

TEMPE STREETCAR



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OVERVIEW

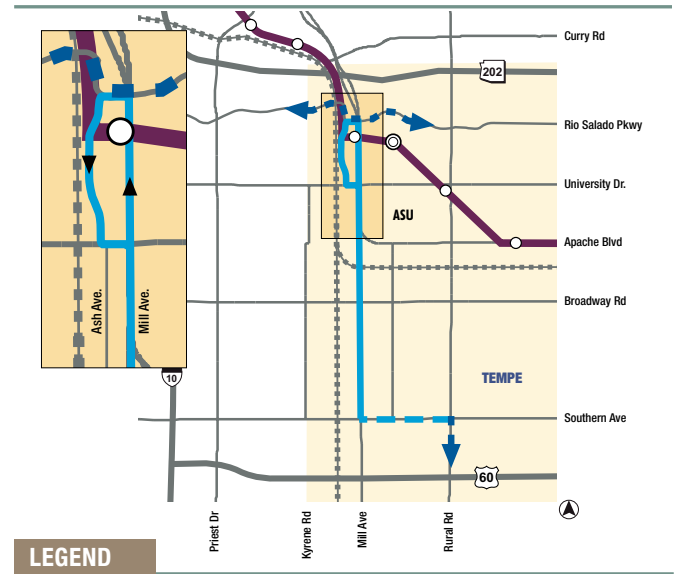
METRO has received local and regional approval to move forward with 2.6-miles of modern streetcar in Tempe. The streetcar project is a result of a three-year study that evaluated high-capacity transit improvements to support Tempe and Chandler and enhance the existing regional transit network. In addition to streetcar, the study also called for a bus rapid transit line on Rural Road to Chandler; which will be implemented as funding becomes available.

The Tempe Streetcar will run in a one-way loop between Rio Salado Parkway and University Drive, going north on Mill Avenue and south on Ash Avenue. It will continue to travel north/south on Mill Avenue between University Drive and Southern Avenue.



Streetcar has the ability to attract new riders, increase mobility, strengthen existing neighborhoods and create sustainable development. It will also connect into and serve the existing transit network of local bus, Orbit and light rail. The project will be built using a mix of regional Proposition 400 funds and federal grant dollars.

Tempe Streetcar Route



LEGEND

- METRO Light Rail Line/Station
- Tempe Transportation Center
- Study Area
- Tempe Streetcar
- Tempe Streetcar - Future Phase (unfunded)
- Potential Future High Capacity Transit

NEXT STEPS

Over the next year, METRO, working closely with the city of Tempe, will further define the project. To assist in these efforts, a community working group will be convened to help technical staff address design elements such as the vehicle, stop locations and street configuration. In addition to the community working group, staff will regularly provide opportunities for the public to share their input on the project's development. Additional information on the community working group can be found on the METRO website at metrolightrail.org/tempestreetcar.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) and preparation for a federal grant application will also begin in 2011. The EA will evaluate the project's potential impacts on a variety of factors including noise and vibration, air and water quality, traffic and parking, environmental justice and historic and archaeological resources. The public will have the opportunity to comment starting with the scoping meeting in the Spring of 2011.

Construction of the Tempe Streetcar is slated to begin in 2013 and operations in 2016.

Tempe Streetcar Project Schedule

	2007	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	2016
Community Outreach	[Bar spanning 2007-2016]									
Alternatives Analysis	[Bar spanning 2007-2010]									
Locally Preferred Alternative Approved				[Bar in 2010]						
Project Definition					[Bar spanning 2011-2012]					
Environmental Assessment					[Bar spanning 2011-2012]					
Design						[Bar spanning 2012-2013]				
Pre-construction							[Bar spanning 2013-2014]			
Construction								[Bar spanning 2014-2016]		
Pre-operation/Start Up										[Bar in 2016]

All dates reflect the year the activity is expected to begin.

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