member's boundaries. The percentage calculated from the formula is then adjusted so that each Member will have a minimum vote of two percent and no Member's vote will exceed 50% of the Weighted Votes. The number of Weighted Votes of each Member is recalculated annually prior to the start of each fiscal year based upon the adopted budget for the year. Weighted Votes calculated for FY25 are as follows:

50.0% Phoenix

28.2% Tempe

19.2% Mesa

2.6% Chandler



# SERVICE METRICS

Below are the service metrics for rail operations showing historical data from FY22 through FY23 as well as the forecast for FY24 and FY25.

#### LIGHT RAIL

	F	Y22 Actuals	F	Y23 Actuals	F	Y24 Budget	F	Y25 Budget
Service Metrics								
Light Rail Operations								
Total Revenue Miles		2,896,000		3,000,000		3,456,000		3,560,000
Total Annual Cost/Budget	\$	55,326,000	\$	62,069,000	\$	78,457,000	\$	86,145,000
Cost per Mile	\$	19.10	\$	20.69	\$	22.70	\$	24.20

# Light Rail



#### STREETCAR

	FY	22 Actuals	FY	23 Actuals	F	Y24 Budget	F'	Y25 Budget
Service Metrics								
Streetcar Operations								
Total Revenue Miles		14,000		119,000		163,000		163,000
Total Annual Cost/Budget		543,000		5,755,000	\$	7,270,000	\$	7,448,000
Cost per Mile	\$	38.54	\$	48.19	\$	44.60	\$	45.69

#### Streetcar



### STAFFING TRENDS

Staffing needs are assessed each year based on the level of activities and fulfillment of work requirements for the coming year. The table below summaries staff positions by each agency for the last three fiscal years and the current budget year.

	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
<b>Staff Positions by Agency</b>	,			
Agency				
RPTA	169	173	174	175
VMR	282	291	313	342
Total	451	464	487	517
Change from prior year	8	13	23	30

#### FY22

- Increased VMR positions (2) to support transit safety and rail operations
- Increased two total administrative support staff in IT and cleaning maintenance
- Increased RPTA positions (2) to support bus safety and transportation services
- Froze 11 vacant positions in various areas in operations and administrative support

#### FY23

- Increased five VMR positions to support rail operations and maintenance
- Increased one RPTA position to support bus safety
- Increased five administrative support staff positions

#### FY24

- Increased 26 VMR positions to support increased alignment coverage
- Increased one RPTA position to support fare revenue distribution previously performed by Phoenix
- Increased one shared Agency position to support fleet management

#### FY25

- Increased 27 VMR positions to support increased coverage for current and future alignment
- Increased three RPTA positions to support the fare collection system



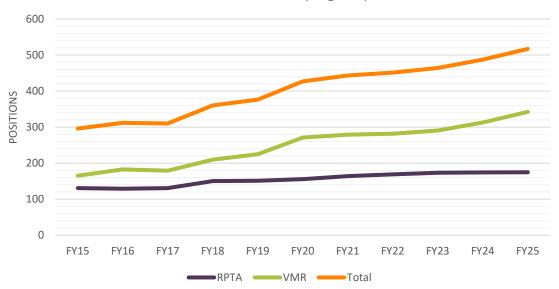
#### LONG TERM TRENDS

The following chart shows personal services costs as a percentage of the overall annual operating and capital budgets for the previous nine fiscal years. The long-term trend shows that the combined agencies staffing is consistently in the range of four to seven percent of the total budget.



