Valley Metro

In July 2018, Valley Metro, the regional public transportation agency for residents of metro Phoenix, announced its partnership with Waymo to increase access to transit through on-demand rides in Waymo’s automated Chrysler Pacifica vehicles. The pilot program is an innovative public-private partnership between a transit agency and a technology company that is designed to test the potential of automated vehicles to supplement public transportation service. For a two-year pilot period starting August 2018, the automated vehicles are providing on-demand transportation in a limited service area in the southeast Valley. The automated vehicles have backup safety drivers behind the wheel.

In its initial phase, the pilot program provided rides to Valley Metro employees on their way to and from work for first/last-mile connections to transit stops, transit centers, and park-and-ride lots. In September 2019, the program was expanded to transit customers through the Valley Metro RideChoice program. RideChoice is offered to ADA paratransit-certified travelers with disabilities and seniors who reside in participating communities. It offers subsidized rides ($3 per trip) from taxis and rideshare transportation providers.

For more information, visit https://www.valleymetro.org/future.
