



MEMORANDUM Transportation & Development Department – Memo No. TN14-01

DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

THRU: RICH DLUGAS, CITY MANAGER *RD*
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SUBJECT: ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR VALLEY METRO RAIL, INC.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends authorization of payment of the Fiscal Year 2013/14 annual membership fee for Valley Metro Rail, Inc., (METRO) in the amount of \$50,000.00.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: In 2007, the City of Chandler joined Valley Metro Rail, Inc. This enables the City 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, including light rail.

In December 2012, the City completed the Arizona Avenue High Capacity Transit Long Range Study. This study was completed by METRO’s consultants in conjunction with City and METRO staff and was entirely funded with the City’s annual membership fees. This study provides a planning assessment of potential light rail ridership on a future light rail line on Arizona Avenue. The study also presents recommendations for future bus service and for land use planning policies that will create a successful future light rail corridor. The results of this study will feed into future studies for light rail on Arizona Avenue.

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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>
216.3340.5810.0.0	Fund Balance	Subscriptions & Memberships	\$50,000

PROPOSED MOTION: Move City Council authorize payment of the Fiscal Year 2013/14 annual membership fee for Valley Metro Rail, Inc., (METRO) in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Attachment: Invoice

