

**Northwest Phase II Light Rail Extension**  
**Phoenix, Arizona**  
**New Starts Project Development**  
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Valley Metro proposes to implement a 1.55-mile light rail extension beginning at the current northern terminal station at the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Dunlap Avenue and terminating at Metrocenter Mall. The proposed project will include three new stations, an elevated crossing of Interstate 17, relocation of the transfer center and park-and-ride facility at Metrocenter Mall, the purchase of light rail vehicles, right of way acquisition, associated roadway improvements, utility relocation, and traction power substations. The project will create high capacity transit service and access to large employment areas in Phoenix, Tempe, and Mesa. Additionally, Valley Metro believes the project will support transit-oriented land-use planning in the corridor, provide multimodal transportation options and help to meet regional accessibility, safety, and sustainability goals.

Valley Metro estimates that the capital cost of the Northwest Phase II Extension will be \$320 million, and anticipates requesting 49 percent of the total capital cost from the New Starts program. Valley Metro adopted its locally preferred alternative (LPA) in February 2015. The LPA was incorporated into the Maricopa Association of Governments' fiscally constrained long range transportation plan in June 2015. Valley Metro is currently completing an Environmental Assessment, and expects to receive an environmental decision document in October 2017. The sponsor anticipates entering into the Engineering phase of the New Starts program in fall 2018, receiving a Full Funding Grant Agreement in 2019, and opening for revenue service in fall 2023.