



MEMORANDUM Transportation & Development Department – Memo No. TN14-19

DATE: AUGUST 14, 2014

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

THRU: RICH DLUGAS, CITY MANAGER *RD*
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FROM: ANN MARIE RILEY, TRANSIT SERVICES COORDINATOR

SUBJECT: ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR VALLEY METRO RAIL, INC.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends authorization of payment of the Fiscal Year 2014/15 annual membership fee for Valley Metro Rail, Inc., (METRO), in the amount of \$50,000.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: In 2007, the City of Chandler joined METRO. 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 Investment Study which designated 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 provided a planning assessment of potential light rail ridership on a future light rail line on Arizona Avenue. The study also presented recommendations for future bus service and for land use planning policies that will create a successful future light rail corridor.

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Additionally, The City of Chandler is currently working with staff from METRO and the City of Mesa to develop the project scope and fee to study the potential for High Capacity Transit along Arizona Avenue into Mesa and is being referred to as the Fiesta – Downtown Chandler Corridor Study.

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 2014/15 annual membership fee for Valley Metro Rail, Inc., (METRO), in the amount of \$50,000.

Attachment: Invoice

