

TRANSIT FUNDING

Funding for public transit comes from a variety of sources. Each transit agency and municipality has a different mix of revenues. The categories below represent the major funding sources for transit in the Valley.

Local Funding Sources

- Sales Taxes – voter-approved sales taxes have been adopted in various cities for transit improvement. Some are permanent, and others are for a specified time period (i.e., 20 years).
- General Fund – several Valley cities fund transit using General Fund dollars appropriated by the City Council.

Regional Funding Sources

Prop 400 – in 2004 Maricopa County voters approved a dedicated half-cent sales tax for transportation, over 1/3 of which is allocated for transit (bus, light rail, etc.)

State Funding Sources

No state funding currently available.

Federal Funding Sources

There are many types of federal transit funding in use, including:

- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs for capital projects, planning, operations and rideshare programs
- Department of Homeland Security grants for transit security
- Federal Alternative Fuel Credits

Other Revenue Sources

- Fare collection (bus, light rail, Dial-a-Ride, vanpool)
- Advertising revenue for some cities and agencies from ads on buses, trains and passenger shelters

For more information on transit funding, visit www.FriendsOfTransit.org.

