# Tempe/Mesa Streetcar Feasibility Study

Winter 2018



## Agenda



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### Overview









- The cities of Tempe and Mesa have partnered with Valley Metro to evaluate streetcar as a high-capacity transit option
- \$600,000 budget co-funded by the cities of Tempe and Mesa

## Purpose



- Evaluate possible streetcar extension(s) to serve Tempe and Mesa
  - Link Tempe Streetcar with key regional activity centers, employment, residential
- Evaluate feasibility of options
- Identify potential next steps
  - Anticipate/prepare for next phase of regional funding



### What is modern streetcar?

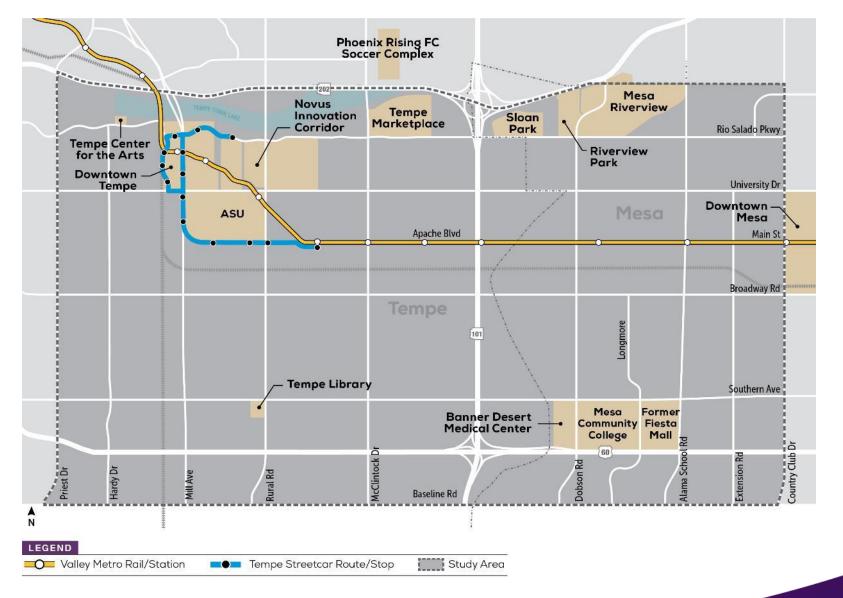




- Smaller than light rail vehicle
- Operates individually and not linked together
- Often shares lane with automobiles
- Streetcar stops are more similar in size to bus stops and occur more frequently than light rail stations

## Study Area





### Key Stakeholders





Commissions and Boards at cities of Tempe and Mesa





#### Tier 1

- Ridership Potential
- Transit-Oriented Land Use and Economic Development Potential

#### Tier 2

- Physical and Engineering Constraints
- Transportation Network Integrity and Functionality

### **Process**



#### Identify Corridors

 Identify corridors that meet project's Purpose and Need and have high potential to improve transit

#### Tier 1 Evaluation

 Qualitative, high-level analysis.

#### Tier 2 Evaluation

 Quantitative, in-depth analysis

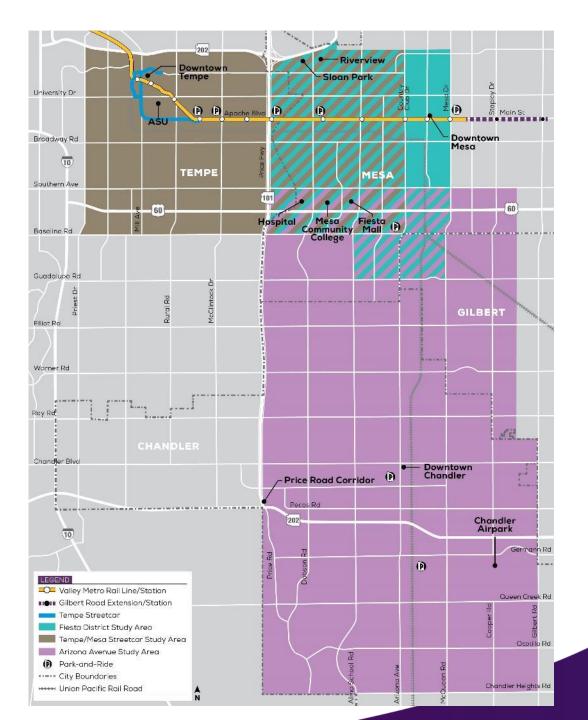
## Recommend Corridors

 Recommendation for future regional transit funding.

2018 > 2019 > 2020

### Related Projects

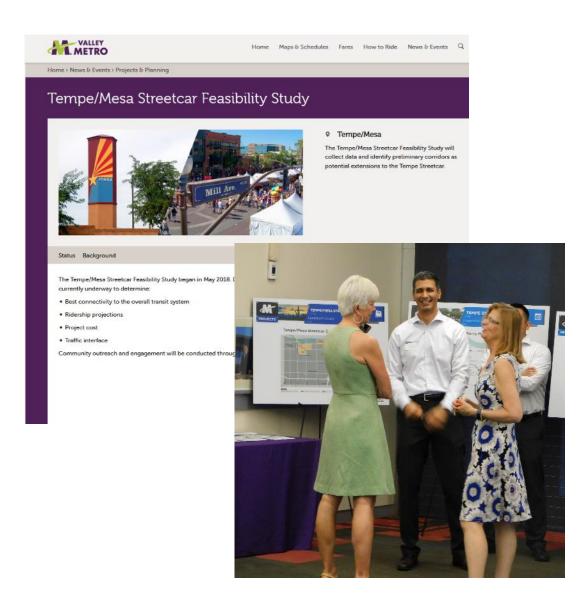
- Fiesta District Alternatives Analysis
  - Completion in summer 2019
- Tempe/Mesa Streetcar Feasibility Study
  - Completion in spring 2020
- Arizona Avenue Alternatives Analysis
  - Completion in spring 2020
- Tempe Streetcar (under construction)
  - Open for operations in 2021





### **Public Information**





#### Feasibility Study

- Targeted outreach
- Key stakeholders, property owners
- Website, information at other public meetings

#### Future Phases

- Expanded outreach to broad range
- Additional outreach tools, including public meetings

# Thank You

