

# Bus Transit



Bus transit continues to be an important priority for the region. MOMENTUM ensures the continuation and expansion of regional bus service, working in partnership with member agencies to ensure better and more consistent service across the region.

## Our Plan:

- Continues our commitment to regional bus transit, **doubling** the region's existing funding for bus operations, and partnering with local jurisdictions to provide service that is more frequent, reliable and matches the schedules and needs of riders.
- **Improves and expands existing commuter bus service** to better meet demand and reach new employment centers.
- **Ensures the bus fleet and supporting infrastructure is in a state of good repair**, providing safe and reliable service.
- Sets aside funding for **new park and rides** and transit centers, coordinating planning with freeway program investments to take advantage of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) infrastructure.
- Continues **funding to support ADA service** for people who are particularly dependent on transit.





## Bus Transit Q&A

### Who actually funds bus transit?

While our transit system throughout Maricopa County is regionally branded (Valley Metro), most of the funding for bus transit is actually provided by local sources. In fact, nearly 70% of transit operations costs in 2019 was paid for through local sources; the remaining 30% was funded from Proposition 400 and federal funds. The strategic investment plan is built around the reality that, absent a significant increase in revenues, transit operations throughout Maricopa County will continue to depend on funding from local agencies who want bus transit service.

### Will my bus route be funded as part of the plan in 2026 and beyond?

As part of the plan, the amount of regional funding for bus operations is nearly doubled from current Proposition 400 levels. Rather than fund specific bus routes over a 20-year period, regional funding will be distributed to local agencies based on a performance-based formula. This will provide incentives to improve and expand transit to areas where it will perform the best.

### My area doesn't currently have any bus transit service. How will the plan help?

The plan sets aside an allocation of "seed funding" to partner with local agencies in helping to grow bus transit service. As part of this allocation, the region will initially pay for a higher share of the costs and slowly decrease that contribution over time. At the end of the seed funding term, the route will be eligible to receive regional funding through the performance-based formula process.

### Does the plan fund Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit service?

Yes! As part of the plan, the region will continue to fund ADA paratransit service.