

TRANSIT MILESTONES

1981 Arizona State Legislature establishes the Local Transportation Assistance Fund (LTAF I), funded by lottery and vehicle license tax revenues, the first significant dedicated funding source for transit.

1985 Prop 300 is approved in Maricopa County, a regional highway referendum that included a five year half-cent tax. A portion of the tax revenue was used to create the Regional Public Transportation Authority (Valley Metro RPTA).

1989 ValTrans, a comprehensive program of bus, elevated rail and other transit improvements is rejected by Maricopa County voters.

1994 Maricopa County voters reject a half-cent county sales tax for freeways and transit.

1996 City of Tempe voters approve a permanent half-cent local sales tax dedicated to fund transit, bike and pedestrian projects.

1997 City of Phoenix voters narrowly reject a permanent half-cent local sales tax for transit.

1997 City of Scottsdale voters reject a permanent half-cent local sales tax.

1998 City of Mesa enacts a Quality of Life sales tax to fund civic improvements including transit.

1998 City of Chandler voters reject a permanent half-cent local sales tax.

1998 Arizona State Legislature passes a second Local Transportation Assistant Fund for mass transit (LTAF II), funded by Powerball revenue.

2000 Transit 2000 referendum is approved by City of Phoenix voters, a four-tenths cent local tax for bus, light rail, and other local improvements.

2001 City of Glendale Prop 402 is approved, creating a permanent half-cent local sales tax for transit.

2002 Valley Metro Rail, Inc. (METRO) is formed through a Joint Powers Agreement between the cities of Phoenix, Tempe, Mesa and Glendale. Chandler joined in 2007.

2004 Prop 400 is approved in Maricopa County, providing a 20-year extension of the 1985 half-cent sales tax for freeways, bus and 27 miles of light rail extensions.

2005 City of Peoria voters approve a three-tenths cent local tax for 20 years dedicated to funding transportation projects.

2010 Arizona State Legislature permanently repeals LTAF I and LTAF II funding.

Sources: Valley Metro RPTA, METRO Light Rail



At-A-Glance:

GREEN = successful vote

RED = failed vote