

LPA & Proposed Major Amendment: South Central LRT



Transit Committee

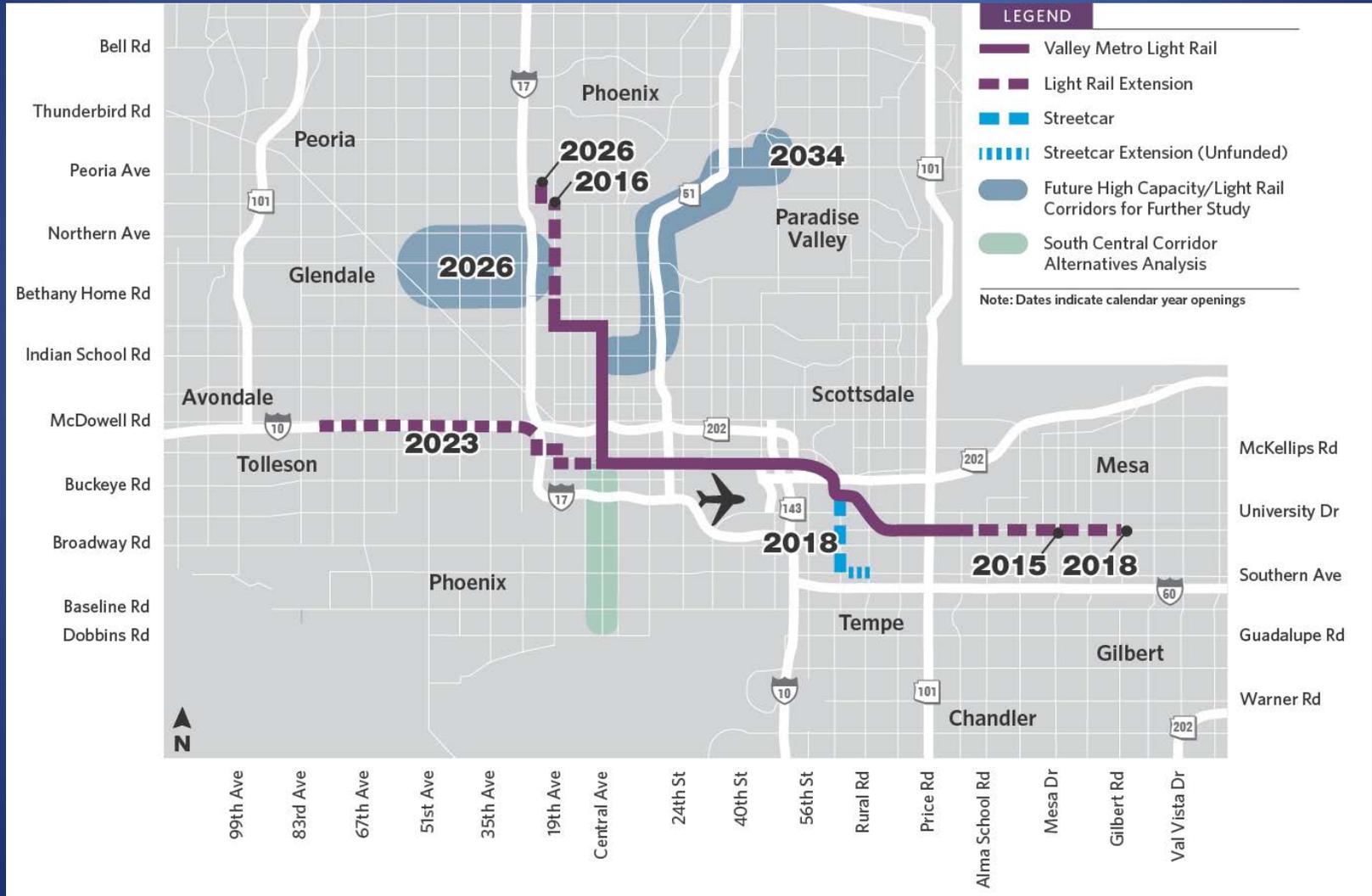
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Major Amendment Process