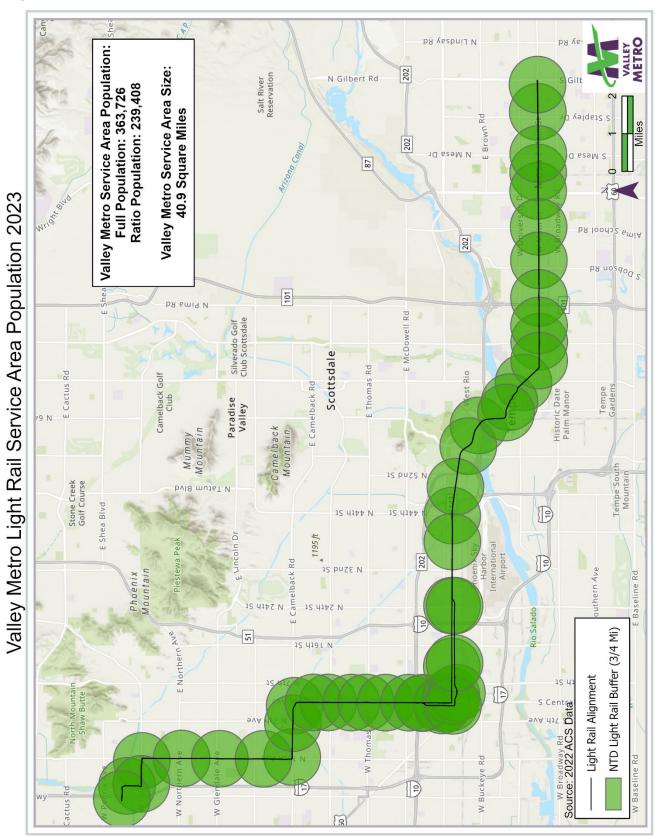


### Staff Positions by Agency

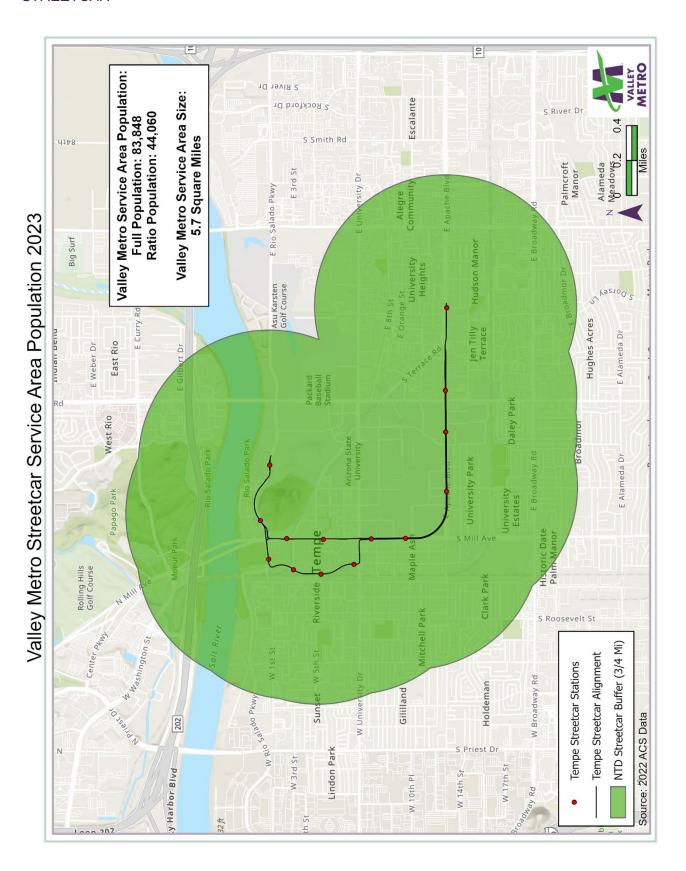


# SERVICE AREA

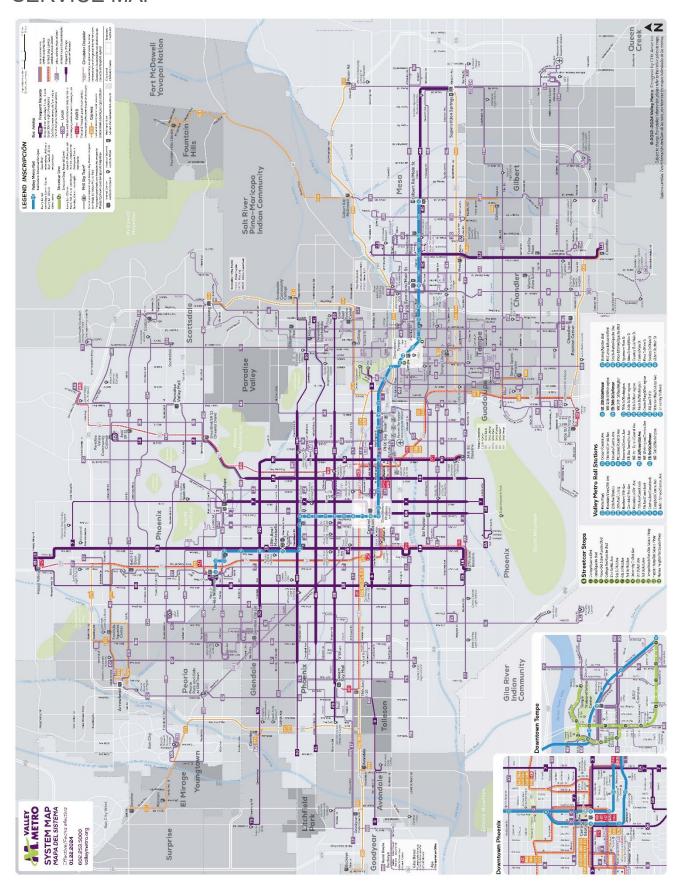
### LIGHT RAIL



#### STREETCAR



# **SERVICE MAP**



# GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ACRONYMS

TERM / ACRONYM	DEFINITION
5307	The Urbanized Area Formula Funding program (49 U.S.C. 5307) makes federal resources available to urbanized areas and to governors for transit capital and operating assistance in urbanized areas and for transportation-related planning.
5309	A reference to FTA Capital Investment Grant (New Starts) Program, Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5309 providing funding for the design and construction of transit systems.
5337	The State of Good Repair Grants Program (49 U.S.C. 5337) provides capital assistance for maintenance, replacement, and rehabilitation projects of high-intensity fixed guideway and bus systems to help transit agencies maintain assets in a state of good repair.
ACI	Alternate Concepts, Inc.
BOD	Board of Directors
CMAQ	Federal funding program intended for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality improvement.
COVID Relief	Includes Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA), and/or American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).
EE	Environmental Evaluation
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
GIS	Geographic Information System
НСТ	High-Capacity Transit – includes heavy rail, Light Rail Transit, Streetcar Transit, and Bus Rapid Transit modes of urban transportation
LPA	The Locally Preferred Alternative alignment for a transit route among a set of options which have been analyzed.
