

# LPA & Proposed Major Amendment: South Central LRT

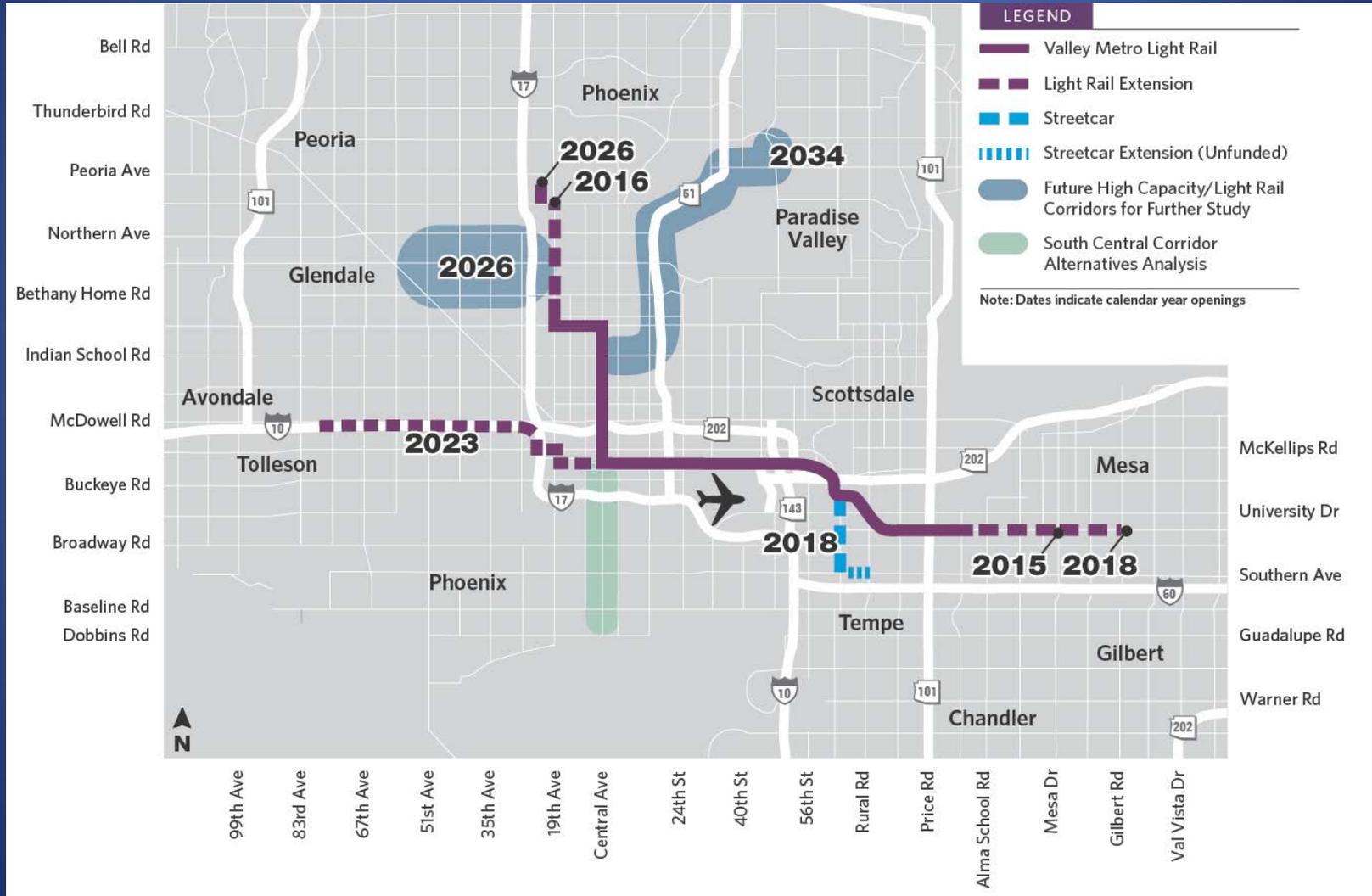


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# Major Amendment Process

The proposed amendment to the RTP qualifies as a Major Amendment in accordance with A.R.S. 28-6301, which states that a Major Amendment means 'the addition or deletion of . . . a fixed guideway transit system that either exceeds one mile in length or exceeds an estimated cost of forty million dollars as provided in the RTP.'