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 for South Central corridor

Initiated: 2012

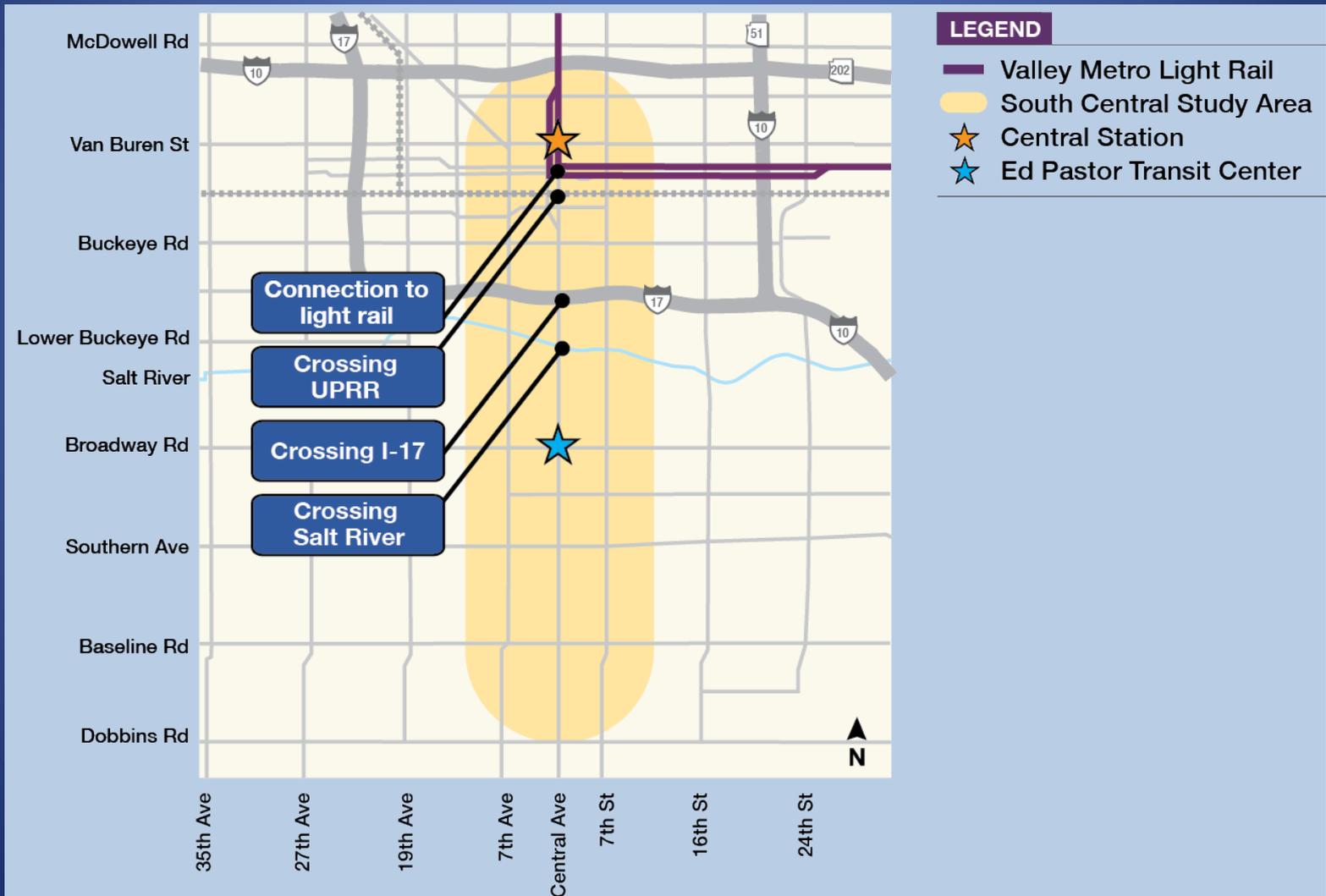
- Purpose: develop a recommendation for high capacity transit improvements in the study area
 - Mode
 - Station location
 - Street configuration
 - Alignment



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

1. 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

2. Valley METRO Rail

June 2014 - LPA Approved

3. MC Board of Sup., RPTA, State Transp. Board, CTOC

Sept 2014 – Major Amendment Appr.

4. MAG

Fall 2014 - Recommend approval subject to the necessary air quality conformity analysis (AQCA)

5. MAG

May/June 2015 – Final Recommend and Approve of RTP, Amendments and AQCA

Project Cost Estimate

- Total Capital cost est: \$680M (YOE\$)
 - Phoenix transit tax
 - Possible federal discretionary funds
 - No regional PTF
- Annual operating costs = \$16 million (2034\$)
 - Phoenix transit tax
 - Farebox
- Project planned for 2034 opening



RTP - Major Amendment Process

Next Steps

When?	Who?	Action
September 2014 Completed	Maricopa County Bd of Sup., RPTA, State Transp. Board, CTOC	Recommend approval of Major Amend.
October – December 2014 Completed	MAG Transp. Review Comm., MAG Management, TPC & Regional Council	Recommend approval subject to the necessary air quality conformity analysis (AQCA)
May 2015	MAG TC, Transp. Review Committee	Recommend approval of RTP Amendments
June 2015	MAG Management, TPC. & Regional Council	Recommend and Approve of RTP, Amendments and AQCA

Requested Action

For information, discussion and possible action:

- 1.) Approval of the proposed major amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan to add a five (5) mile light rail transit (LRT) extension on Central Avenue: Washington/Jefferson to Baseline Road and that the Regional Transportation Plan be amended subject to the necessary air quality conformity analysis.