LRT	Light Rail Transit
LRV	Light Rail Vehicle
MAG	Maricopa Association of Governments
Member Cities	VMR equity members, currently Phoenix, Tempe, Mesa, and Chandler
MOE	Maintenance of Equipment

TERM / ACRONYM	DEFINITION
MOW	Maintenance of Way
NPR	Non-Prior Rights
ОМС	Operations and Maintenance Center
P&R	Park-and-Ride
Proposition 400	Legislative initiative to create a Public Transportation Fund passed into Arizona law in November 2004 providing roadway and public transit improvements in accordance with the Regional Transportation Plan.
Proposition 479	Legislative initiative to create a Public Transportation Fund on the ballot in
(400E)	November 2024. If passed, it will be an extension of Proposition 400.
PTF	Public Transportation Fund. See Proposition 400.
ROW	Right-of-Way - real property required for the LRT alignment
RPTA	Regional Public Transportation Authority the designated agency to receive and distribute public transit improvement funding under Proposition 400
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan - for Maricopa County, a comprehensive,
	performance-based, multi-modal, and coordinated regional plan providing a blueprint for future regional transportation investments.
SCADA	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
T2050	Phoenix Transportation 2050
TAM	Transit Asset Management
TLCP	Transit Life Cycle Program
TOD	Transit Oriented Development - real property development typically incorporating residential and commercial uses into the areas adjacent to a transit route.
TPAN	Transportation Project Advancement Notes.
VMR	Valley Metro Rail, Inc.