# Future High Capacity Transit Systems



# Alternatives Analysis

**Initiated: 2012**

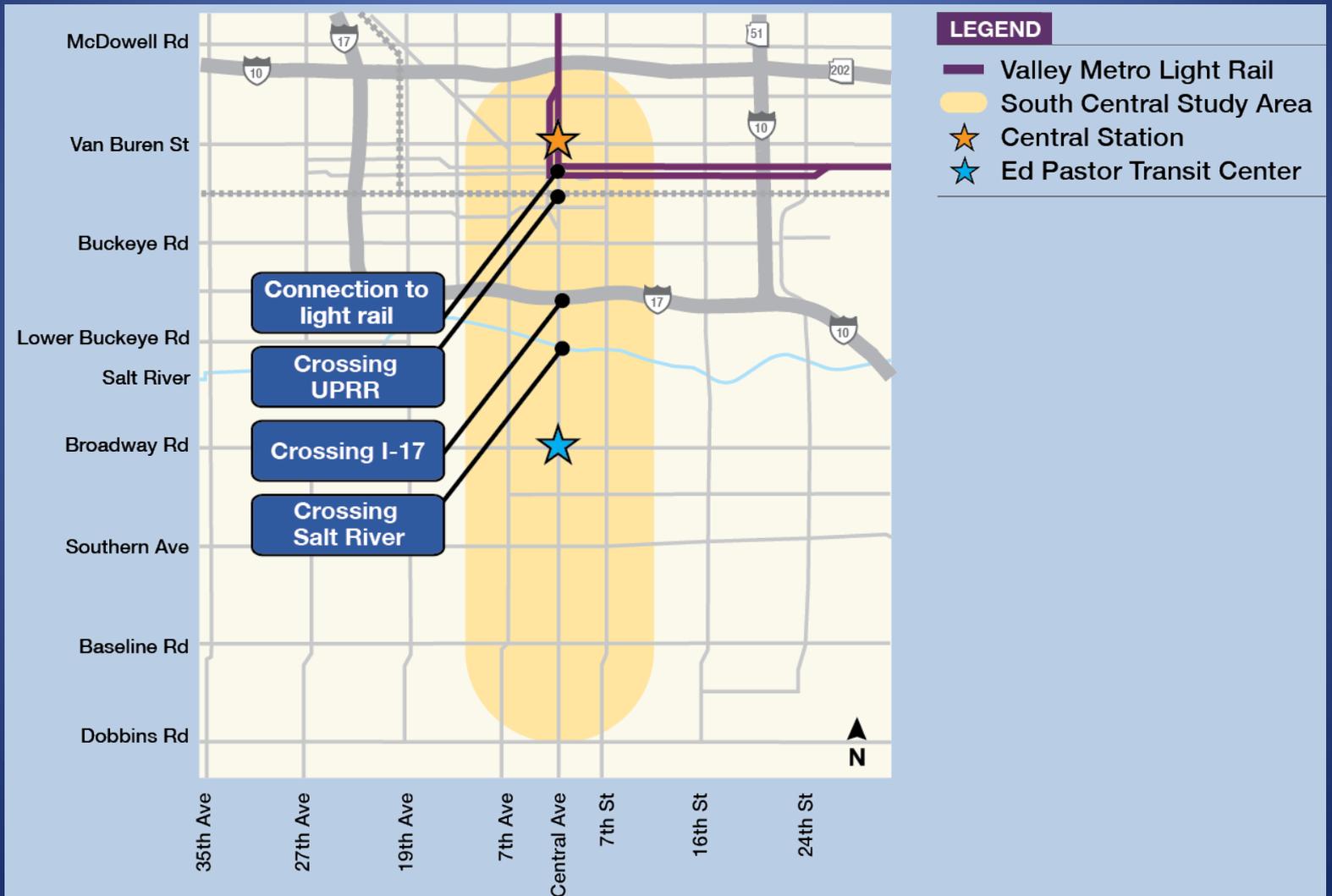
- Purpose: develop a recommendation for high capacity transit improvements in the study area
  - Mode
    - Station location
    - Street configuration
  - Alignment



# Study Area

About 6 miles in length

About 1 mile on either side of the corridor



# Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)

## Light Rail on Central and 1st Avenues



# Agency Actions

## Phoenix City Council

December 2013

- LPA approved



April 2014

- Formation of a community-based committee to prepare a plan for Transit 2000 extension
- South Central financing as part of Transit 2000 extension
  - Capital
  - Operations and maintenance

## Valley METRO Rail

June 2014

- LPA Approved



# Project Cost Estimate



- Total Capital cost estimate: \$680M (YOES)
  - Phoenix transit tax
  - Possible federal discretionary funds
  - No regional PTF
- Annual operating costs = \$16 million (2034\$)
  - Phoenix transit tax
  - Farebox

# S. Central Light Rail - Schedule

Project planned for 2034 opening



# RTP - Major Amendment Process

## *Next Steps*

When?	Who?	Action
September 2014	Maricopa County Bd of Sup., RPTA, State Transp. Board, CTOC	Recommend approval of Major Amend.
October – December 2014	MAG Transp. Review Comm., MAG Management, TPC & Regional Council	Recommend approval subject to the necessary air quality conformity analysis (AQCA)

# RTP - Major Amendment Process

## *Next Steps*

When?	Who?	Action
April 2015	MAG Transp. Review Committee	Recommend approval of RTP Amendments
May 2015	MAG Management, TPC. & Regional Council	Recommend and Approve of RTP, Amendments and AQCA

# Requested Action

Possible recommendation to approve

- (1) LPA for the South Central project, including light rail transit on Central Avenue from Washington/Jefferson to Baseline Rd; and
- (2) Consult with the State Transportation Board, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, the Regional Public Transportation Authority, the Native American Communities, the cities and towns in Maricopa County, and the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee for the major amendment process, as required by A.R.S. 28-6353, on the proposal to add the 5 mile light rail transit (LRT) extension on Central Avenue from Downtown Phoenix (near the existing LRT turns at Washington and Jefferson streets) to Baseline Road to the 2035 MAG Regional Transportation Plan, contingent on the finding of air quality conformity.