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MEMORANDUM

Public Works Department – Memo No. TN09-02

DATE: AUGUST 28, 2008

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL

THRU: W. MARK PENTZ, CITY MANAGER
R.J. ZEDER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
DANIEL W. COOK, DEPUTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

FROM: MIKE NORMAND, TRANSPORTATION SERVICES & PLANNING
MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2008/09
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 2008/09 annual membership fee for Valley Metro Rail, Inc. (METRO) in the amount of \$50,000.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: In 2002, the cities of Phoenix, Glendale, Mesa and Tempe executed a Joint Powers Agreement to establish Valley Metro Rail (Metro) as an Arizona non-profit corporation for the purpose of planning, designing, constructing, and operating a light rail transit system. Chandler joined the Valley Metro Rail Board on May 1, 2007. The 20-mile initial operating segment of the light rail system is currently under construction and scheduled to begin revenue operations in December 2008. Additional high capacity transit corridors and light rail extensions are identified and funded in the Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Transportation Plan approved by Maricopa County voters in 2004 (Proposition 400). The funded light rail extensions are located in the cities of Phoenix, Tempe and Glendale.

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 corridors for future development of high capacity transit systems. By joining Valley Metro Rail, the City will have the opportunity to participate in the

planning and design of the regional light rail system and future light rail extensions that could serve Chandler.

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>
216.3340.0000.5810	Local Transportation	Subscriptions & Memberships	\$50,000

PROPOSED MOTION: Move to authorize payment of the Fiscal Year 2008/09 annual membership fee for Valley Metro Rail, Inc. (METRO) in the amount of \$50,000.

Attachment: Metro Invoice

