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MEMORANDUM

Transportation & Development – Memo No. TN13-02

DATE: September 13, 2012

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL

THRU: RICH DLUGAS, CITY MANAGER *RD*
PAT MCDERMOTT, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER *PM*
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FROM: ANN MARIE RILEY, TRANSIT SERVICES COORDINATOR *amr*

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2012/13
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR VALLEY METRO RAIL, INC. (METRO)
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends authorization of payment of the Fiscal Year 2012/13 annual membership fee for Valley Metro Rail, Inc. (METRO) in the amount of \$50,000.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: In 2007 the City of Chandler joined Valley Metro Rail, Inc. This enables the City an opportunity to participate in the planning and design of the regional light rail system and future light rail extensions that could serve Chandler.

Regional, high-capacity transportation systems such as light rail require years of advance planning and coordination with participating communities, as well as regional, state and federal agencies. In 2003, the City of Chandler completed a High Capacity Transit Major Investment Study which designated the Rural Road, Chandler Boulevard and Arizona Avenue/Union Pacific Railroad Chandler Branch Line as corridors for future development of high capacity transit systems.

Currently, METRO is working with the City on a high-capacity transit feasibility study on Arizona Avenue/ Country Club Drive that was funded from a portion of our annual membership fees. The initial study results have been positive and show this corridor as having good potential for being a high-performing, high-capacity transit corridor. The study also presents suggestions for transit-oriented planning and development policies along the corridor.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Cost: \$50,000
Savings: N/A
Long Term Costs: \$50,000 annual membership fee

Fund Source:

<u>Acct. No.:</u>	<u>Fund Name:</u>	<u>Program Name:</u>	<u>Funds:</u>
216.3340.5810	Fund Balance	Subscriptions & Memberships	\$50,000

PROPOSED MOTION: Move to authorize payment of the Fiscal Year 2012/13 annual membership fee for Valley Metro Rail, Inc. (METRO) in the amount of \$50,000.

Attachment: Metro Invoice

